Finalists in Competition to Combat Labor Trafficking Announced

Five teams set to compete for $300,000 in remaining prizes

The Partnership for Freedom announced five finalists today in Rethink Supply Chains: The Tech Challenge to Fight Labor Trafficking, an innovation competition seeking technological solutions to help identify and address labor trafficking in global supply chains.

The International Labor Organization estimates that 14.2 million people are victims of forced labor in private economic activities. Goods produced with forced labor make their way into the global economy through complex supply chains.

“Forced labor in global supply chains is a systemic problem. The solutions surfaced by these finalists leverage technology to combat this problem by bringing transparency to global supply chains and elevating workers’ voices across industries,” said Catherine Chen, director of investments at Humanity United.

The finalists were selected by a panel of judges with expertise across corporate supply chains, human rights, philanthropy, and investing.

The five finalists are:

**Good World Solutions**
*Laborlink Trafficking Module: Capturing & Mapping Millions of Data Points to Eliminate Forced Labor*

Uses mobile technology to capture, analyze, and map unfiltered worker feedback to effectively address forced labor in a new way.

**IST Research**
*PULSE Deployable Labor Trafficking System*

Blends self-reporting and internet data to identify labor exploitation in dynamic environments.

**GeoPoll**
*Identifying Human Rights Issues In the Fishing Industry Through Mobile Surveys*

Generates and provides data on labor conditions in the Ghanaian fishing industry to companies.

**Sustainability Incubator and Trace Register**
*Building Trust in Fishing at Sea*
A new online registry for voluntary reporting by industry of catches and onboard conditions for crews.

Ulula

SPARTACUS: A Global Mobile Platform for Empowering Migrant Workers to End Slavery

A platform to integrate information-sharing and remittance transfers to combat human trafficking and secure better jobs and higher incomes for migrant workers.

To learn more about the finalists, please visit www.rethinksupplychains.org.

Each finalist will receive $20,000 and proceed to the Finalist Accelerator round of the competition, to further develop their proposed solutions with support from subject matter experts. One Grand Prize Winner and one Runner-Up will be announced in April 2016, and will be awarded $250,000 and $50,000, respectively.

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