The Global Living Wage Coalition (GLWC) brings together Fairtrade International, Rainforest Alliance, and Social Accountability International, in partnership with ISEAL and Dr. Richard Anker and Ms. Martha Anker. The GLWC’s mission is to see continuous improvements in workers’ wages with the goal for workers to be paid a living wage. The Anker Research Institute (ARI), which creates the Reference Value Benchmarks, is part of the GLWC. Each Reference Value country profile report includes a living wage estimate, a wealth of contextual information, explanations, comparisons to other wage indicators to help evaluate risk and gaps to living wage and is compatible with the Full-Anker Methodology. In addition to other benchmarks, Reference Value country reports are available for free on the GLWC website. Anyone interested in living wage benchmarks or additional studies should contact the GLWC or ARI.

Estimates are from modeled data from Full-Anker Methodology benchmarks and institutions such as World Bank, FAO, ILO, and IMF.

Family size based on average household size (excluding one person households and especially large or joint households), fertility rates and child mortality rates in rural and urban areas.

Food and housing align with international quality standards and local conditions. Healthcare and children’s education estimated using primary and secondary data. Other expenses estimated using secondary data. Small margin added for unforeseen events and sustainability.

Number of full-time workers in typical family determined by labor force participation, unemployment and part-time employment rates.

Mandatory payroll deductions and income tax are added to the net living wage to get gross living wage.

Benchmarks are available for rural and urban areas separately.

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Description of methodology, estimates, and country reports are shared publicly on the Global Living Wage Coalition website.

Values updated annually for inflation and economic development.