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Statement on the study of Oxfam International: Towards meaningful human rights impact assessments: From supermarket commitments to best practice action

The ALDI Nord Group conducts Human Rights Impact Assessments (HRIAs) to better understand human rights and environmental risks for the rightsholders in global supply chains as well as possible adverse impacts of our business conduct. Based on the results, we want to implement effective measures for prevention and remediation. Since 2021 we have published three HRIAs and have participated in an industry-wide Human Rights Impact Assessment on Italian tomatoes in the Netherlands. Currently we are working on two more (Coffee from Vietnam, Household Textiles from India) that are scheduled to be published online during 2024.

To complement our learnings from the HRIAs and to further increase our understanding of the human rights and environmental conditions, we also conduct field visits together with our suppliers as well as ALDI Sustainability Audits (ASAs). Based on that, we establish and implement action plans to mitigate and prevent adverse business impacts.

We appreciate the information shared in Oxfam's study and are pleased to see that parts of our assessments are mentioned as good practice. We will continue to improve our methods for future HRIAs in consultation with our partners and are happy to take the recommendations from the Oxfam study into account. As part of our risk-based approach, we are committed to conduct further HRIAs for identified high risk supply chains.

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