

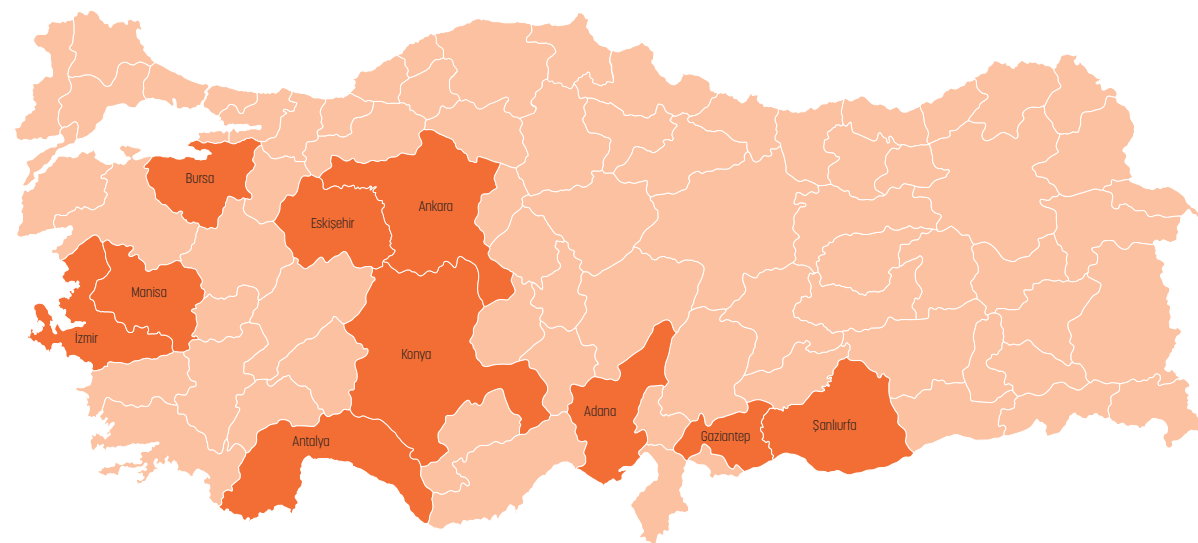
## PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The cooperation of UNICEF and Development Workshop on the Programme titled as Combatting Child Labour and Promoting Children's Rights and Business Principles through Advocacy, Evidence Generation and Tools Development (Programme on Elimination of Child Labour 2021-2022) aims to build on the successful results and partnerships established in the last years. From 2019 to 2020, activities were carried out with a focus to support actions to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MoLSS) in combating and monitoring child labour. The Program carried out within this framework has produced exemplary results in terms of cooperation among civil society, public and international organizations. The capacity of public institutions was supported, through on the job training, current situation analysis with implementation programs were prepared in a joint participatory method together with the Provincial Units to Combat Child Labour.

Programme will be based on 3 components under the titles of,

- Private sector, public institutions and CSOs are mobilized to combat child labour in various sectors,
- Tools are developed and disseminated to support protection of children at risk of child labour during disasters/emergencies,
- Evidence is generated to inform and improve national efforts in combatting child labour.

### Sites For the Activities



### ABOUT US

A group of young people with vision of conducting development activities in Turkey established the Development Workshop Working Group in 2003 to support and be a part of national and international development efforts. This working group consisted of professionals who are experts in social anthropology, sociology, physical anthropology, international relations, biology and forestry. On 3 November 2004, this group of professionals founded Development Workshop as a cooperative.

Cooperatives are not a common choice for organisation in the area of social development in Turkey or in the world. The most significant reasons for becoming organised as a cooperative are solidarity, cooperative production and contributing to new ideas in the area of social development. Another important reason is becoming a multi-partner actor in social development activities and having active participation in the democratic process.

The Development Workshop is a non-profit cooperative established to support the development of Turkey and to provide contributions to conduct sustainable, reproducible and successful projects of all scales. The Development Workshop develops and implements programs in the field of governance, social development, education, and children and youth for and together with non-governmental organisations and producer unions. Areas of particular interest and strength for the Workshop are local development programs and project development, research and capacity building, promoting the cooperative movement, apiculture, seasonal labour migration and child labour.

### GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Combatting against child labour
- Reducing poverty and deprivation
- Protecting and developing the natural environment
- Strengthening the position of women in society and supporting gender balanced development
- Developing cooperation for regional and international development
- Designing and implementing sustainable development models

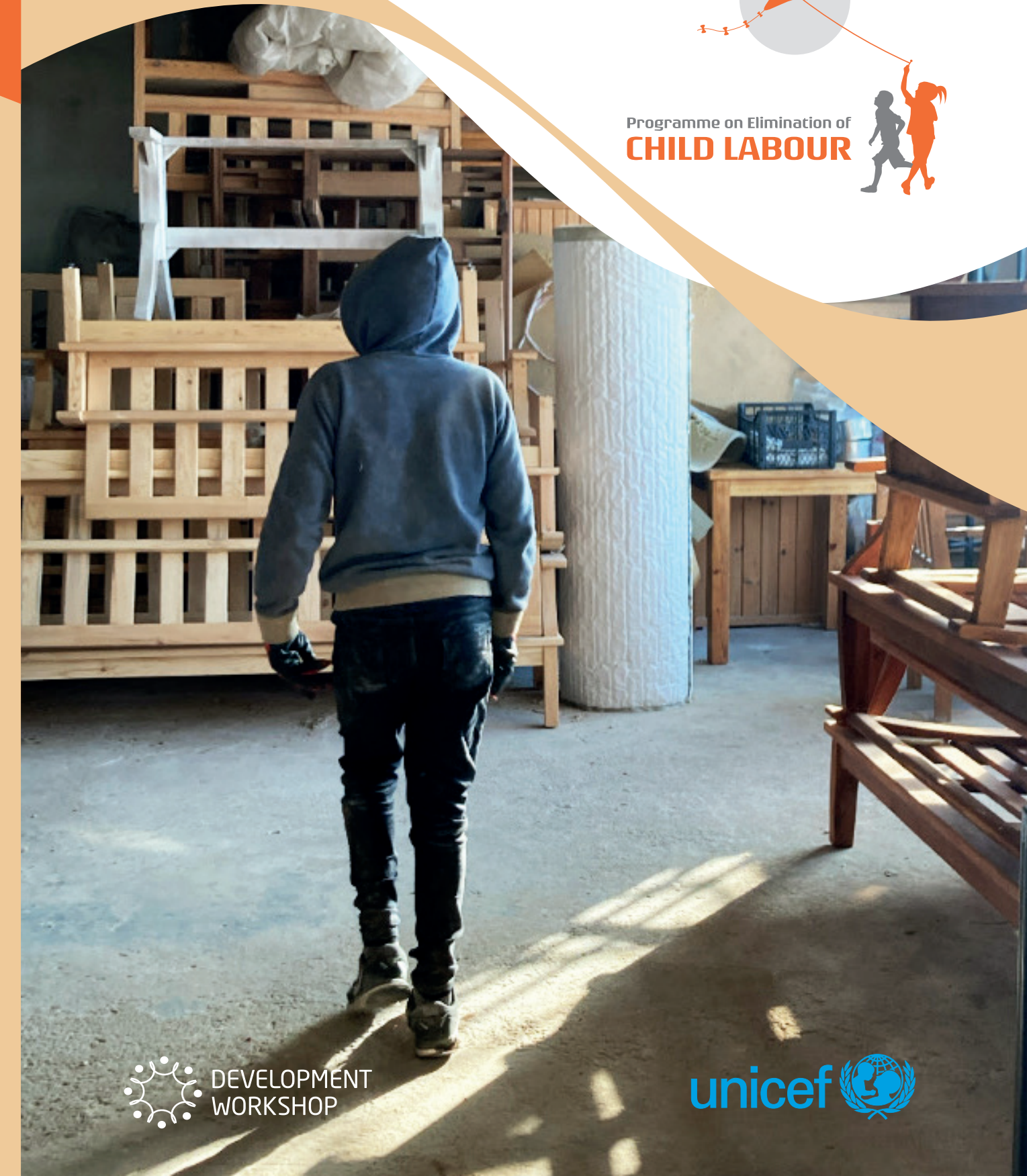
### PRINCIPLES

- Combatting poverty and deprivation
- Democratic participation
- Sustainability, reproductivity an dissemination
- Working with disadvantaged groups
- Strengthening the position of women in society and gender equality
- PSEA (Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse)

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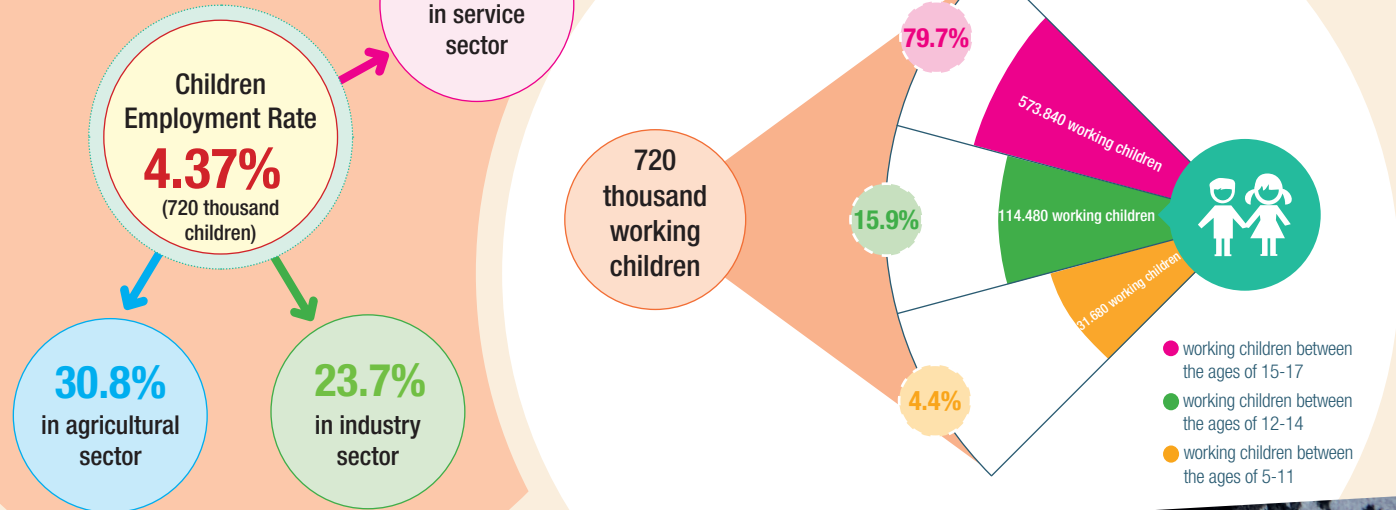




# BACKGROUND

## Child Labour Survey, TURKSTAT (2019)\*

16 million 457 thousand children between the ages of 5-17



Child labour has been a persistent problem in Turkey despite several legal and practical measures to eliminate it. It is usually explained with poverty, social norms, business practices and deficiency in the social protection and education services. Desperate low-income households relying on children to contribute to household income, and/or start to work at very early ages for gaining vocational skills, learn a profession, income generation is often “justified” by also some social norms. Unregistered work and informal sectors evolved around the needs generated by poverty and social norms may lead to child labour in various businesses.



Development Workshop Archive, 2020



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## Child Labour Report ILO 2020\*\*



\*TÜİK (2020, March). Children Labour Statistics [Press Release]. Retrieved from <https://data.tuik.gov.tr/Bulten/Index?p=Child-Labour-Force-Survey-2019-33807>

\*\*International Labour Office and United Nations Children's Fund, Child Labour: Global estimates 2020, trends and the road forward, ILO and UNICEF, New York, 2021. License: CC BY 4.0.

Private sector actors can play a vital role on promoting child rights and on the elimination of child labour. On the other hand, the demand for child labour from business can not be denied and child labourers can be found in all stages of supply chains, including in agriculture, manufacturing and retail. Companies are the ones responsible for the elimination of child labour in their business circle. Recently more companies take measures to have ethical supply chains to meet consumer demands for social responsibility. As per the growing legal trend to hold businesses accountable for their human rights impact, more countries introducing due diligence acts. The EU initiated a legislation, on 10 March 2021, the European Parliament voted by a large majority for new EU laws that would oblige companies to conduct environmental and human rights due diligence throughout their value chains. This development paves the way for effective Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives and sets a standard for responsible business conduct.