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Traceability, transparency and accountability

- Companies have a **responsibility** to assess their supply chains, identify adverse human rights impacts they are linked to, and work to prevent and address them.
- Systems that do this can significantly reduce child labour.
- We need:
 - Companies to **scale up** human rights due diligence efforts
 - Multi-stakeholder initiatives such as ICI to support on this journey through innovation, learning, advocacy, and capacity and systems strengthening.



Scaling up requires alignment, legislation and implementation support

- Systems need to be aligned and based on internationally recognized frameworks (UNGP, OECD Guidance).
- Coordinated under national leadership to promote greater coverage in less organized supply chain.
- Mandatory HRDD legislation can help **level the playing field** and **promote investment**.
 - *Incentivize responsible business practices and not punish farmers.*
- Companies will need support to implement new measures through sector guidance and standards.

Supporting measures to complement responsible business conduct

- Responsible business conduct will achieve its full impact only if the right enabling environment is in place.
- We also need policies and programmes to tackle the root causes of child labour.
- More resources, effort and ambition are needed from **all** stakeholders involved.

Tackling child labour through a multi-stakeholder approach can drive responsible business conduct and sustainable supply chains, contribute to the right supportive environment and promote coordination and alignment.



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