

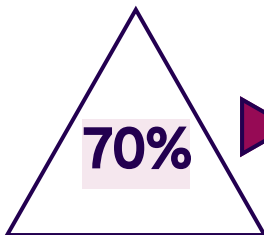


The Brazil nut supply chain in Brazil: ILO's integrated approach

Mapping:



▶ people in the **Amazon** region are **directly depending** on the sector.



▶ of Brazil nuts are **consumed in the domestic market**, making them a significant non-timber forest product.

Decent Work Opportunities and Challenges:

47%
of workers report **back injuries** during the collection process.

▶ The nut collection process involves several steps:



1 Forest clearing



2 Cutting down fruits that contain the nuts.



3 Packaging bags with 60 to 80 kilograms.



4 Transporting the bags to family boats or canoes to deliver and sell them to market intermediaries.

▶ **Informal work:** Work is often informal, with low pay, and no social protection.



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▶ Child labour risk:

During harvest season, children often accompany their parents collecting nuts, causing many to miss school.

▶ Low educational attainment in the region:

74% lacks formal education.

16% finish secondary school.

51 - 65%



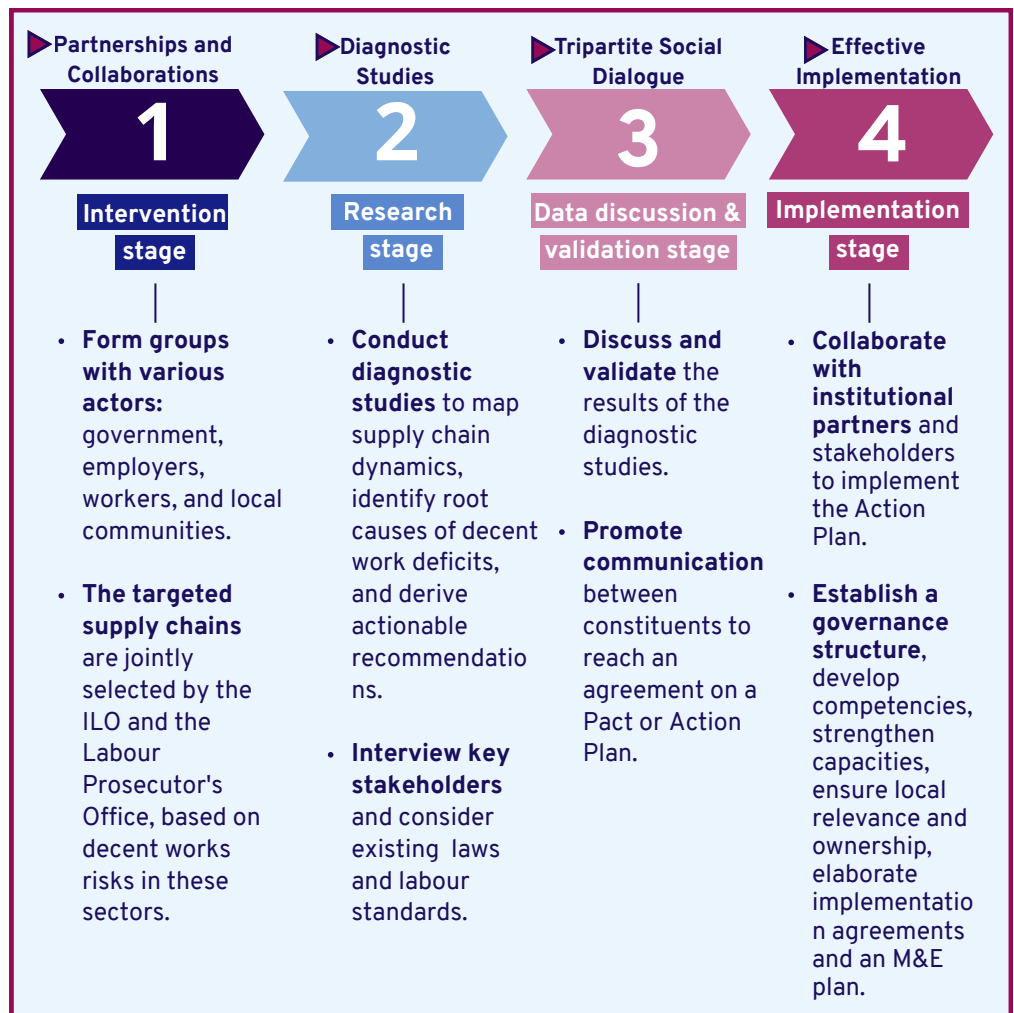
A significant portion of the **population** lives in poverty.

ILO's Integrated Approach:

Results of an Integrated Approach

▶ **A Local Development Action Plan** was launched in 2022, outlining strategic initiatives in housing, healthcare, and education.

▶ The ILO's integrated approach in Brazil has also resulted in **the Brazil Nut Strategic Guidelines for 2030.**



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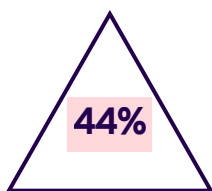


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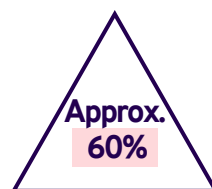


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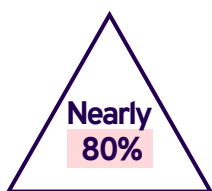
Mapping:



▶ of Brazil's total coffee output comes from **Minas Gerais**, the country's leading coffee-producing state.



▶ of coffee bean sales in Minas Gerais occur through **cooperatives**.



▶ of Brazil's coffee producers are **family farmers**.

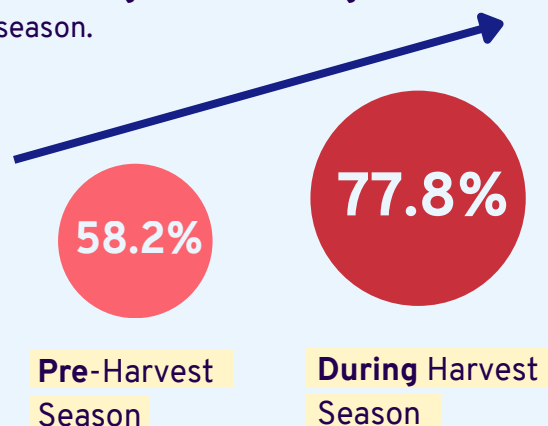


Decent Work Opportunities and Challenges:

▶ **Lack of formal jobs:** Growing and harvesting coffee in Brazil involves **more than half a million informal workers**.



▶ In Q2 of 2023, **58.2% of workers** in Minas Gerais **were employed informally**, increasing to **77.8%** during harvest season.



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▶ Seasonality and forced labour:

Seasonal workers are often recruited under unfavourable conditions, raising the risk of forced labour.

1,914 workers

were rescued from 2013-2023 by the Labour Inspection Secretariat of the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

▶ Road to higher value-added production:

Brazil exports some higher-value added products like instant coffee, yet most of its beans are still shipped unprocessed, with value-added steps like roasting and packaging taking place abroad.

▶ Access to financing and technical assistance is fundamental to expand and improve production. However, around **67%** of producers do not receive technical assistance.

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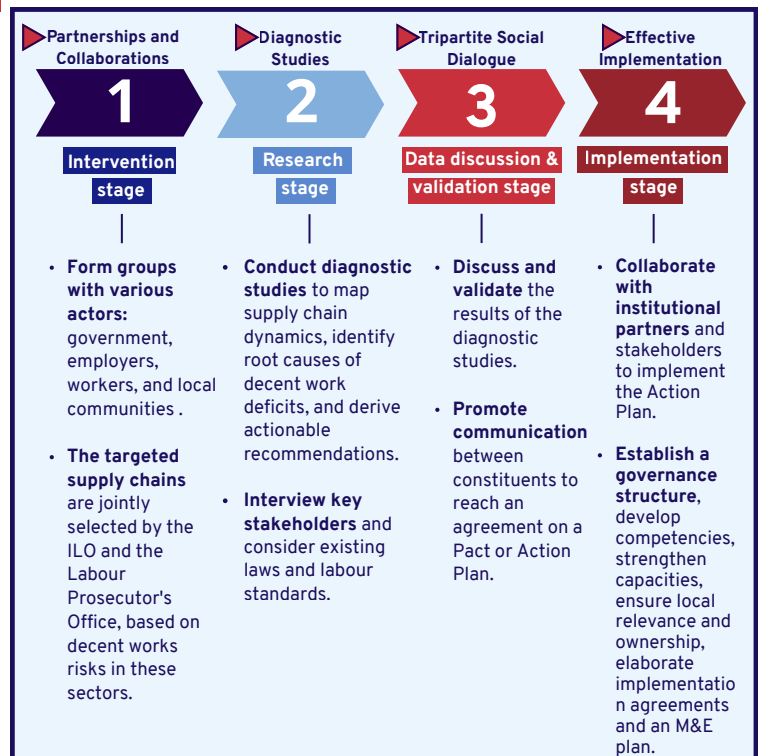
Results of an Integrated Approach:

▶ Initiatives like the **Global Coffee Platform** and **Pact for Good Labour Practices** play key roles to combat child and forced labour while improving formal employment for seasonal workers.



▶ The Ministry of Labour and Employment and its Secretariat of Labour Inspection (SIT) offer training on labour laws for coffee producers through its **Sustainable Work Program**.

▶ ILO collaborates with SIT to create a **fair labour recruitment model** as best practice benchmark.



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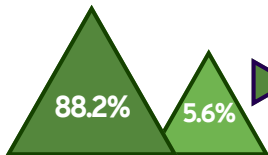


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The açai supply chain in Brazil: ILO's integrated approach

Mapping:



▶ Harvesting takes place in **Pará** (88.2%) and in **Amazonas state** (5.6%).



▶ Açai, harvested in a large part of the Amazon region, is sold to processing plants in Brazil and **exported to international markets such as Europe, the US, South Korea and Japan.**



▶ Traditional production is predominantly extractive and part of **family farming, carried out on household plots**

\$137M

Açai is widely consumed in the domestic market and enjoys a growing share of exports, **totalling US\$ 137 million in 2023**, involving an estimated **164,400 workers in 2020.**

Decent Work Opportunities and Challenges:

▶ Risk of child labour:

During harvest period, it is **common for children** to take part in activities, possibly interrupting school attendance.

▶ Hazards of harvesting:

Traditional harvesting involves:



– Climbing tall trees to collect fruit.



– Cutting down fruit bunches.



– Exposing workers to **significant risks**, such as falls and encounters with venomous insects and animals.



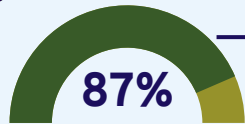
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Growing exports affect production patterns:



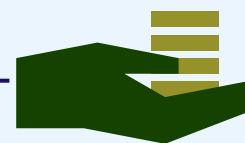
— of production has been transferred from family farms to areas of intensive cultivation due to growing exports, increasing demand for day labourers - mostly hired informally.

Boosting productivity and formalization:

Investments in productivity and improved production methods could drive formalization and better health and safety conditions. However, family farms remain on small plots with limited mechanization and lower productivity.

Certification benefits are limited by high costs:

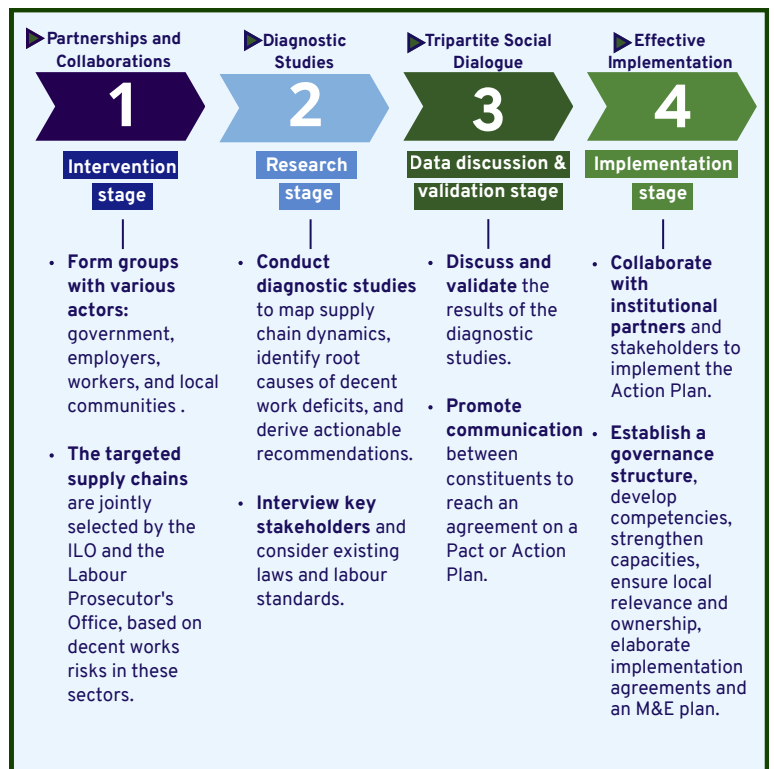
Private certification programs bring benefits such as improvements in administrative and financial management, legal compliance, establishing occupational health and safety requirements, and adopting good practices in product handling. However, the costs associated continue to be an obstacle for many cooperatives and associations.



ILO's Integrated Approach:

Results of an Integrated Approach:

- Cooperatives aim to strengthen producers' negotiating power and provide member services. Variability exists in operational rules and service quality among cooperatives; many face technical and management challenges.
- Focus on enhancing local governments' capacity to promote decent work through public policies.



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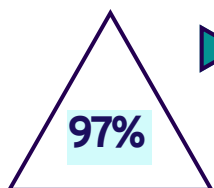


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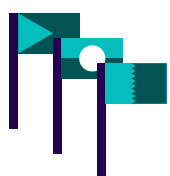


The gypsum supply chain in Brazil: ILO's integrated approach

Mapping:



▶ of Brazil's gypsum production is located in **Araripe**, a municipality in the state of **Pernambuco**.



▶ Brazil is the **second-largest producer of gypsum in Latin America**, following Mexico.



▶ Gypsum is **widely used in civil construction**, especially in drywall, cement and as filling material in **infrastructure works**, such as highways.



▶ Gypsum production in Brazil is **mostly geared towards the domestic market**.

Decent Work Opportunities and Challenges:



▶ In 2019, **54%** of Araripe's population was living in extreme poverty, with average monthly incomes of **USD \$22.08**.

▶ **Child labour and unsafe working conditions:**

Audits carried out by the Labour Prosecutor's Office Task Force between 2015 and 2019 **identified health and safety irregularities**, as well as the **presence of child labour** and degrading working conditions.



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▶ Health risks are pronounced:

Constant exposure to noisy and polluting machinery, including explosives used in mining, is **linked to hearing loss, eye irritation, and heart and respiratory diseases**. Manually transporting drywall sheets **increases the risk of hernias and spinal injuries**.



▶ Funding for eco-friendly kiln Upgrades and Pollution Control:

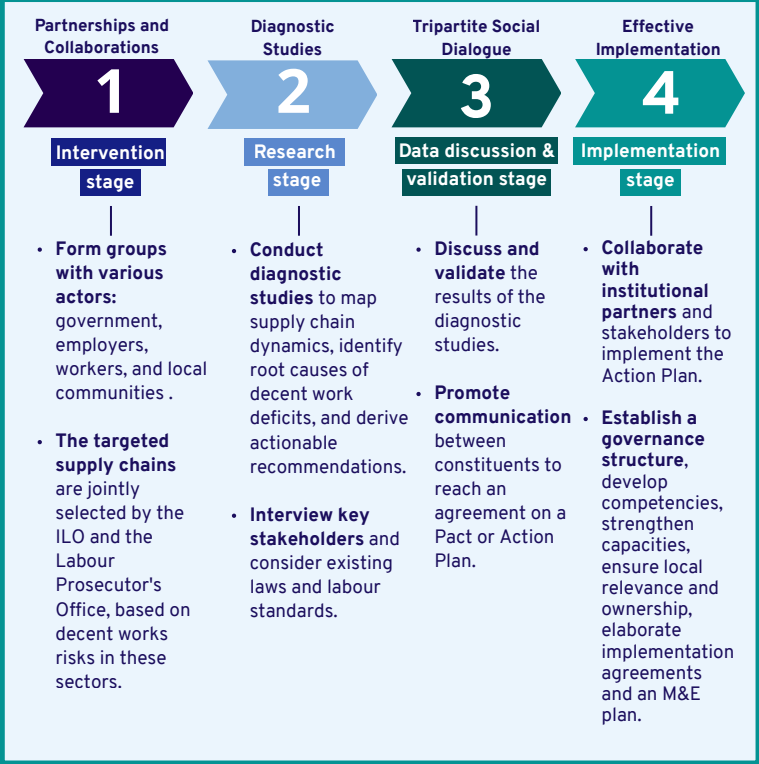
The **Brazilian Development Bank BNDES (BNDES)** established a credit line to **support converting wood-fired kilns to gas and installing filters in factory chimneys**, aiming to improve **environmental and working conditions in the sector**.



ILO's Integrated Approach:

Results of an Integrated Approach:

- ▶ The ILO's sector diagnosis identified key economic, social, and environmental challenges for local municipalities and laid out a **Local Economic Development Plan with guidelines for local actors**.
- ▶ The approach resulted in 14 public and private entities committing to a **Working Group focused on promoting decent work**



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The cocoa supply chain in Brazil: ILO's integrated approach

Mapping:

- ▶ The entire cacao supply chain operates within Brazil.

The production process involves the following:

- ▶ **30** cooperatives
- ▶ **5** milling industries
- ▶ **20** chocolate manufacturers.



- ▶ As of 2022, Brazil ranks as the **seventh largest global producer**, with an output of **220,000 tons** for domestic and export markets.

Decent Work Opportunities and Challenges:

- ▶ **Seasonality and its link to child labour:**

The socio-economic vulnerability of cocoa-producing municipalities **raises the risk of child labour**. During harvest, increased labour demand often involves **children and adolescents in tasks like cutting fruit with machetes and carrying heavy baskets**.

- ▶ **Job creation:**

- ▶ The cacao supply chain in Brazil employs **over 300,000 people**.



- ▶ Includes **more than 95,000 growers**.



- ▶ With **60%** being **small, family-owned farms**.



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- ▶ In 2014, nearly **8,000** children aged 10 to 17 were reported working on cacao plantations.



ILO's Integrated Approach:

Results of an Integrated Approach:

- ▶ In 2019, the ILO established a partnership with the World Cocoa Foundation (WCF) and CocoaAction Brasil to **promote social dialogue** between public and private actors **to identify integrated solutions for systemic change**. This process led to the **National Guidelines for the promotion of decent work in the Cocoa Supply Chain**. Progress includes:
- **Decrease in child labour** at the municipal level
 - Mobilization of sectoral stakeholders for the **Cocoa 2030 Project**.
 - Implementation of the **Inova Cocoa 2030 Plan**.
 - Establishment of the **Social Welfare Initiative** by CocoaAction Brasil and InPACTO.
 - **Development of a project proposal through a Public-Private Partnership** between CocoaAction Brasil and the ILO.



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