CHILDREN’S RIGHTS AND THE CORPORATE SECTOR

SETTING A BENCHMARK
% of companies addressing children’s rights issues

24% of the companies address one or more child-related issues in addition to child labour.

24% Have a child labour policy

7% Protect children from sexual exploitation

5% Ensure security in conflict areas

14% Product responsibility safety towards children

7% Improve environment, water or sanitation with impact on children

1% Support children affected by community displacement

% of all companies who refer to international standards

58% UN Global Compact 10 Principles

41% ILO Conventions

28% UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights

24% ISO 26000

12% OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises

7% UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights

5% UN Millennium Development Goals

1% UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

1% Children’s Rights and Business Principles

18% Other
13% of all companies include children’s rights in the responsibilities of the board.

### Indicators

- Company has a child labour policy. Can be part of human rights policy, supply chain policy, group wide policy or separate child labour policy.
- Company addresses child related issues in addition to child labour such as: product safety, responsible marketing, sexual exploitation, environment/ water/ sanitation impacting children.
- Performance reporting on child related issues (e.g. non-compliance in child labour).
- Board of Directors or a board committee explicitly states that children’s rights/child labour are part of their responsibilities.
- Company conducts risk or materiality analysis on issues regarding child labour/children’s rights.
- Company refers to international standards incl. children’s rights (UN Global Compact, ILO, UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, ISO 26000, Children’s Rights and Business Principles etc.).
- Company collaborates with organizations with focus on children’s rights (e.g. UNICEF, Save the Children, Plan International, Ecpat).
- Company is driving own strategic programs or projects regarding children’s rights (could be e.g. health or education focus).
- Company donates to charity related to children’s rights.
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