

Impact of COVID-19 on Child Labour

Education Disruption



1.6 BILLION learners' education disrupted due to school closures.



24 MILLION children, including more than 11 million girls may drop out of school.

260 MILLION children are missing out on vital school meals programmes due to school closures.

Sources: (UNESCO) Dashboard: COVID-19 Impact on Education; (WFP) Global Monitoring of School Meals During COVID-19 School Closures; (ACAPS) COVID-19: Global Impact on Education; (UNESCO) Keeping Girls in the Picture

Increased Poverty, Food Insecurity and Worsened Socio-Economic Conditions and Violence Against Children



Globally 1 in 6 children- 365 MILLION lived in extreme poverty before the pandemic. COVID-19 could push an additional 42-66 MILLION children into extreme poverty



More than half the global population (4 BILLION people including 1.3 BILLION children), do not have critical social safety net coverage.



COVID-19 may add between 83 and 132 MILLION people to the number of undernourished in 2020.



13 MILLION additional child marriages predicted in the 10 years with at least 4 MILLION girls married in the next two years alone.



Up to 85 MILLION children may have been exposed to physical, sexual and/or emotional violence due to COVID-19, with risks of online sexual abuse doubling.

Sources: (World Bank) 365 million children live in extreme poverty; (UN) Policy Brief: The Impact of COVID-19 on Children; (FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP & WHO) The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020. Transforming food systems for affordable healthy diets; (World Vision) COVID-19 Aftershocks: Out of Time - As families' incomes plummet, millions more children go hungry and are forced to work and beg; (ILO and UNICEF) Towards Universal Social Protection for Children: Achieving SDG 13 (UNFPA) Millions more cases of violence, child marriage, female genital mutilation, unintended pregnancy expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic; (UNICEF) COVID-19 causes disruptions to child protection services in more than 100 countries, UNICEF survey finds; (WePROTECT Global Alliance) Intelligence Brief: Impact of COVID-19 on Online Child Sexual Exploitation

All the above have resulted in MILLIONS of children being at the risk of entering child labour, reversing the progress made so far since 2000.