



# Local awareness about the risks of child labour within the Agricultural Sector in Jordan

## Baseline Assessment Factsheet

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The project aims to ensure short and medium-term gains in income and working conditions of vulnerable target groups (vulnerable low-income farmers and agricultural labourers) within the agricultural sector, while working on longer-term resilience and sustainability by addressing the root causes and challenges they face. Tdh's intervention is carried out through partnerships with Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) across Irbid, Balqa and Madaba governorates, to reach vulnerable low-income farmers and agricultural labourers, including child labourers.

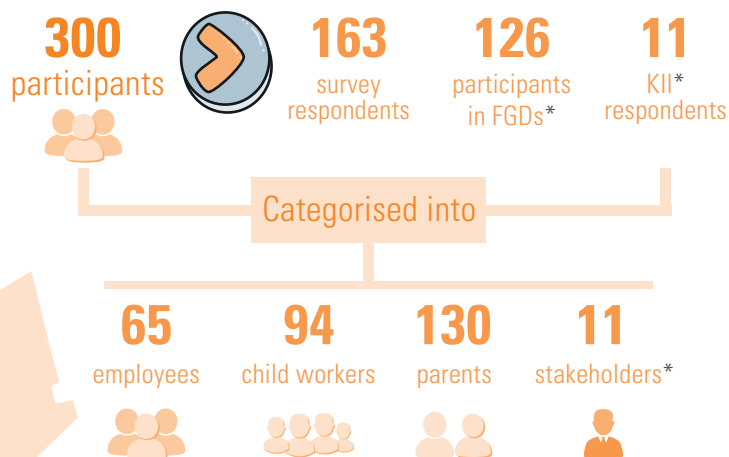
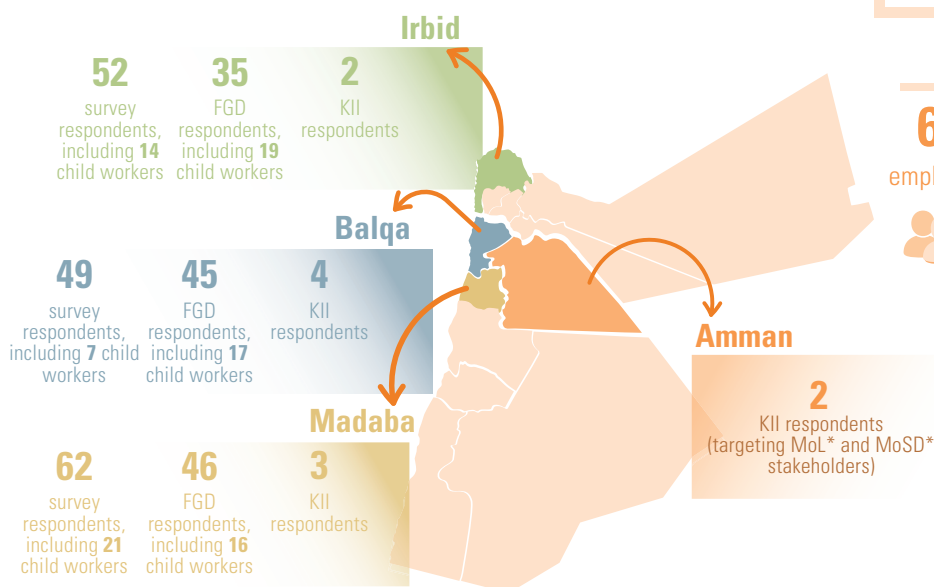
The baseline assessment focuses on the agricultural sector, which is one of the three most dangerous sectors for child labourers in terms of fatalities, accidents, and occupational diseases. The primary objective of the baseline assessment within the project is to conduct a thorough evaluation of the awareness levels about labour rights and decent work.



The findings of the assessment play a key role in shaping policy development by delivering essential data, providing insights into labour rights regulations, and applying decent work systems.

## Methodology

The methodology for this baseline evaluation adapted both **qualitative and quantitative methods** to collect data to address the levels of awareness, compliance with labour standards, and child protection concerns within the agricultural sector in Jordan.



\*FDGs: Focus Groups Discussions

\*KII: Key Informant Interview

\*Stakeholders include CBO leaders, governmental staff, and Al Shawish (which refers to the people responsible for recruiting children in farms).

\*MoL: Ministry of Labour

\*MoSD: Ministry of Social Development




## Key Findings

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### The level of awareness of child labour rights

Only  **21%** child workers are aware of child labour rights.

 **50%** parents

 **46%** employees

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### The challenges that legal child workers face in accessing labour rights and decent working conditions


Child workers **struggle** to balance work and education, leading to high dropout rates. The lack of enforcement of safety measures imposes risks, leaving children vulnerable to exploitation and injury.



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### The compliance of agricultural stakeholders with child labour standards

 **51%** child workers work **5-8** hours daily.

 **2%** child workers received training on **safety measures**.

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### The protection concerns of child workers in the agricultural sector

Child workers tend to associate labour with self-reliance while others wish to stop working. The community views labour as important for their children's development but also recognizes its adverse impacts.



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### The level of awareness of the available and needed services

There is a **general lack** of community programs to **support** child workers. Programs in remote areas are particularly scarce.



## Recommendations

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### Raise awareness, improve working conditions and engage CBOs in community programs

- Facilitate evidence-based awareness sessions to enhance the understanding of child protection and child labour risks focusing on child rights, labour laws and education continuity, targeting local communities.
- Strengthen partnerships with local organisations to make community programmes widely available, especially in remote areas.



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### Use multiple channels for communication

Utilise multiple channels for communication to disseminate information about legal rights, safety practices, and available support services dedicated to addressing any concerns related to child labour and fair treatment.



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### Legislative and policy recommendations

Establish a complaints line for agricultural workers to anonymously report violations and concerns and monitor the safety measures implemented in farms.



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