

A documentary produced in Geneva speaks about actions of agriemployers from Moldova to combat the worst forms of child labour

A documentary which was filmed in Moldova this summer and produced in Geneva speaks about efforts of agri-employers from various localities across the country to combat the worst forms of child labour in agriculture. The National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and the Food Industry (FNPAIA) organises in Chişinău a National Conference to launch the documentary.

The documentary about employers' action in combating child labour was produced by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and notes the experience of concrete FNPAIA member-enterprises: "Bogatmos" from village Taraclia, Căuşeni raion, run by Dumitru Bocancea, and "Plaiul Bârlădean" from villages Bârlădeni and Rujniţa, Ocniţa raion, which is run by Tatiana Pavliuc. The film tells that Moldova's agri-employers are investing in new technologies and in their communities, to ensure a more prosperous future without child labour. The documentary includes remarks from FNPAIA's national and international partners, who recognize the value of actions on preventing and elimination of child labour in Moldova.

"We will present this documentary in the localities where it was filmed too – in Taraclia and Bârlădeni – as a sign of respect to the people who have an important contribution in the translation into reality of the FNPAIA message that "children should be in schools and study" and to link other agri- enterprises to our network and to the FNPAIA Code of Conduct on the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour in Agriculture and the Food Industry, stated Alexandru Slusari, FNPAIA President.

Along with the documentary, the issue of occupational safety and health in agri-farms is on the agenda of the National Conference, which will present and distribute the newly re-printed manual "Work Improvement in Neighborhood Development – WIND – a participatory and action-oriented manual to empower Moldova agricultural farms to undertake simple and low-cost solutions that improve their working and living conditions involving both men and women mainly working in agriculture.

The film is available on disks at the FNPAIA and also by clicking: În română: <u>http://www.youtube.com/ilotv#p/u/11/kr73nUPq898</u> In English: <u>http://www.youtube.com/ilotv#p/u/59/zv4Yw12lgTU</u>

The National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and the Food Industry involved in 2005 with actions on combating child labour in agriculture with assistance of the ILO Bureau for Employers' Activities (ILO-ACT/EMP) and financial support from the Government of Norway.

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