

FNET MEMBERS -LIVING WAGES WEBINAR **July 2021** 



## HOUSEKEEPING









**Competition Law Statement:** Today we are meeting to discuss gender, diversity and inclusion in food businesses and supply chains.

We take competition compliance seriously. Whilst discussions can cover matters of interest to our industry, we cannot discuss or exchange sensitive commercial information.

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## FNET LEARNING SERIES

- Learnings from "Building Resilience in Flower Supply Chains" FCDO VSCF flowers project in Kenya with presenters Caroline Downey (MM Flowers and Women Working Worldwide) and Elle Harrison from Fairtrade <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/JIRPCwOYuR6uZWyUTlof\_ZuRrypd6HsHvfCCCOgN1eQvkLELWSLPpbmPUyVb5j0.cemcAz9dqo54yjqy">https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/JIRPCwOYuR6uZWyUTlof\_ZuRrypd6HsHvfCCCOgN1eQvkLELWSLPpbmPUyVb5j0.cemcAz9dqo54yjqy</a> Access Passcode: scd%te2H
- 2. Gender, Diversity and Inclusion webinar with case studies from Tesco, MM Flowers, Care International, M&S, Berryworld, Grupo Hortofrutícola Paloma, United Exports and Banacol <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/U19XUiAeJ0I-Qjnk8wLFPDf-AZ-JmjyHVmBhMcq0xSOKSjN951L8VA2UaaWSQ3Xf.rwG89siBTiOoU6Ca">https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/U19XUiAeJ0I-Qjnk8wLFPDf-AZ-JmjyHVmBhMcq0xSOKSjN951L8VA2UaaWSQ3Xf.rwG89siBTiOoU6Ca</a> Access Passcode: Y1\$1SaM\*. A PDF of
- 3. Human Rights Due Diligence webinar a recording of our session on upcoming changes to human rights legislation and how to get started on human rights due diligence <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/QSXKf9oAOchJ43c-">https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/QSXKf9oAOchJ43c-</a>
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- 4. Climate Change and human rights September 15<sup>th</sup> 12-1.15pm speakers from Fairtrade and the Co-op.





# **AGENDA**

Introductions and welcome

IDH - Introduction to living wages and the Living Wage Roadmap - Ruchira Joshi

Q&A

FNET member retailer case study - Lidl - Imogen Wright

Unilever case study – Rachel Cowburn-Walden

FNET supplier member case study - Pilgrims - Andy York

Q&A



## IDH — LIVING WAGE ROADMAP



Ruchira Joshi

Country Director - UK, IDH

















## **IDH Roadmap on Living Wages –**

& the tools we have created!









## WHAT IS A LIVING WAGE?

The remuneration received for a standard month that is sufficient to afford a decent standard of living for a worker and her or his family.















Other essential needs including provision for unexpected events

## **HOW IS A LIVING WAGE BENCHMARK CALCULATED?**







Food

Housing

Education





**Health care** 







**Basic Costs for the Family** 

## HOW IS A LIVING WAGE BENCHMARK CALCULATED?





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Basic Costs for the Family



-TAXES AND DEDUCTIONS

Living Wage Benchmark



#### WHO CALCULATES LIVING WAGE BENCHMARKS?

Benchmarks are developed by independent researchers, not by IDH.

 Where available, we use full Anker benchmarks developed by the <u>Global Living</u> <u>Wage Coalition</u>.

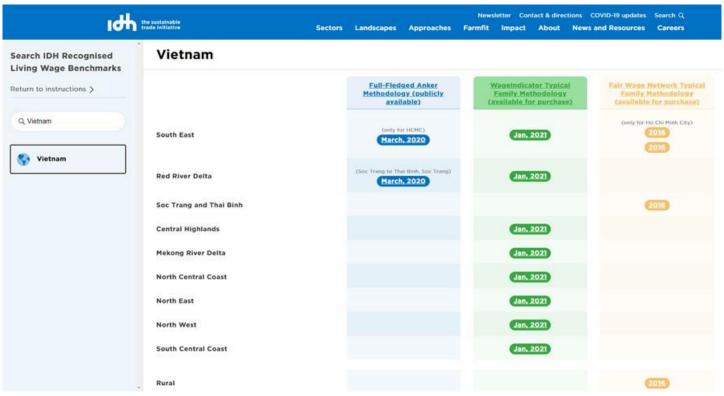
 If not available, we recommend those developed by <u>IDH-recognized methodologies</u>, such as Wage Indicator Foundation, Fair Wage Network and Anker reference values







#### WHAT IS A LIVING WAGE?















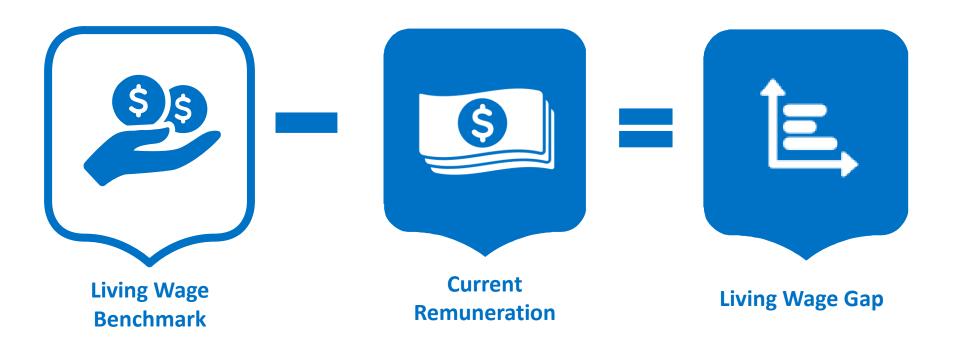


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## **HOW** ARE LIVING WAGE GAPS MEASURED?



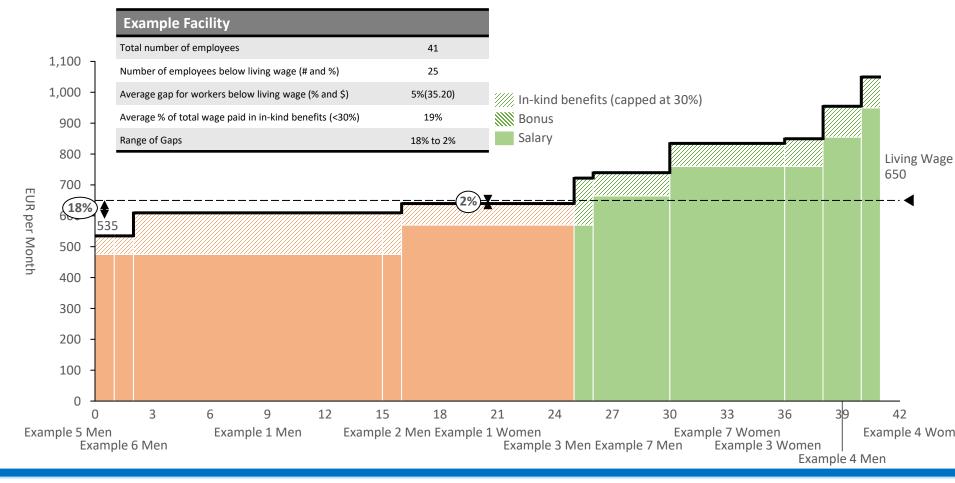


## **SALARY MATRIX**

Tool for calculating current wages and gaps at the production level

- Easily calculate wages, bonuses and in-kind benefits (remuneration)
- Compare against living wage benchmarks





















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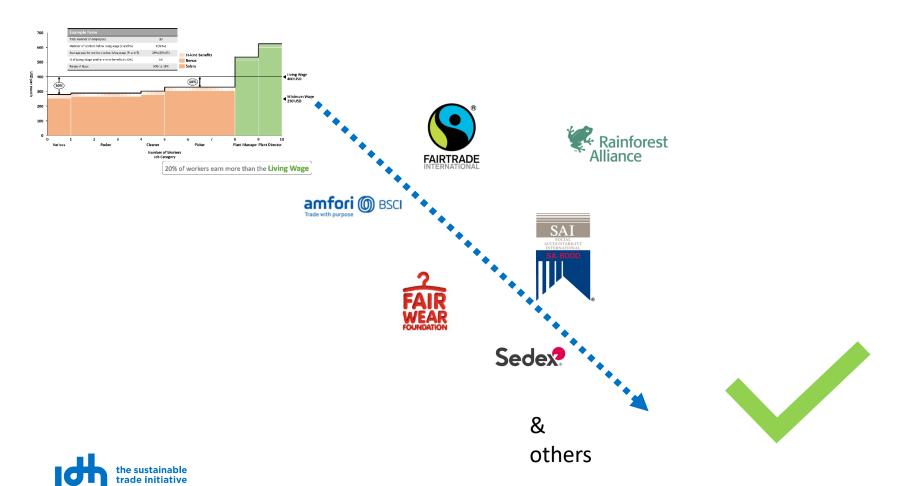
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#### **Tools**

#### **Guidelines for verification**



IDH has developed guidelines for verifying living wage gaps through third-party auditing and the corresponding base report, which serves as the physical evidence for third-party verification of living wage gaps. These guidelines have been developed to support third-party schemes and their auditors interested in verifying living wage gaps.

#### **Auditor Training**



IDH established a partnership with the ImpactBuying Academy to provide training for trainers of auditors and directly to auditors that want to assist companies in the verification of living wage gaps. The training is based on the guidelines for verifying living wage gaps and the proper use of the Salary Matrix to support living wage auditing.













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#### **HOW TO CLOSE THE LIVING WAGE GAP?**



#### WHAT CAN SUPPLIERS & WORKERS DO?

- Increase farm efficiency, productivity, and link this to increased wages
- Strengthen Social Dialogue & wage setting mechanisms
- · Increase workers in-kind benefits
- Enhance workers' skills; productivity training
- Improve health & safety
- · Improve human resource management

#### WHAT CAN BUYERS DO?

- Commit & set targets
- Invest on suppliers' activities
- · Monitor & Evaluate
- · Effectively market and brand the efforts
- Adopt sustainable procurement & trading practices:
  - Long term, transparent & stable contracts
  - Monetary compensation through pricing or premiums













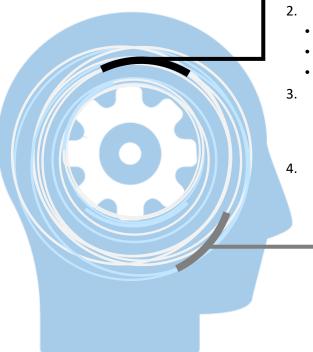


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#### WHAT DID WE LEARN?



#### WHAT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION?

- 1. By working on many countries you ensure an equal playing field
- 2. A coalition works better when:
  - Company's leverage is limited
  - The wage gap is large
  - Enabling environment is challenging
- 3. Freedom of association, collective bargaining and overall social dialogue at the workplace is key in order for wages to improve towards a living wage and beyond
- 4. Avoid unintended consequences

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SO MUCH MORE TO LEARN....





## QUESTIONS





## LIDL — LIVING WAGE APPROACH



**Imogen Wright** 

Junior Ethical Trade Manager – Lidl GB



# **Lidl GB Living Wages**FNET



**Lidl GB Living Wages** 

#### **Our business**

## Since 2015 Lidl GB has voluntarily paid its staff the living wage rate as recommended by the Living Wage Foundation

 In 2021, this pay rise has directly benefited over 20,000 Lidl employees, representing over 80% of the workforce

#### **Business Case:**

- Rapidly growing business
- Attracting and retaining employees
- Investing directly in staff, offering greater job security and improved well-being

"It is only right that we increase the income for our colleagues who are the backbone of our business. This is about recognising their hard work and dedication in keeping the nation fed during a year like no other. They have served our customers through extremely challenging times and we will always be there to support them in return."

- Christian Härtnagel, CEO Lidl GB



**Lidl GB Living Wages** 

## Our supply chain

## Living wages were identified as a salient issue to address in our business supply chains

- · High risk, priority supply chains were identified
- Understanding of topic and business expectations developed though stakeholder engagement
- Ambition to demonstrate progress through sector projects:
   Textiles, juice, cocoa, tea and bananas

Since January 2020, we have been committed to taking an action-orientated approach to working towards achieving living incomes and living wages within our global supply chains, thereby closing existing income and wage gaps.







## Supply chain project: Cocoa

In 2019, Lidl was the first global retailer to design and launch an own-label chocolate bar with the objective of supporting a supply chain that directly supports workers, smallholder farmers and local communities by increasing wages for Ghanaian cocoa farmers

 Lidl pays an additional premium for every tonne of cocoa, that is used within the Way To Go! Chocolate bar, in addition to the standard Fairtrade premium

 This premium is invested in programmes that enable farmers to increase their incomes

Through these programmes, crop yields can be increased, ensuring greater income levels



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## UNILEVER — LIVING WAGE APPROACH



#### Rachel Cowburn-Walden

Global Director Human Rights Stewardship at Unilever



## PILGRIMS — LIVING WAGE GAP ANALYSIS



#### **Andy York**

Human Rights Manager, Pilgrims Pride Limited



# QUESTIONS







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