



Netherlands Enterprise Agency

Fund for Responsible Business Conduct & Fund Against Child Labour

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<https://www.government.nl/topics/responsible-business-conduct-rbc>



Objectives Fund Responsible Business Conduct

- Making global value chains more sustainable – OECD Guidelines
 - Supporting companies in addressing RBC risks
 - Multistakeholder projects of (Dutch/local) companies together with civil society organisations
 - Improved supply chain due diligence by companies
- > : *local/regional causes and stakeholders*



Objectives Fund Against Child Labour

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Where and who?

- Local projects in producing countries
- Companies should have direct link (influence) with the RBC-risk
- Companies can be competitors or have a buyer-supplier relationship.
- Not an investment programme
- Total budget appr. EUR 5 mln/ annum 2019 – 2022;
- Max EUR 475,000 subsidy per project, max 70% of project costs



Pillar 1 projects: why, where and what?

Most projects have a relation with **commodities**,

- Agri: cocoa (3), coffee (2), spices, rice, soy, palmoil (2), wood (2), banana
- Mining: gold, cobalt, coal, stone

RBC themes: living wage (10), health & safety (6), biodiversity (5), environment (4),

Countries: 17 countries evenly spread over the continents; India stands out (3)



What can you do as an entrepreneur?



supply chain

investigate your supply chain for RBC risks



responsibility

for your company and supply chain



collaborate

in your industry or sector

Funding

Contact us

for knowlegde, advice and subsidy



What's in it for you?



market advantage

demand for responsible products is increasing



well prepared

For any RBC-related legislation



strong reputation

by taking responsibility



loyal employees

who are motivated and proud



Example 1: Spices Indonesia

- Organisations: Verstegen, Fairfood and three Indonesian companies.
- Objective: living wage, improve income of farmers with 15%
- How: generate value through capitalisation of data (block chain)
- Track & Trace helps Verstegen to have more insight in their value chain and to target their actions



Example 2: Palmoil Colombia

- Organisations: ADM, Solidaridad, Aceitas.
- Objective: improve health & safety at small scale palmoil producer
- How: Customised methodology to support farmers to work in conformity with RSPO and SA8000 requirements



> Check-in with
RVO.nl

Check-in phase
> Quick-scan

> Risk assessment

Application for subsidy

Impact research (project A)

- > Stakeholderanalysis
- > Baseline research
- > Research causes of RBC risks

Bedrijfsverbinding (project A)

- > Verdiepende analyse interne bedrijfsprocessen

Plan of Action

Implementation (project B)

- > Implementation of measures
- > Adapt internal processes

Structural embedding (project B)

- > Local or regional monitoring
- > Internal monitoring
- > Transparency, communication and reporting.

Conclusion



Zooming in (1): partnership

Minimum: 2 Western companies from the same value chain, 1 Civil Society Organisation and *preferably* 1 local company. Please note:

- Local company:
 - Please explain how this company will be involved, in case it is no partner in the collaboration.
 - If no local companies are involved, explain how objectives will be met.
- Other stakeholders can be involved: local government, unions.



How to begin? Apply for subsidy



1. Contact advisor



2. Submit Quick Scan



3. RVO checks and advices



4. Submit full proposal



5. Decision within 13 weeks

When to begin?

- Fund for Responsible Business Conduct: Quick Scan 31 august, applications before 14 sept
- Fund Against Child Labour: Quick Scan 16 Sept, applications before 28 Oct.



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