

# CHILD LABOUR

## Its Time We Pay Attention

Child Labour robs children of every opportunity to develop their potential. A human rights violation, child labour denies girls and boys their right to education, health, wellbeing and the right to enjoy their childhood.

Child Labour directly hinders progress on eight of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Unless the international community tackles child labour, achieving other SDGs will be difficult.



73 million are in hazardous work



64 million girls, 88 million boys are in child labour



Child Labour is present in Africa, Asia, Latin America, North America and Europe as well

Child Labour affects progress on SDGs 4, 5, 1, 10, 2, 16, 3, 13



## What does child labour mean for children?

### Education



Child labourers remain out of school and are most likely to drop out even if some combine schooling with work. Lack of education hinders their personal development, their chance to decent work in life and their ability to constructively contribute to their family and community.

### Poverty



Child labourers do not receive educational and decent work opportunities that help lift themselves and their families out of poverty. They are poor and are more likely to remain poor.

### Physical and Emotional Neglect



Physical neglect like lack of adequate provision of food, clothing, shelter and medical treatment and emotional neglect such as deprivation of family love and affection, may result in loneliness and hopelessness, scarring children for life.

### Health



Child labourers face high risk of injury and death while at work. Millions of children performing hazardous work are likely to face health risks and physical injuries such as skin diseases, asthma, fatal injuries, cuts, burns and lacerations, fractures, tiredness and dizziness, excessive fears, nightmares, and many a times mental and behavioural problems.

### Violence



Child labourers due to their powerlessness and inability to organise and raise their voice often face violence at workplace. Children are not only afflicted physically but mentally and sexually as well. Girls are more likely to face sexual violence. Physical abuse may involve corporal punishment, emotional maltreatment such as blaming, belittling, verbal attacks, rejection, humiliation and bad remarks.

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