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Celebrating 21 years of fighting against child labour



About Global March Against Child Labour

The Global March Against Child Labour (Global March) is a worldwide network of trade unions, teachers and civil society organisations that work together towards shared development goals of preventing and eliminating all forms of child labour, slavery and trafficking thereby ensuring access to free, meaningful and good quality public education by all children.

What We Do

Global March believes in going beyond campaigning and influencing policy formulation by not only carrying out the advocacy initiatives itself but also by supporting its members and partners all over the world to work closely with the governments and non-government agencies.

To achieve our endeavour of a child labour free world and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, especially SDG 8.7 we are:

- **Partnering** with range of stakeholders like local organisations, UN agencies, Parliamentarians, businesses, institutions and individuals.
- **Supporting and building capacity** of partner and non-partner organisations for effective working through technical guidance.
- **Collating, building and disseminating evidence based research** for stakeholders' advocacy and knowledge building needs.
- **Bringing stakeholders closer** to work in harmony with each other to end child labour through dialogues, workshops, meetings.
- **Translating real life experiences and research into advocacy issues** at national and international levels.
- **Raising awareness, empowering children and mobilising voices** to call for action, challenge governments, question businesses and bring attitudinal change in individuals

Where We Work



Parliamentarians for Children

In 2019 the engagement with policy makers and parliament members continued at national, regional and global levels through our partners and also through specific meetings of Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights Initiative at the national level and with its members individually. Due to continued engagement and sensitisation of Parliamentarians, national chapters of Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights (PWB) have been formed in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Uganda and Tanzania. In total close to 65 MPs participated in total of 6 meetings in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Tanzania and Uganda.



Under the PWB initiative of Global March, a measure of success was seen through enhanced knowledge and political will observed amongst the MPs towards raising the issue on child rights in their respective Parliaments and constituencies.

For example, in Pakistan, PWB member and now the Minister of State for Narcotics Control, Mr. Shehryar Afridi emphasized the importance of gender mainstreaming in government policies and cited it as one of the priorities of the Pakistan government. He also participated in the Afghan Peace Conference held in June 2019 in Pakistan and hosted the 6th meeting of Quadripartite Steering Committee for brainstorming solutions strategy for Afghan Refugees to support their voluntary repatriation and gave emphasis on protection of vulnerable children.



In Sri Lanka, Member of Parliament, Aravindh Kumar Arunachalem carried out a number of development works in his constituency, Badulla District. In his district, Mr. Arunachalem has constructed children's park, school lanes as well as a number of road projects in the hill region. Mr. Arunachalem also constructed and inaugurated a fenced sports park and school play ground, on the occasion of International Children's Day. With his efforts, 46 houses for the community members have been built.



In Bangladesh, Mr. Shameem Haider Patwary, PWB member and MP, established a driving school, approved by the Government of Bangladesh for imparting training to youth on becoming skilled drivers and trainers. He also has made provisions for the instituting a free ambulance service for the poor in his constituency. From time to time, Mr. Patwary organises free medical camps in the villages and recently began a blank and winter clothing distribution campaign for the homeless.

First Sub-Regional Francophone Africa Meeting of Parliamentarians for Children's Rights

On 30-31 October 2019, Global March in collaboration with WAO-Afrique, Togo mobilised 6 Parliamentarians and 5 CSOs from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Niger and Togo who engaged in discussions and committed to work together to end child labour at the Francophone Meet of the Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights. The Members of Parliament and CSOs discussed issues such as child labour, child trafficking, child domestic labour, education and gender concerns in these paradigms. The MPs and CSOs also expressed their challenges and achievements and worked on a joint country action plan for working together for next 1 year.



On the sidelines of the meeting, Parliamentarians from the six countries also paid a courtesy visit to the Secretary of the President of the National Assembly of Togo under the leadership of Mr. Cléophas Mally, the founder of WAO-Afrique. The meeting between the Parliamentarians and the Secretary led to enriching discussions on the work being done by PSFs and Parliamentarians in their country on addressing child labour and promoting education. The Parliamentarian from Togo, Mr. Edoh also explained about PSF Togo, how it was formed and the work done on child rights. The Secretary to the President of the National Assembly of Togo offered her full support for this cause and asked for more details on what all could be done together.



Addressing Child Labour in Asia

In Asia, Global March members took great strides in highlighting the issue of child labour and advocating for its urgent elimination, bringing variety of stakeholders together. The members also worked towards implementation of SDG 8.7 in their countries, keeping a gender perspective; engaging Parliament Members for promoting and protecting the rights of children, as well as empowering and raising capacities of civil society as well as the youth for advocating effectively for the implementation of ILO C. 182, 138 and ratification of ILO C. 189. Read below to know the efforts taken in the Asia:

Nepal

In Nepal, Global March member, Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) organised the 'National Parliamentary initiatives to end Human Trafficking, Child Labour & Forced Labour' in May 2019, to bolster engagement with the Parliamentarians on child rights. SAN initiated the formation of 'National Level Girls' Network' to strengthen effective implementation of girls' rights and carried out Youth campaign to end Child Labour, Forced Labour and Child Sexual Exploitation and in Country Trafficking' in May 2019, to foster youth advocacy on critical issues of child labour, forced labour, child sexual exploitation, and trafficking. SAN also continues to vigorously lobby for the ratification of ILO convention 189 which also stipulates guidelines for the prevention of child domestic labour.



Further SAN conducted discussions on countering human trafficking in 2 provinces with the Parliamentarians which was attended by 65 parliamentarians and local civil society campaigners. Under the youth campaign, SAN organised screening of the “The Price of Free” documentary film of Kailash Satyarthi for 105 students and 91 students of two social work colleges interacted with Ward Chairperson on the issue of child labour, who promised to collect data on child labour by mobilising the students. Additionally, SAN carried out dialogues with the civil society highlighting the gaps in the newly adopted Master Action Plan on Child Labour and devised a strategy for advocating with the Ministry of Labour on the identified gaps. On Children’s Day, SAN organised the first Child Mock Municipal Assembly. Continuing the work on the advocacy for ratification of ILO.

Bangladesh

In Bangladesh, Global March member, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) carried out several activities with different stakeholders with the support of Girls Advocacy Alliance. BSAF facilitated the formation of the Parliamentary Caucus on Child Rights and organised the kick-off meeting mobilising 16 MPs and the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament to discuss issues related to child rights. BSAF arranged a training at the national level for its 15 CSO members on promoting child rights with a gender perspective in April 2019. BSAF also intervened at the community level taking learnings from the national level by creating Community Based Action Plans in 3 Districts i.e. Rajshashi, Meherpur and Natore, in order to involve communities, children, local religious leaders and others to protect and promote child rights. BSAF organised workshops with local CSOs to build a community level action plan on promoting child rights across 4 districts- Patuakhali, Jheneidah, Jessore and Chittagong. 11 awareness sessions on child marriage, child labour and child trafficking were further organised in 5 districts and 6 advocacy meetings with the local government chaired by Upazila Nirbahi Officer in 6 districts.

Following the cooperation sought from the local government, 7 children from Harian Union of Paba Upazila, 6 children from Dhutabon Moholla of Paba Upazila and 2 children from Rajshahi City Corporation have been withdrawn from child labour and enrolled into Primary School and 3 girls were rescued from child marriage. BSAF also organised a National Consultation on rights of domestic workers as well as a “National Consultation on the Implementation of ILO Convention 182, where the Deputy Speaker who endorsed the demand of establishing separate directorate for children which progressed the agenda of CSOs working in child rights advocacy.



Sri Lanka

In Sri Lanka, with the support of Global March member, CCH Sri Lanka, the National Chapter of Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights (PWB)/ Leaders' Forum was established in March 2019 under the leadership of PWB member, Mr. Aravind Kumar Arunachalem which saw participation of 16 MPs across party lines to work towards protecting the rights. After the establishment of this forum, CCH also conducted follow up meetings with 6 MPs and sought their commitment to work on child rights. A youth advocacy group was also constituted in June 2019 by CCH in Sri Lanka comprising youth from different backgrounds, to identify key issues connected to national action plan for children, for promoting youth participation. CCH Sri Lanka organised a training of 300 youth on child rights and life skills to enhance their knowledge on the various issues concerning children such as child labour, child abuse, education etc, equipping them to become trainers later on.

Further 100 youth were trained on emotional wellbeing of children. CCH also conducted a coordinating meeting with some of the prominent CSOs working on children's rights which led to the organisation of Child Rights Conference with participation from 80 diverse participants including Members of Parliament, Commissioner of Probation of Child Care and Department, Police, Ministry of Education, representatives from National child protection authority and Department of Education, civil society organisations and youth. The findings of the Conference were included in an advocacy document that was handed over to the government. A poster and awareness campaign was also organised to bring awareness on the issue of child labour in the communities.



Pakistan

In Pakistan, Global March member, Grass Root Organisation for Human Development (GODH) organised a consultation with the Parliamentarians and the Labour Department of the government to apprise them on the legal gaps in the Punjab Domestic Workers Act, 2019, informing them of the need to harmonise the age of prohibition of child domestic labour with the education age among other factors discussed. Further on, to ensure that the current law on domestic work (which is mostly silent on the issues related to child domestic labour) is effectively implemented and positively affects children, GODH also organised a one-day consultation with all relevant stakeholders to draft the rules of business. GODH organised a workshop for CSOs from Islamabad and Lahore on the UN human rights mechanism and to educate them on the best practices, the available tools and other means for effective legislative advocacy. GODH created training materials, and used it to train CPWB child protection officers and labour department officers on child rights. In July 2019, GODH supported the formation of Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights Pakistan Chapter through its first kick-off meeting which was attended by 19 Members of Parliament, including PWB members (the Minister of State of Narcotics Control, Mr. Shehryar Afridi, Ms. Saba Sadiq).



Accelerating Progress in Africa to End Child Labour

East Africa Capacity Building Workshop

On 5-7 November 2019, Global March Against Child Labour in collaboration with its CSO member, ANPPCAN Tanzania organised a capacity building and experience sharing workshop for its East African Global March members in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. The workshop saw participation from 6 members of trade unions and child rights organisations from Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, Tanzania as well as Ghana. The interactive and participatory workshop gave opportunity to the participants to share their experiences on their advocacy strategies against child labour, area based approaches to end child labour at grassroot level and discuss challenges faced by them in their day to day work. Global March secretariat staff introduced some concepts on gender and child labour, corporate responsibility, child labour in supply chains, regional and national advocacy opportunities as well as possible solutions to end child labour at national and regional level. The meeting concluded with identifying common challenges and common strategies to be adopted for achieving SDG target 8.7.



Tanzania

In Tanzania, Global March member, ANPPCAN Tanzania held 2 workshops with 20 CSOs of the TWG group and discussed various issues including lack of data and coordination amongst actors working against child labour and trafficking, the need to link with PWB Tanzania chapter and to report regularly to the government. The members of TWG also appreciated the inclusion of 4 of their recommendations given on the Traffic in Persons Act 2008 (in January 2019) which had been advanced to the Office of the Attorney General for drafting and harmonisation before submission to the Parliament for enactment. Further ANPPCAN held meetings with various Ministries on taking stock of pledges made at Argentina Child Labour Conference, status of the launch of National Action Plan on Child Labour and on Tanzania becoming a pathfinder country, as well as meetings with PWB Tanzania chapter. ANPPCAN also held 1 meeting with 15 PWB Tanzania chapter members where they discussed various laws and the Parliamentarians showed interest in having an intensive 5 day training for MPs on the issue of child labour. A Follow-Up Meeting with the PWB resulted in discussion on ILO's interest in conducting the training with MPs and ANPPCAN's work being recognised by the Government of Tanzania.

The 6 Child Rights Clubs constituted in 6 primary schools continued to meet regularly. An E-magazine was also produced on child rights, which was disseminated amongst the civil society members. ANPPCAN also conducted a media campaign using 4 local TV stations and 3 radio stations to raise awareness on the issue of child labour and trafficking. During 3 training meetings with businesses and employers of gold, tanzanite, and sugarcane, they were encouraged to continue using Whatsapp for coordination and to create follow up mechanism through child protection teams for ensuring no child labour is found in their supply chains. On World Day Against Child Labour, ANPPCAN Tanzania provided scholastic materials to 9 children from poor households and contributed in paying school fees for 1 child who preferred it instead of receiving the scholastic materials.



Uganda

In Uganda, to generate awareness amongst CSOs, governments and other stakeholders on the VNR process as well as to strengthen momentum on ratification of ILO Convention 189 and the implementation of ILO Convention 138, Global March member, National Organisation of Trade Unions (NOTU) held an informal meeting with 2 Members of Parliament, who are also members of Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights group, on NOTU's work and discussed the establishment of Uganda Chapter of Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights. NOTU also held meetings with the National Planning Authority to understand the Voluntary National Review (VNR) making process in Uganda and invited them to a future meeting on VNR to be organised by NOTU. To further accentuate the participation of civil society in the VNR process, NOTU held discussions with 10 CSOs and held a phone call with ITUC Africa to learn from their engagement in the VNR coordination and inputting process.

Later, NOTU held 2 meetings with CSOs to discuss and finalise the VNR report and held one informal meeting with the National Planning Authority (NPA) to inform them of the status of the VNR report and one formal meeting with the NPA to submit the final VNR report prepared by the CSOs. The VNR report was well received by the NPA and they assured the incorporation of few elements from the report in their reporting on SDG 8.7 in the official VNR report to the UN. NOTU to further advocate on the implementation of the ILO Convention 182 and 138, held 1 meeting each with the Ministry of Public Service, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development as well as the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development along with 2 combined meetings with all these Ministries bringing them together on one platform to discuss the need for allocation of 1 labour inspector in each district of Uganda. This engagement of NOTU of bringing the Ministries on one platform and discussing the matter one to one was appreciated by all Ministries.



Ghana

Global March in collaboration with its Ghanaian member, General Agricultural Workers' Union (GAWU) wrote a congratulatory letter to the Ghanaian Minister of Employment and Labour Relations, Hon Igantius Baffour Awuah, congratulating him on his announcement of Ghana becoming a pathfinder country of Alliance 8.7 and expressed our solidarity and support to the Ghanaian government in the eradication of child labour.

Promoting Elimination of Child Labour in Latin America

Regional Forum on Child Labour Organised in Costa Rica

On June 25-26, Global March Against Child Labour Regional Forum on Achieving SDG 8.7 was organised in Costa Rica with the aim to understand the situation of child labour and adolescents in work in the Latin America region and to decide on a joint way forward to address the issue. The forum was attended by 20 Global March member countries from 6 countries in Central and 6 countries in South America apart from Government representatives, ILO and others. A joint mapping on the situation of child labour and adolescent work in Latin America region carried out by the Global March members was officially launched and discussed as well. The meeting ended with adoption of an Action Plan for 2019 and for 2021 onwards.



Brazil

Global March and its Brazilian member, FNPETI issued a joint statement strongly condemning the Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's deeply problematic stance on child labour, where he openly, repeatedly and abominably defended child labour particularly for children as young as 10 years of age. Global March unequivocally condemns any such mind-set that violates the constitutional principle of child protection.

Events

Alliance 8.7 Meetings



In the first half of 2019, Global March participated in a series of Alliance 8.7 Global Coordinating Group meetings in Geneva in April and New York in July, Action Groups meetings (Supply chain action group in Ivory Coast in May) and Communications and Engagement Group meetings. Global March members also participated in and gave inputs in the Pathfinder country strategic planning meeting in Nepal, Peru, Uganda and Chile. In the second half of 2019, Global March participated in 2 GCG meetings held in the second half of 2019, 1 in New York and the other in Paris.

Global March at UN South Asia Forum on Business and Human Rights

Global March in collaboration with Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation facilitated participation of four youths and former child labourers from India, Nepal and Sri Lanka at the Inaugural UN South Asia Forum on Business and Human Rights that took place on 14-15 March 2019 in New Delhi. The Forum which saw participation from multi-stakeholders such as businesses, governments, CSOs and trade unions, discussed issues related to responsible business supply chains, practices and operations.



Child Labour Due Diligence Bill Passes in The Netherlands

After almost three years of introduction into the Dutch Parliament by Mr. Roelof Van Laar (former Dutch MP and member of Global March's initiative, Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights), the Child Labour Due Diligence Bill was passed in Dutch Senate in May 2019. The law mandates companies to provide transparency to Dutch consumers and other stakeholders on products and services whose sourcing may involve child labour.

World Day Against Child Labour Celebrations

Global March co-organised and participated in the conference and interactive workshop organised by European Commission, ILO and FAO, on "United to End Child Labour in Agriculture" around World Day Against Child Labour on June 12 in Brussels. Global March representative and Board Member at the panel discussion emphasised on integrated and gender responsive approaches as well as looking into domestic and global agro supply chains to tackle child labour in agriculture.



Global March also organised and facilitated the participation of its founder, Kailash Satyarthi at the European Development Days (EDD) held in Brussels in the second week of June 2019. At EDD, in different forums and interventions, Global March highlighted the need to accelerate efforts to reduce child labour and reduce inequalities in the world, especially for girls and boys.



Global March Against Child Labour participated in Responsible and Human Rights Forum in Bangkok. During the Forum Global March raised concerns of lack of discussions on child labour in addressing human rights violations by the companies and that a large gap in understanding of the concept of gender still exists amongst private sector and the CSOs.

On the occasion of the World Day Against Child Labour, Global March Against Child Labour released a joint statement call upon Governments to protect children from human rights abuses, especially children engaged in child labour in the agriculture sector. The Statement also urged the businesses to carry out due diligence in their domestic and global supply chains, to assess any risk and to avoid being complicit in child labour. Additionally, Global March's Chairperson, Mr. Timothy Ryan released an Op-Ed on the need for concerted action and investments in children's rights to end child labour.

United Nations High Level Political Forum 2019

Global March collated key inputs to contribute to the outcome document of the HLPF (High Level Political Forum of the United Nations) to strengthen the reach of child rights issues at the HLPF Summit 2019. Some of the multi-layered, integrated recommendations crafted by Global March included:

- the need for governments across the globe to keep children at the centre of nuanced and gender responsive policy actions;
- the need for leaders, businesses and overseas development actors to ensure that the causes of child labour, child trafficking and education receive adequate financial and human investment
- provide ample space and opportunities to facilitate participation of all stakeholders of society and promotion of collaboration to truly ensure no one is left behind;
- and enhance youth involvement and enable all-inclusive participation in the pathway to SDGs' progress.

Apart from giving inputs, Global March Chairperson as well as representatives from the Secretariat participated at the High Level Political Forum 2019 in July 2019. Global March representing the Major Group of CSOs, participated in an HLPF session- “Four years of VNRs: what have we learned on implementing the SDGs?” in which 142 countries presented reports, highlighting the VNRs’ areas of added value, challenges, lessons learnt and specific initiatives undertaken.

Global March also participated in several other events organised on the margins of the HLPF, including the launch of the Pathfinder Countries Progress Reports- “Accelerating action to end forced labour, human trafficking, modern slavery and child labour; experiences from Alliance 8.7 pathfinder countries”, which took place on 17th July 2019 as well as the report launch and policy discussion on: “Accelerating progress under SDG 8 and promoting full employment and decent work for all” held on 16th July 2019.

Global March Participates in SAIEVAC meeting in Maldives

In October 2019, Global March along with its members from Nepal and Bangladesh participated at the 8th Governing Board Meeting of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC) that discussed its work on thematic focus areas and way forward. During the meeting, the Director-General of SAIEVAC, Dr. Rinchin Chopel not only recognised Global March’s contribution to ending child labour in South Asia and but also as a key partner going forward to collaborate and work together in the region on this issue.

Global March at India and Sustainability Standards Conference, 2019

Global March organised a session on ‘Supply Chain Due Diligence – A Business Opportunity’ at India Sustainability Standards 2019 conference with the Center for Responsible Business on 22 November 2019 in New Delhi. A objective of the session was to engage with Indian companies from diverse industries and sectors to explore mandatory due diligence legislation developments in the EU and non-EU countries, and their implications on businesses. Discussion also took place on Supply chain due diligence related issues ; challenges in bilateral trade and investment between India and its bilateral partners and its advantages and disadvantages for addressing child labour. Ideas to define the role of CSOs in implementing the guiding principles and how they can collaborate with businesses and governments were also discussed.



Global March at Alliance 8.7 Asia Regional Conference on Reaching SDG Target 8.7

To advance the work on Alliance 8.7, Global March as well as its member from Pakistan, GODH (Grassroot Organisation for Human Development) and member from Nepal, Swatantrata Abhiyan (SAN) participated at the Alliance 8.7 Asia Regional Conference held in Kathmandu, Nepal from 20-22 November 2019 that combined high level panels and workshops for an in-depth discussion on a regional approach to achieving Target 8.7. Global March used this opportunity to network, and gave important inputs around strengthening the implementation of the national laws and policies, keeping in mind gender sensitive and responsive interventions and allocating optimum budgets for the same.

Global March Secretariat also facilitated a thematic session on “Strengthening Global Movement Against Child Labour: Experiences of Social and Political Mobilisation for Realising SDG 8.7” where it presented a presentation on Global March’s experience and learning around the topic and conducted interactive and participatory group activities in the form of a World Café group work technique.



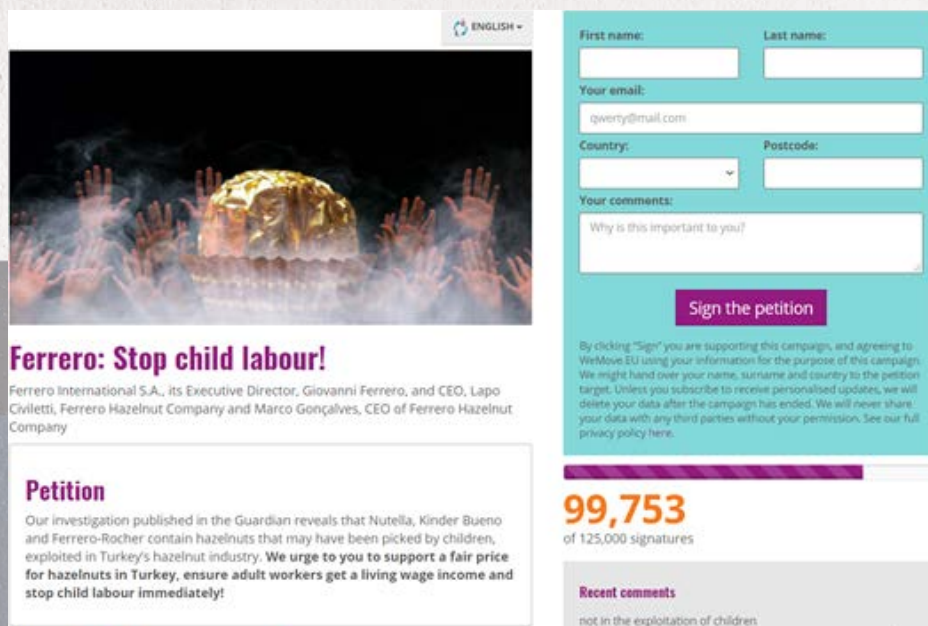
Global March at Freedom from Slavery Forum, 2019

From 10-12 December 2019, Global March was invited to the Freedom from Slavery Forum (CSO group constituted on slavery to give input to Alliance 8.7) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia held, where Global March delivered a micro training session on “A Case for Including the Gender Lens- Experiences from Addressing Child Labour”. The Global March participated in the media briefing of the Forum, speaking on the need for gender responsive action for ending child labour. Global March was part of the Advisory Committee for the Forum and advised on including “gender” as a cross-cutting topic, and the same was reflected in the agenda.

Global March Supports Petition Against Ferrero Rocher

The Italian confectionery company, Ferrero, one of the largest chocolate producers in the world and maker of Nutella and Ferrero Rocher, is the biggest buyer of hazelnuts in Turkey, originating 70% of the world's hazelnuts. Global March participated in a petition and advocacy campaign asking Ferrero Rocher to remove child labour from its hazelnut supply chains. The petition received 99,000+ signatures from people across the world.

The petition demanded that Ferrero pay a fair price for hazelnuts in Turkey so that adult workers get a living wage income and children don't need to work, thereby putting an end to child labour in their supply chain.



The image shows a screenshot of a petition page. On the left, there is a video player showing a globe surrounded by hands. Below it, the title "Ferrero: Stop child labour!" is displayed in purple. Underneath, there is a short paragraph of text. To the right of the video is a sign form with fields for "First name:", "Last name:", "Your email:", "Country:", and "Postcode:". Below these fields is a "Your comments:" section with a text area and a "Sign the petition" button. At the bottom right, a purple bar shows the signature count: "99,753 of 125,000 signatures". Below that, there is a "Recent comments" section with one comment: "not in the exploitation of children".

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Ferrero: Stop child labour!

Ferrero International S.A., its Executive Director, Giovanni Ferrero, and CEO, Lapo Civiletti, Ferrero Hazelnut Company and Marco Gonçalves, CEO of Ferrero Hazelnut Company

Petition

Our investigation published in the Guardian reveals that Nutella, Kinder Bueno and Ferrero-Rocher contain hazelnuts that may have been picked by children, exploited in Turkey's hazelnut industry. **We urge to you to support a fair price for hazelnuts in Turkey, ensure adult workers get a living wage income and stop child labour immediately!**

First name: Last name:

Your email:

Country: Postcode:

Your comments:

Sign the petition

By clicking "Sign" you are supporting this campaign, and agreeing to WeMove EU using your information for the purpose of this campaign. We might hand over your name, surname and country to the petition target. Unless you subscribe to receive personalised updates, we will delete your data after the campaign has ended. We will never share your data with any third parties without your permission. See our full privacy policy here.

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Publications & Research



Global March members in Latin America, DNI Costa Rica and CESIP in consultation with other Global March members in the region produced a regional summary of the status of child labour in Latin America towards achieving the targets 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals. The report shed light on the prevalence of child labour, the challenges for children at risk and recommendations for mitigating the risk of engagement of children in child labour. Read the publication [here](#).

Blogs



The blog "Revaluating Child Labour in Agriculture: The Sugarcane Case of India" is based on field visits to native regions of tribal sugarcane cutters in Gujarat and Maharashtra who migrate for seasonal work in sugarcane farming. The findings are based on their interviews, discussions with their families, middle men/labour contractor, some local stakeholders, grassroots CSOs and trade unions. Read the blog [here](#).



On the 30th anniversary of the UNCRC, a blog was released on behalf of the exploited child labourers. Read the blog "30 years gone, so is my childhood, but hope is still alive"- a letter from a former child labourer to the leaders of the world [here](#).

Valuing Partnerships and Raising Awareness

Global March Against Child Labour would like to thank our institutional donors; The Government of the Netherlands, Bread for the World and the Girls Advocacy Alliance for supporting our work across the world. We would also like to thank our individual donors who have supported our work through one time or recurring donations. Without them all, our work would not have been possible.

We would also like to thank our Global March Partners & Volunteers, who helped us implement the projects and come closer to realising our mission.

Global March has a supporter base of more than 6000 individuals from varied backgrounds. We also have 14100 people connected with us on Facebook and 4900 followers on Twitter, through whom we raise awareness on all the key issues of child rights especially, child labour, trafficking and education.

We strive to keep our supporters informed and raise awareness on the issues through regular updates via e-mails, newsletters, social media platforms, our website, and the Annual Report.



Get Involved with Us

COME, BE A PART OF AN AMAZING JOURNEY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN ACROSS THE WORLD.

Global March is always in a need for support from like-minded people who want to make a difference to the world through the work that we do. If you are motivated after reading this report and want to contribute to make the world free of child labour, why not support us in different ways that we promise to offer. In return we will make sure that your engagement and experience with us is surely satisfying for you.

You can support us through the following ways:

Support the Cause of Children: Your contributions can help us to raise the voices of the most marginalised and socially excluded children who have been exploited, trafficked, enslaved or kept out of school and work better towards the protection and promotion of their rights. Your support can be instrumental in providing a better future to children.

Donate online at: <http://globalmarch.org/get-involved/donate/>

Volunteer or Fundraise: Interested in working on ground and behind the scenes or to fundraise for the cause of out of school children and bring them back to school from exploitative places of work? Write to us at info@globalmarch.org

Raise Awareness on Child Labour & Education: Anyone can raise awareness on the issue of child labour. You just need to tell people to not employ child labour at their home or workplace, raise questions with people who are employing child labour, or report a case to your nearby police station or ask the companies where their product comes from. You can also simply do your bit by sharing and liking our social media posts too!



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