

CHILD RIGHTS RISK & IMPACT ASSESSMENT



OUR SERVICE

The Centre for Child Rights and Business (formerly CCR CSR) can assess your company's supply chain or specific areas within your supply chain in terms of child rights. **The aim of the service is to provide you with a comprehensive overview of where and how your supply chain-related operations impact children, and concrete recommendations to manage risks.**

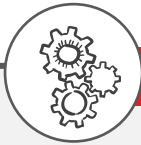
We have developed a standardised approach and methodology that will give you a clear overview of where actual and potential risks may be found. Rather than merely presenting a list of vulnerabilities, our risk assessment provides concrete suggestions on **how to make changes in a way that creates positive impact while respecting the need for long-term business friendly solutions.**

Our assessments do not look at child rights as a separate entity, but are always considered in the context of overall production and working conditions, gender, human trafficking and forced labour.

WHAT OUR REPORTS COVER:

1. Overview and explanation of which rights are at risk
2. The likelihood of violations
3. The significance of identified risks and what that means for your company
4. Recommendations presented on three levels, with each level rated by 5 key dimensions: resources, impact, complexity, sustainability and scalability

INDUSTRIES AND AREAS COVERED BY OUR ASSESSMENTS



MANUFACTURING

- **Toy industry:** child rights risk in the *deeper supply chain* (second, third and fourth tier) of toy manufacturing in southern China
- **Garment & textile industry:** Understanding the direct and indirect impact on children of *garment and textile manufacturers in Vietnam & Bangladesh* (in collaboration with UNICEF)
- **Homeworker setting:** child rights impact and risks in the homeworker setting (including Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Vietnam)
- **Electronics industry:** child rights impact and risks in *Vietnam's electronics industry*



AGRICULTURE:

- **Forestry industry/plantations:** child rights impact and risks in *forestry operations in Laos & Beihai (China)*
- **Small-holder farms (Cacao):** child rights impact and risks in *cacao small-holder farms* in Indonesia
- **Small-holder tea plantations:** child rights impact and risk assessment in Indonesia
- **Natural fibre industry:** child rights risk assessment in the rattan and seagrass supply chain in Indonesia and Vietnam
- **Hazelnut industry** in Turkey



The Centre also offers smaller factories a production-area-specific child rights risks assessment with a focus on child labour, juvenile workers and/or migrant parents.



Our assessments involve ALL STAKEHOLDERS including young workers, parents and the children themselves to get the fullest, most accurate picture. Assessments typically draw on all or a combination of the following methodology:

- Awareness raising webinars
- Face-to-face interviews with key informants
- Quantitative surveys
- Focus group discussions and participatory exercises
- On-site visits and observation
- Desk research, with references to international and national laws & regulations, compliance standards and data



Our assessments produce the following deliverables:

- Child rights risk indicators based on severity (scope & scale), actual or potential, linkage (caused, contributed by, or linked to the brands) and leverage (the brands' level of influence)
- Contextualised risk analysis and prioritisation
- Recommendations and suggestions for risk mitigation, as well as long-term strategy for improving child rights footprint and supply chain resilience

OUR RISK ASSESSMENT APPROACH AND METHODOLOGY

STEP 1: IDENTIFYING KEY IMPACT AREAS

We have a standardised and systematic approach and toolset that showcases the likelihood of risks and their consequences. First, we identify key impact areas and present these according to severity, likelihood, linkage (caused, contributed by, or linked to the brands) and leverage (the brands' level of influence).

Example from a child rights risk assessment in the natural fibre industry in Vietnam

Impact Area 1: Children's Involvement in Natural Fibre Harvesting and Processing					
Supplier	Severity		Actual or Potential?	Contribution	Leverage
	Scope	Scale			
Name	Medium	Moderate	Actual impact on right to protection	Linked	High






STEP 2: THREE-TIERED INTERVENTIONS

Recommended interventions are presented on three levels as shown in the example below:

LEVEL	DESCRIPTION
1	Measures that are part of or closely related to company's compliance standards and business operations and have direct impact on children's rights. They require less time in implementation and can be acted upon by the company and its suppliers to reduce the child rights risks
2	Measures that are explorative and preventative, and when implemented, can complement level 1 interventions to reduce residue risk
3	Measures that relate to the ecosystem in the community, where your company can play a more enabling and influencing role and collaborate with other stakeholders

STEP 3: FURTHER ANALYSIS AND RATING OF INTERVENTIONS

Our recommended interventions further focus on 5 pre-defined areas of analysis that are rated from low to high as shown in the example below.

				
Resources Medium	Impact Medium	Complexity Medium	Sustainability High	Scalability High