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Monitoring and Remediation System Definition Fairtrade

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The Producer Organization ensures that a committee or a management team is responsible for managing resources dedicated to the Monitoring and Remediation System, tracking progress, and ensuring targets are met. This body ensures that five key elements of the system are set up and functioning together:

1. **Awareness raising and training:** Raise awareness about child labour and the resulting harm amongst farmers, children, and the wider community.
2. **Monitoring and identification:** Identify children in child labour and “at risk” of child labour, through active, regular, and repeated monitoring, using standardised data collection tools.
3. **Provision of support (prevention and remediation):** Provide support (prevention and remediation) to children in child labour or at risk of child labour, their families, and communities, and document the support provided.¹
4. **Follow-up:** Follow up with children identified in child labour and continue to monitor their status on a regular basis until they have stopped engaging in child labour.
5. **Partnerships:** Wherever possible, implement core activities alongside structures already in place to address child labour, hereby preventing duplication of effort and increasing efficiency.

¹Please find below a link to an operational tool developed by International Cocoa Initiative, to help prioritize which children should receive support and identify the type of support to be provided. This tool can help guide the process but is not an instruction manual to be strictly observed, <https://www.cocoainitiative.org/knowledge-hub/resources/selecting-support-prevent-and-remediate-child-labour-through-clmrs>.



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