

THE CHILD RIGHTS ACTION HUB

IN LUALABA PROVINCE, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

The Action Hub provides a collaborative, on-the-ground solution for companies seeking to address child labour linked to artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) of critical minerals (including cobalt and copper). Our model enables companies to meet human rights due diligence (HRDD) requirements while delivering lasting, positive impact for children, families and mining communities.

To get involved or learn more, please contact us:

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Our aims



ADDRESS CHILD LABOUR: Remediation and long-term prevention of child labour. Our programmes deliver **immediate and tangible impact for children** that have experienced or are at risk of ending up in child labour in ASM.



REDUCE SUPPLY CHAIN RISKS: It is nearly **impossible to ensure no ASM cobalt or copper from DRC enters global supply chains** and companies should assume that their supply is associated with the worst form of child labour.



SUPPORT A JUST TRANSITION: Businesses have a key role in ensuring that workers and communities affected by resource extraction – including ASM workers and their children – are not left behind but have **access to decent work and sustainable livelihoods**.

Key challenges



Working children are pushed into informal mining and have no safety nets. One in 6 children are working



Education Crisis: 32% of ASM miners' children aged 6-17 years do not attend school. 44% of children work in ASM to pay school fees for both themselves and their siblings



Lack of decent work or apprenticeships: 72% of working children aged 15-17 in ASM communities work as artisanal miners due to a scarcity of alternative employment or vocational training



Poor psychological health



Short-term projects that fail to create lasting impact

Our programmes

1. Research, mapping & impact assessments
2. Increased accountability of international supply chain actors
3. Capacity building of local supply chain & key community actors
4. Increased opportunities for youth
5. Child labour remediation
6. Hub eco-system support & strengthening

Getting involved



Contact the Action Hub directly to set up a meeting



Donate to a specific programme directly linked to your operations, or invest in a collective fund to sustain the Action Hub's ongoing work



Offer apprenticeship opportunities to young workers in your company or your business partners' organisations

Workstreams to prevent & remediate child labour in ASM mining

RESEARCH, MAPPING & IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

We help companies understand child labour risks and supply chain linkages through human and child rights impact assessments, targeted research, and evidence-based analysis that informs effective action.

INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN ACTORS

We support businesses to strengthen their child labour due diligence through policy and procedure development, practical training for global teams, and collaborative workshops that turn commitments into action across supply chains.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF LOCAL SUPPLY CHAIN & KEY COMMUNITY ACTORS

We equip mining companies, ASM co-operatives, processing sites, security agencies, community focal points, and other local stakeholders with the knowledge, tools and guidance needed to prevent, identify and address child labour risks.

INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

We connect out-of-school youth with safe employment, apprenticeships, skills training and entrepreneurship opportunities. Through partnerships with businesses, local workshops and community initiatives, we help young people build pathways to decent work and sustainable livelihoods.

CHILD LABOUR REMEDIATION

We deliver both individualised and collective remediation approaches to address child labour. Through case management, family support, community-based interventions, the Emergency & Education Fund, and the Sibling Education Support Programme, we help children access education, protection, and long-term opportunities while strengthening family resilience.

HUB ECO-SYSTEM SUPPORT & STRENGTHENING

We strengthen the local systems needed to sustain child labour prevention and remediation by building the capacity of frontline actors, aligning with government child protection mechanisms, fostering collaboration, and improving programme management and oversight.

Our Supporters



11 local CSOs working with the Action Hub



30+ global companies and donors directly investing in the Action Hub, and indirectly through the FCA



12 ASM communities in 2 mining areas in Lualaba Province engaged in Action Hub activities



28 Child rights focal points trained and actively identifying cases

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Child labour remediation for the DRC's ASM cobalt sector

HOW IT WORKS

The Action Hub breaks the cycle of child labour by bringing companies together to create joint solutions that use their combined influence to drive change. It focuses on areas often missed by traditional efforts, especially in informal tiers of supply chains where child labour risks are highest. The Hub enables collaboration between companies along the critical minerals supply chain to address challenges in scaling up local, community-based approaches. It works directly with local mining companies, ASM co-operatives, and lower-tier suppliers, while building strong local networks – including trained case managers – and actively engaging local communities, governments and other key stakeholders to accelerate progress. All remediation activities are tracked and reported transparently, with regular follow-up on each child's progress.

OVERVIEW OF THE REMEDIATION PROCESS

● Identification of child labour by evolving child protection network or the Action Hub; immediate support to ensure the child's safety

● Assessment of the child's situation by the Action Hub and the case manager and development of an individual remediation plan for the child

● Agreement by all parties (financing entity, the child, and the family) on individual remediation plan

● Remediation process: The child receives support on education, living expenses, medical or psychological intervention until he/she reaches the ages of 16 (legal working age)

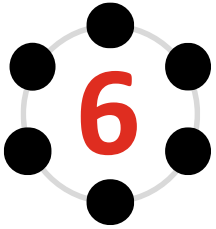
● If the child wants to continue his/her education after he/she turns 16, the Action Hub will try to support them through the Education Fund Programme or apprenticeship programme

“I'm glad I'm doing this cutting and sewing course; it will help me become a seamstress. The Action Hub's remediation programme is a great opportunity for me to have a normal childhood again.”

Dolie is a girl who dropped out of school at 13 to work in a restaurant in a mining concession. She is now thriving in the Action Hub's remediation programme where she is taking a sewing course.

Outcomes up to Dec 2025

These outcomes are the result of the collective efforts of businesses, organisations and partners who believe in the importance of investing in children's futures and supporting vulnerable families in ASM communities.



Local organisations make up the Action Hub

- Alternatives for Action (AFA)
- Action pour le Développement Régional Intégré (ADERI)
- Association des Femmes Pour Le Développement Communautaire (AFEDECO)
- Humanitarian Emergency Rescue Action for People in Need (HERAPIN)
- Institut Congolaise des Droits Humains (ICDH)
- National Peasant League for Human Rights (LINAPEDHO)

95

children integrated in child labour remediation out of which 77 are still in the programme



For those 77 in ongoing remediation



64

children back in primary and secondary school and 13 children provided with vocational skills training

113

Siblings provided with educational support



23

active case managers



Legacy Partners

Creating lasting, transformative impact

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 Fair Cobalt Alliance
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Sustaining Partners

Providing consistent support for change

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Action Hub supporter tiers reflect both the duration and level of financial commitment.