

The National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and the Food Industry is involved since 2005 with efforts and actions on combating the worst forms of child labour in agriculture in Moldova.

### **The main activities in the framework of the project:**

#### **2010**

- August–October 2010 – FNPAIA conducts a national campaign to share a human chronicle of FNPAIA efforts in combating child labour and to transmit messages on the elimination of child labour in agriculture
- 11 June, 2010 – FNPAIA launches its book about action of member-employers to combat child labour
- May 2010 - Moldova's voice in support of the global effort to eliminate the worst forms of child labour by 2016 was heard at the Global Child Labour Conference, held in The Hague, Netherlands on 10 and 11 May 2010

#### **2009**

- September - November 2009, the FNPAIA conducted further Code monitoring visits in the following raions: Soroca, Căușeni, Cahul, Edinet, Drochia, Briceni, Ocnita.
- August 2009, FNPAIA starts a new school year off by further monitoring, through its regional network, on how members comply with the Code of Conduct
- the FNPAIA marked the WDACL on June 12, 2009 and presented the main conclusions of the monitoring visits conducted in 2008 by a FNPAIA Team on Monitoring the Code of Conduct for Employers on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Agriculture and the Food Industry
- An independent external evaluation of the FNPAIA project, published in **May 2009**, specified that the activities of the Federation „led to **changing of attitudes, policies, standards and practices**” on child labour.
- In **February, 2009**, Moldovan agri-employers' project on combating child labour was **reported as particularly successful** by the Director General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in the report which was presented in Lisbon, Portugal, at the 8<sup>th</sup> European Regional Meeting.

#### **2008**

- Moldova was mentioned as an example of an innovative initiative, which promotes proactive measures on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in agriculture, during an ILO inter-regional workshop, which took place in **October 2008, in Baku**, Azerbaijan.
- The experience of the Employers' Organisation from Moldova on combating the worst forms of child labour in agriculture was presented at the 97-th Session of the International Labour Conference, which took place in **May and June 2008, in Geneva**. A speech on this issue was made by the Chairperson of the National Confederation of Employers from Moldova, Mr. Leonid Cerescu.
- In **November and December 2008**, a team of FNPAIA representatives visited several regions of the country, namely - **Orhei, Hâncești, Ștefan Vodă, Florești and Bălți** - and identified examples when employers knew and followed the provisions of the Code of Conduct and concluded that such visits should be made in future. The common opinion of the employers, expressed during these monitoring visits, was that „**this Code is a very useful document** - and it is necessary that we all respect it”, because „the children are our richest harvest”.
- In **the summer of 2008**, the agri-employers involved with direct activities, addressed to children and adolescents, explaining with argumentation that education is a solution to the problem of child labour. The FNPAIA organised training sessions and a concert for the youth to deliver the message that „The place of the child is at school and child's work is to study”. For the awareness campaign, the FNPAIA developed a leaflet entitled „7 important things about child labour. Messages to adolescents from adults who received quality education as a child and have a successful life”.
- 12 June, 2008 - a national conference to mark the World Day against Child Labour with the generic "Education: the right response to child labour ".

- June 2008 - release of the leaflet **“Seven important things about child labour. Messages to adolescents from adults who received quality education as a child and have a successful life ”**
- February-April 2008 - a campaign to promote the Code of Conduct among employers, with participation of social partners
- January 2008 - **Code of Conduct for Employers** on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in agriculture and the food industry printed in the Romanian and Russian languages

## **2007**

- On 19 December, 2007 the FNPAIA Council approved the Code of Conduct for Employers on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Agriculture and the Food Industry.
- 12 June 2007 – a National Conference to mark the World Day against Child Labour in Agriculture
- April -June 2007 FNPAIA conducted the first campaign to discuss and improve the Code of Conduct
- January -March 2007 the FNPAIA synthesised all the proposals received from agri-employers through the regional network of associations, which were included in a draft document on combating the worst forms of child labour in agriculture
- The FNPAIA delivered the message “The place of the child is at school and child’s work is to study” transmitted through calendars (total approx. 4000)

## **2006**

- November-December 2006 a large campaign was conducted at regional level by organising 15 workshops in the following localities: Edinet, Bălți, Ungheni, Straseni, Orhei, Criuleni, Hîncești, Căușeni, Anenii-Noi, Ștefan-Vodă, Cahul, Comrat, Taraclia, Soroca, Florești. The target group: employers. This campaign covered hundreds of managers of agri-entreprises, but also representatives of the social partners: workers’ organisations, raion councillors (in some cases at the highest level - chairpersons of the raion Council or their deputies), the raion Department of Education, Labour Inspection, Employment agencies.
- November 2006 the brochure “Building a Decent Future for our Children” **was translated into the Russian language**
- 4-6 October 2006 the second course for training of trainers was organised for 15 future trainers. The course title was “Elimination of hazardous child labour in agriculture” and was delivered by Peter Hurst, international expert of the ILO from Geneva.
- Within 06 October - 05 November - FNPAIA worked on the following important issues:  
October 2006 release of the advocacy materials **„Building a Decent Future for our Children by eliminating child labour”**  
October 2006 release of the Training Manual **„Employers’ Response to Child Labour”**
- March 2006 launch of the website [www.fnpaia.org](http://www.fnpaia.org) with information on child labour
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## **2005**

- 15-16 December 2005: FNPAIA organised the first course for training of trainers and identified at least one staff-member in each of the 15 regional member-associations for training on the issue of child labour
- FNPAIA created a network of **15 regional Change Agents** who advocate on combating child labour, create awareness, launch debates, set local alliances, etc.
- 6 October, 2005 the findings of a Rapid Assessment were presented during a national workshop. The FNPAIA member-associations adopted a **Statement** at the end of the workshop, and declared that „ The place of the child is at school, and child’s work is to study”.
- May-June 2005 a Rapid Assessment on child labour in horticulture was carried out in 20 villages (Orhei and

Criuleni raions) covering approximately 600 respondents. The Report was published in November 2005. „A Rapid Assessment on child labour in the horticulture sub-sector in Moldova” (**2005**) and „A Decent Future for our Children by eliminating child labour” (**2006**) are the first resources on child labour published by the FNPAIA.