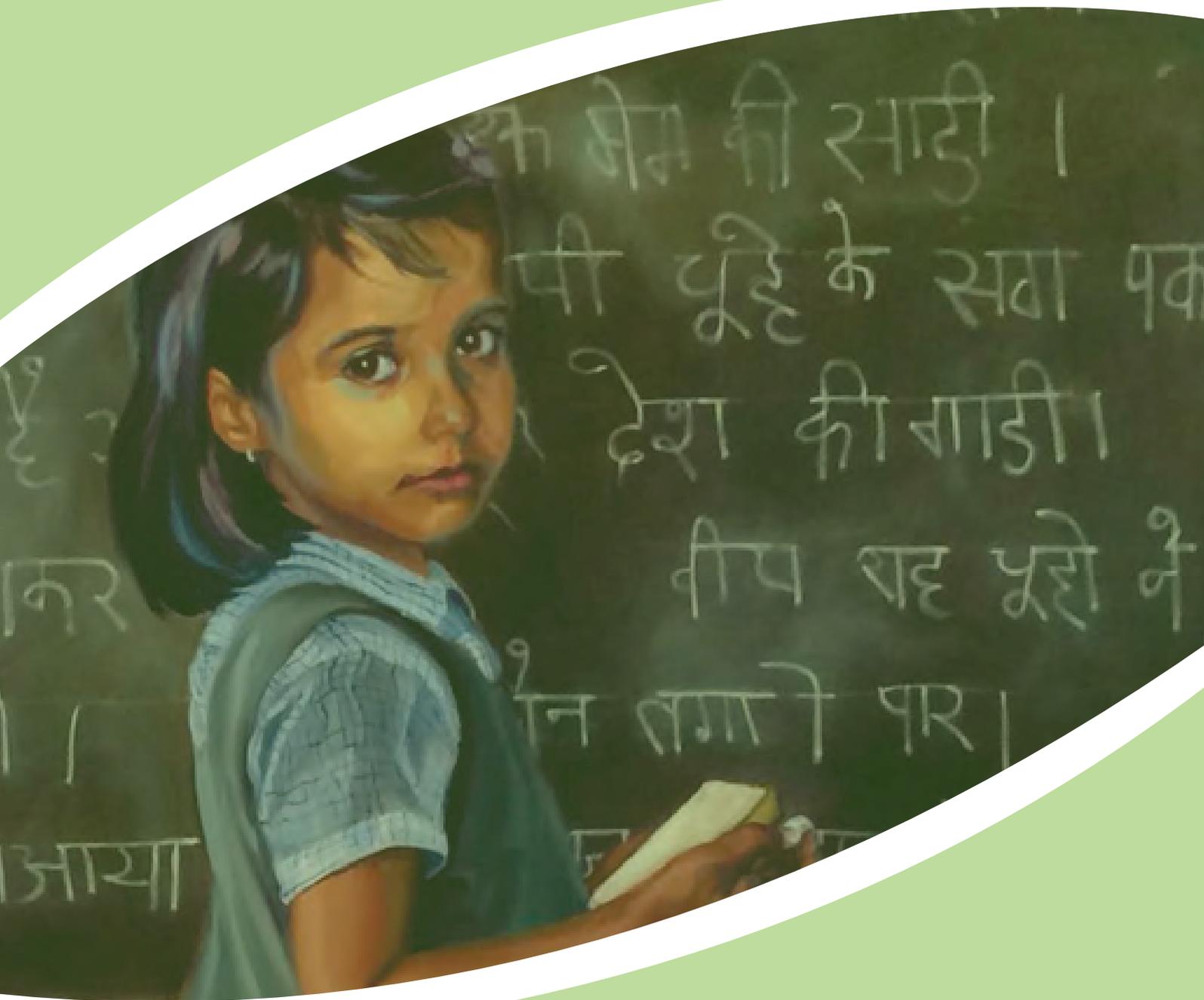


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SNAPSHOT 2016

7 Events

900 Out of School & Child Labourers Enrolled in Schools (Uganda)

4 Regional Activities

140 Children Enrolled & Retained in Child Friendly Villages (BMGs) (India)

2 Campaigns

30,000 People impacted (India)

4 Project

47 Communities Impacted (India & Uganda)

2 International Events Organised

1 Public- Interest Litigation Filed (India)

5 Policy Recommendations

200 Community Members Pledged to Stop Child Marriage (India)

5 Regional Advocacy Activities

ABOUT US

Global March Against Child Labour is a worldwide coalition of civil society, teacher and trade union organisations, united in their determination to protect the rights of all children, in particular the right to receive a free, meaningful and good quality education and to be free from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be harmful to their physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.

HOW WE WORK

Global March, as a unique coalition of trade unions, teacher organisations and child rights organisations, works to support the challenge of elimination of child labour by developing strong knowledge management, strategic alliances, actions of political impact, social mobilisation and awareness.

WHERE WE WORK



WHAT WE DO

- Developing and collating knowledge-based evidences
- Building and strengthening a worldwide movement of stakeholders
- Spearheading and coordinating advocacy activities in partnerships on policies and programmes.
- Fostering meaningful and positive social change through awareness-raising.

VISION 2020

OUR VISION FOR THE BETTER FUTURE

Over our 19 years of development and advocacy work, Global March has been guided by the lessons we learned and evidences we collected in our fight against child labour. We have become more effective and innovative through the analysing our strategies and adapting them in line with the changing world, allowing us to become more productive, that can truly make a difference and speak against child labour and for the promotion of education in the 21st century.

Last year we continued our progress towards 2020, our global vision. At the core of this vision is our overarching commitment to advocate towards the underlying causes of child labour and social injustice and to bring lasting change to the lives of children exploited in child labour, slavery and trafficking.

By 2020, Global March and our partners will support numerous CSOs by raising their capacities to advocate with their governments to create child friendly laws, to eliminate child labour and promote free, inclusive, quality, equitable education for all, and also empower communities and children through democratic participation and awareness on child rights.

The following are the 3 strategic objectives of Global March:

1. Consolidate Global March as an international, regional, and national reference point of violence in work places and child labour, including its worst forms notably child slavery and child trafficking.
2. Develop clear and measurable impact on key policies and programmes relevant to violence at work places and child labour, including its worst forms notably child slavery and child trafficking through advocacy activities carried out in partnership with stakeholders.
3. Contribute significantly to meaningful and positive cultural, social and business change of behaviours and practices to combat violence in work places and child labour including its worst forms notably child slavery and child trafficking through informed awareness raising in partnership with stakeholders.

PROTECTING CHILDREN IN CHILD DOMESTIC LABOUR

As children in domestic work form one of the most exploited and hazardous form of child labour, Global March with the support of Commonwealth Foundation made great advances to restore their rights in Bangladesh, Pakistan, and India in 2016, by advocating for stronger laws for their protection in 2016 and providing legal aid to 25 victims of child labour in domestic work that also strengthened the cases of legislative advocacy carried out by Global March partners in the 3 countries.

In Pakistan, Global March partner Grassroots Organisation for Human Development (GODH) continued its work on sensitising the important stakeholders on the issue of child labour in domestic work. GODH thus held regular meetings with Chairperson of Child Protection and Welfare Bureau, Labour Minister, Minister of Human Rights and Minorities Affairs, and various Members of Punjab Legislative Assembly, for following up on establishment of independent Commission on Rights of Children in Punjab and inclusion of child labour in domestic work as a hazardous occupation.

Due to persistent liaising of GODH with the relevant stakeholders and their continued pressure on the Parliament Members to restore their support for the Commission on Child Rights, in July 2016, the Bill on the independent Commission on the Rights of Children was approved from the National Assembly Cabinet and was proceeded for the review of the Standing Committee. Once the bill is cleared at the National Level, the same will be easy to be replicated at the Punjab province level in Pakistan. GODH also thus has been encouraging other Members of National Assembly and Legislative Assemblies, to replicate the Commission in other provinces of the Pakistan. GODH also took up 5 cases of victims of child labour in domestic work for legal intervention and also provided them as evidences for the writ petition filed in 2015, for the judge to summon the labour departments for their comments.

In India, from December 2015 to June 2016, Global March partner in India, Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) organised organised 2 trainings in 2 states of India – Assam and Bihar, with the law enforcement agencies (LEA), attended by personnel of Anti-human trafficking unit (AHTU), members of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) as well as Labour officials on the 'Legal Perspectives on Trafficking' and 'Child Labour Laws'. A total of 35 LEAs were trained in these 2 trainings. Both Assam and Bihar are a major source and transit point for traffickers from where thousands of children are brought in every month to cities such as Delhi to work in various factories and homes as cheap labour. Therefore, it was pivotal to enlighten the LEAs on the relevant laws and procedures towards combatting child labour in domestic work and associated gender based violence.

Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) also filed a writ petition, Bachpan Bachao Andolan v/s Union of India and Others [W.P. (C) 466/2016] in the High Court of Delhi, relating to the expedition of investigation of cases filed under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 (POCSO). The cases filed also received first hearings during the tenure of the project.

For furthering the protection of the rights of trafficked children, as most of them end up domestic households and factories, the Ministry of Women and Child Development in India formulated and put forth the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention,



Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill 2016 for public consultation. BBA was engaged for providing technical and legal input for the creation of a comprehensive national legislation which addresses prevention strategies, strict punishments and rehabilitation mechanisms related to the trafficking of persons, especially women and children. BBA's contribution to the formulation the Bill was acknowledged by the Hon'ble Minister in the press conference held for the unveiling of the Bill for public consultation. Along with BBA, Global March also gave important recommendations and inputs to the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill 2016.

In Bangladesh, with the support of the law firm hired by Global March partner Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF), casework of 5 more cases of exploitation of children (total of 10 cases supported) as child labourers in domestic work/ gender based violence were taken up for providing legal aid to the children. With support of this law firm, BSAF has also shown increased capacity to understand and provide legal aid to children exploited under child labour in domestic work. To strengthen the advocacy with the stakeholders for the protection of child domestic labourers, 3 comprehensive National Intervention plans were developed by the Global March partners along with other CSOs and more than 100 stakeholders across the 3 countries. These plans are acting as strong guiding posts for the progress of work for various stakeholders in each country with measurable outcomes every year. As a culmination activity for this two year - long work on protecting and

promoting the rights of child domestic labourers, the Global March organised an Asia Level Experience Sharing Workshop cum Asia Workshop on Legislative Advocacy in Delhi in August 2016, inviting partners from Bangladesh, Pakistan and India, as well as partners from other 5 Asian countries to strengthen their knowledge and skills on legislative advocacy. (Read more about it in the ***Mentoring and Sharing Knowledge for Advocating for Child Rights*** section).

The workshop also served as a platform for the participants to share their learnings and experiences on the implementation of child related SDGs. As a reference material for the workshop, Global March in consultation with partners in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan developed Need Gap Analysis Reports and produced an Asia Legislative Advocacy Toolkit that was disseminated amongst Global March partners and beyond. The workshop discussed lessons learnt, good practices and compilation of case-studies and to examine documentation and potential replication and dissemination.



EMPOWERING CHILDREN & THEIR COMMUNITIES TO CREATE CHILD FRIENDLY VILLAGES

In 2016 in India, Global March empowered community members from 27 Bal Mitra Gram (Child Friendly Villages model of BBA), from the villages of Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Karnataka to end child labour, and promote education along with imparting training on sustainable management of natural resources to ensure all children and the communities lead a healthy and fulfilling lives. We also ensured democratic participation of children in decision making and led several activities for overall development of children and the community members.

Global March's project 'Child Friendly Villages in Rural India' funded by Robert Bosch Stiftung, aiming to foster strong and organic grassroots civil society structures by engaging and empowering the young people and the community at large, promoting civic engagement and sustainable development, and inculcating democratic values for sustainable communities, entered its second year of operations in 2016. The project was carried out in 20 villages and 7 hamlets of Jharkhand, Karnataka and Rajasthan in India.

In 2016, the project progressed in organising training of the village youths on understanding and addressing local environment challenges. To facilitate the training, the The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) conducted an assessment of the

environmental concerns in the intervention villages in the states of Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Karnataka, and developed training modules for young people and the field staff of the Child Friendly Villages. The training aimed to understand the complex relationship between the environment and the livelihoods of the communities that inhabit the field sites; the differences in the nature of this relationship depending on the socio-economic status of the community members; and the interdependence between communities and their natural environment. To make the training more practical and long term, training modules were produced in English, Hindi and Kannada language for the ease of understanding among the youth and the field staff.



As Jharkhand, Karnataka and Rajasthan all face unique environmental challenges such as depletion of natural resources, deforestation, managing water resources, increasing levels of pollution due to urbanisation and industrialisation, lack of adequate water supply, improper garbage disposal, inadequate sewerage systems etc., the project was thus instrumental in bringing these findings and the reasons behind these challenges to the forefront of the youth and eventually empower them to take necessary steps to conserve environment and adopt sustainable practices, that could help them in leading a healthy life and also assist in having a least impact on their livelihoods.

Getting inspired from the trainings conducted by TERI in the intervention villages, a tree plantation drive was carried out in Rajasthan where 500 tree saplings were planted by the community members. The youth group in the villages also started discussing the issue and encouraged the villagers to not cut trees unnecessarily. The youth group also organised an awareness drive on banning polythene as it is harmful for the environment and they positively succeeded in making people aware about the issue.

Apart from focussing on environment sustainability in the intervention villages, in 2016 the project also conducted personality building and skill

development activities to enhance child participation in decision making, such as debate and drawing competition where 1307 children participated. The project also facilitated the organisation of cricket tournaments and several cultural and extracurricular programmes such as Antakshari, Kabbadi, Musical Chairs for stimulating creativity and building team spirit amongst children. Under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, the community members of the 27 intervention villages were provided with gas cylinders, and an Anti-Fire Cracker Day was celebrated in 6 child friendly villages.

One of the major highlight of 2016 was also the election of Bal Panchayat(Children's Parliament) where 890 children participated across the 27 villages in the states of Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Karnataka. The Bal Panchayat elections are the democratic elections that take place to form an elected children's body in a child friendly village, where any child can participate to vote for their next child representative.





This intervention has resulted in a number of positive outcomes such as enrolling and retaining children in schools, improved mid day meal provision in schools, increased awareness among the communities, understanding and access to their rights and social

security schemes, enhanced sensitivity created towards environmental challenge and increased level of participatory democracy among children and youth members of the communities.

In our endeavour to empower more and more communities and its children to realise child rights and create child friendly villages, Global March replicated the model of “Child Friendly Villages” from India to Uganda and adopted 20 villages in the districts of Mbale and Mukono in Uganda, to withdraw children from child labour, enrol them in schools and also form community civil society groups, as formed in intervention villages of India.

The project “From Exploitation to Education and Empowerment through Child Friendly Communities” funded by Comic Relief, aimed to address the issue of education and child labour in rural communities in Uganda, particularly in the agricultural sector. This pilot project was implemented by Global March partner in Uganda, National Organisation of Trade Unions (NOTU) which focussed on ending child labour through the promotion of education through community participation and increased awareness on the issue of child labour and importance of education. To facilitate the community participation, the project created local civil society structures such as the Youth Groups, Women's Groups and the Children's Parliament, to ensure community involvement in decision making and governance.

The project began with carrying out a baseline survey to assess the situation of child labour and out of school children across the 20 villages in Mbale and Mukono districts in Uganda, and also understand the knowledge, attitude and practices amongst the community members of the intervention villages on the issue of child labour and the need for education for all children. The direct result of this activity was reaching out to the out of school children and withdrawal of children from child labour by the field workers of NOTU, and eventually enrolling 900 of these children across 9 schools in both Mbale and Mukono districts. After the enrolment of the 900 out of school children and former child labourers, Children's Parliament were created in all 9 schools through democratic elections at the school level, where all children participated. This activity received



a lot of enthusiasm from the children themselves and the community at large. This was the first step towards not only engaging with children, but also towards empowering them to take up matters that concern them. Acting on behalf of other children in the schools, each Children's Parliament will take up issues around education (access, infrastructure, teacher matter, etc.) with school and community authorities.

To support the Children's Parliaments, Youth and Women's Groups were formed at village level, with the purpose of engaging with community, local authorities and other stakeholders on issues of child labour and education. These groups were formed with the aim of becoming key drivers of change in the community to ensure that all children are accessing and realising their right to education.

Communities in turn responded to project very positively and in fact also supported other out of school children and child labourers (that were not supported through the project) and volunteered for construction of kitchens at schools, that would facilitate the provision of meals to all children of school. In addition to the sensitisation of the community members, local stakeholders such as

Child Protection Committees at Sub-County level and Para-Social Workers at village level were also sensitised and trained on child protection, child labour and education in intervention areas. This activity was carried out to support the project objectives and outcomes on increasing access to education for children in child labour and out-of-school children.

A direct impact of the project the positive response received from the Government officials who also offered all possible support from their offices for the project activities. The field staffs are closely working with the respective Community Development Officers (CDO) at Sub-County level and their active participation is certainly helping the project in the implementation



RAISING CAPACITIES TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR CHILDREN

Even before the advent of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 2015, Global March has been raising knowledge and capacities of its partners and network members on the ways to advocate for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals related to children with the support of the Royal Kingdom of The Netherlands Embassy in New Delhi. We have conducted several regional capacity building workshops with over 100 CSOs all around the world, and have encouraged our partners in different parts of the world, to further spread the knowledge on the importance of domesticating SDGs to end child labour, slavery, trafficking, violence against children and promoted inclusive, quality, equitable education for all. In 2016, Global March and its partners continued their efforts towards this and the following activities were conducted:

In 2016, Global March conducted two regional capacity building workshops in Africa and Asia, to build capacities of its partners to undertake effective advocacy for implementation of rights of children under the Sustainable Development Framework. The workshop in Africa was held in Accra, Ghana and the in Asia in New Delhi, India. At the workshops, Global March and its partners brought together perspectives and experiences to advocate constructively and effectively with state level actors, elected representatives, private sector and others on the issues of children's rights within the context of the SDGs. The participants at the workshop built consensus on the need of implementation of SDGs at the local, national and global level and emphasised on the greater significance of communication, participation, partnership along with multi-stakeholder and multi-dimensional approaches to realise the goals on ending child labour, slavery, trafficking, and violence against children, as well as ensuring education for all within the SDG framework. In order to support the workshops, Global March also developed an advocacy toolkit entitled "Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals to Realise Children's Rights" (2015). This toolkit was translated into Spanish and French for ease of use by

participants from different regions that would not only help to decide advocacy priorities, but build advocacy messages and expand support for the themes identified as well.

Global March also continued its advocacy work on ensuring effective implementation of SDGs, by directly supporting 10 countries across the world to find relevant linkages in the government, ministries and civil societies, to bring the issue of child rights to their close attention.

The direct outcomes of the country-level actions was the formulation of national action plan by the civil societies of the project countries, to ensure SDGs are incorporated in the existing policies and are used as guiding forces for the formulation of new policies, plans and schemes.

Global March partners in these 10 countries forged positive relationships not only with Government departments dealing with SDG implementation but also with child-sensitive Parliamentarians who were welcoming in their approach to liaise and work together with civil society partners. Read below some of the work done by Global March partners:

Peru:

In January 2016, about 15 CSOs held a working meeting, organised by Global March partner, CESIP, to plan and submit a proposal to the National Steering Committee for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Labour of Peru (CPETI) on the identified advocacy issue around prioritising and continued financing of the ENPETI in the country. The CSOs submitted the proposal for discussion at the Ordinary Session No. 139 of CPETI

where it was decided that CPETI would develop an advocacy campaign targeted towards the authorities/departments of the current government, which ends its mandate in July 2016, and those who are elected for the period 2016-2021. To drive this campaign forward a sub-committee was formed within CPETI comprising of representatives from 4 stakeholder groups, including public sector, international organisations and civil societies.



Between April and August 2016, CSOs including CEDRO, GIN, AGTR, the Semilla Project and CESIP continued their advocacy efforts towards the main political groups through media, interviews, social media, participation of youth ambassadors in their public campaign(s), celebration of World Day Against Child Labour etc. In August 16, an evaluation meeting was organised with these CSOs on how to renew their efforts with advocating with new decision makers maintaining the link initiated with the Congressmen of the Frente Amplio y de Peruanos Por el Cambio, government party, which had responded positively to the call of the CSOs. In the meeting it was decided to prepare a dossier of

documents for 130 Congressmen and key departments of the executive branch like Ministry of Labour and Employment Promotion; Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations; Ministry of Economy and Finance, among others; as well as members of the CPETI. The preparation and distribution of this awareness raising and advocacy dossier was carried out from September - December 2016.



Argentina:

First half of 2016 was critical for advocacy in Argentina since there was a change in the government after the general election in November 2015 and the Congress which went into recess returned with new legislators on 1st March 2016. Thus Global March partner in Argentina, CTERA, constituted a task force of Global March in Argentina, representing 4 different Provinces to take this advocacy message forward. The task force held regular meetings (5) between April and June to decide upon the detailed work plan in the provinces to achieve the overall objective of advocacy initiative to prevent and eliminate child labour in rural areas by 2025 through a system of "Socio Educativos Care Centres Children and Adolescents in Rural Areas". The data collected from the provinces was then used for the formulation of a legislative proposal, by a consultant hired by the Task Force Committee, that strongly advocated for a national system of care and attention to children to prevent and eradicate child labour in Argentina. The legislative proposal was

presented to the important stakeholders in Argentina including Coordinator of the Fourth Conference on Child Labour 2017 from the Ministry of Labour, ILO, members of the Global March in Argentina, CGT unions, representatives of COPRETIS, CONAETI and provinces of Santa Fe and Buenos Aires. CTERA envisaged a strategic partnership with ILO and the National Committee for the Eradication of Child Labour – CONAETI on supporting the advocacy campaign plan implementation in Argentina for 2016.

CTERA also worked closely with the organising committee of the 4th Global Conference on Child Labour to be held in 2017 with an aim to also integrate the theme of Global March's work with the Conference. With the expiry of the Global Roadmap on ending worst forms of child labour by 2016, one key ask for the 4th Global Conference would be the adoption of the successive Global Roadmap towards the next global target of ending child labour by 2025 as per SDGs.

Philippines:



In September 2016, Global March partner, Visayan Forum (VF) supported integration of discussion of child-focused SDGs and advocacy plans at the Philippine CSO Summit. The Philippines' National Strategic Action Plan Against Trafficking was expiring in 2016 and thus in preparation for drafting

the new plan, various CSOs came together and unified their priorities. VF played an important role in integration of child-focused SDGs and inputs from the previous consultation(s) were included in the discussion and in the drafting of the new plan.

Indonesia:



In October 2016, Global March partner, JARAK organised a National Conference on SDGs that reinstated the need of 'leaving no one behind' and integrating this principle into the Indonesian Development Plan. Following the National Conference, JARAK was invited to a meeting with the SDGs Secretariat Office at BAPPENAS (National Development Plan Agency), who informed them of the launch of the National Indicators in December 2016, and assured them of inclusion of trafficking, modern slavery and child domestic labour in the Middle Term National Development Plan (RPJMN).

JARAK was moreover invited to formulate the indicators for Target 8.7 with the Secretariat.

Taking the opportunity, in November, JARAK encouraged the Presidential Office to talk about the issue of child marriage, child labour, worst forms of child labour, trafficking and modern slavery against child labour in domestic work, through his Deputy V (Deputy on Women and Children). A series of events were further conducted, from 25 November 2016 to 10 December 2016.

Bangladesh



On 21 March 2016, an inception meeting was organised by BSAF (Global March Partner) and Global March in Dhaka, Bangladesh inviting NGOs, INGOs, trade unions and teacher associations, to discuss and plan an outline for preparing an advocacy tool to execute and implement child related SDGs. The kick off meeting provided the stakeholders an impetus to explore the challenges of

implementing SDGs as well as exploring the way forward of carrying out advocacy with the government. The participants at the meeting thus agreed to have a better coordination with the government for the effective implementation of SDGs and agreed to prepare a national action plan along with conducting baseline surveys among other important agreements.

MENTORING AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE ON ADVOCATING FOR CHILD RIGHTS

Global March believes that the mammoth task of eradicating child labour and bringing all vulnerable children to school cannot happen in isolation, and needs support from all stakeholders. We thus raise capacities of all the relevant people- partners, CSOs, governments and international community who can contribute significantly to ending child labour and promoting education for all. In 2016, we mentored and shared knowledge through the following events:

Learning and Sharing Workshop on Child Friendly Villages with Field Staff



On 29th February 2016, a one day Learning and Sharing Workshop was organised by Global March International Secretariat at its office in New Delhi. The workshop was attended by 14 field activists from three states of India (Rajasthan, Jharkhand and

Karnataka). The aim of the workshop was to understand the challenges faced by the activists, share experiences and best practices to make the villages as child friendly as possible.



Asia Legislative Advocacy Workshop on Child Labour in Domestic Work and Gender Based Violence

On 1-2 August 2016, Global March along with Bachpan Bachao Andolan organised the Asia Legislative Advocacy Workshop on Child Labour in Domestic Work and Gender Based Violence in New Delhi, to strengthen the knowledge and skills of 87 participants across 8 countries of Asia on legislative advocacy. The workshop also served as a platform for the participants to share their learnings and experiences on the implementation of child related SDGs. As a reference material for the workshop,

Global March in consultation with partners in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan developed Need Gap Analysis Reports and produced an Asia Legislative Advocacy Toolkit that will be disseminated amongst Global March partners and beyond. The workshop discussed lessons learnt, good practices and compilation of case-studies and to examine documentation and potential replication and dissemination.



Trainings for Community Based Natural Resource Management



As part of the project supported by Robert Bosch Foundation, that aims to foster strong and organic grassroots civil society structures by engaging and empowering the young people and the community at large, to promote environmental sustainability for overall well being of children, Global March collaborated with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and produced a training manual on Community Based Natural Resource Management. This manual was thus used to conduct several

trainings in the villages of Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Karnataka that aimed to train the youth and staff of Bal Mitra Gram to address environmental challenges. The training delved upon issues such as what are the natural resources available, what are renewable and nonrenewable resources, how can these resources be used sustainably, what is integrated natural resource management and how government schemes and initiatives can be used to manage natural resources.

Awareness Raising and Knowledge Sharing Activities in Togo



In November 2016, WAO Afrique also organised awareness raising tours in 5 villages in the Prefecture of WAWA, such as: Adomi Abra, Agbo Kope, Gbadi'Nkugna, Elavagnon and Eketo, where discussions were held with teachers along with the head of the villages, counselling them on the need to prevent children entering workforce, and the importance of education. For the same, 5 groups called the Child Protection Committee were set in the 5 intervention villages, to ensure that all children go to school and the committees function effectively

keeping a cross check on each other. WAO Afrique also conducted a School Awareness Raising Tour in December 2016, wherein 3 schools participated in the same (1 Primary School and 2 Secondary Schools), in collaboration with the PSF Togo (Parliamentarians Without Borders Togo Chapter). With attendance of more than 1500 children and 150 teachers, the awareness raising tour, discussed issues of children's rights such as barriers to education and retention in schools, poverty, school violence and child labour.



PLACING THE ISSUE OF CHILD LABOUR ON THE WORLD MAP

As a global organisation working on to protect and promote the rights of children, Global March always takes it in its stride to place the issue of child labour at the center of whatever we do, and also bring it to the attention of some of the most important people in the world, through one to one dialogues or through global events. In 2016, we placed the issue of child labour on the world map through the following events:

Side Event at World Humanitarian Summit



With the increasing conflicts and disasters in the world, children no doubt are the worst sufferers and are most vulnerable to some of the gravest forms of violence against children. Humanitarian crises affect a significant proportion of a child's formative years-impacting their survival, growth and development. In such times, systems like homes, schools and communities that work to keep children safe, are undermined or damaged, and very few programmes exist that address the issue of violence against children, neglect, including worst forms of child labour, slavery, and trafficking. Thus on 23 May 2016, Global March along with Child Fund Alliance and Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children organized a side event namely,'Leaving No Child Unprotected: Child Protection Across Development and Humanitarian Divide' at the World Humanitarian Summit, organised by United Nations and hosted in Istanbul, Turkey, to highlight the unprecedented need for prioritising child protection interventions, including the interventions to eliminate worst forms

of child labour. The side event was presented in the form of a panel discussion inviting high-profile panelists such as, Kailash Satyarthi, Irina Bokova, Susan Bissell, Lilianne Ploumen, Helle-Thorning-Schmidt, Geeta Rao Gupta, Gordon Brown, Marc Dullaert amongst few others. These panelists presented solutions, based on evidence and research, and promoted innovative partnerships and funding for galvanising support for life saving child protection interventions.



Mr. Satyarthi Interacts With Syrian Refugee Children in Istanbul



On 22 May 2016, Global March facilitated an interaction of Honorary President of Global March and Nobel Peace Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi with Syrian Refugee Children through an event organised by Cinema for Peace Foundation, Global Citizen and Small Projects Istanbul in Istanbul, Turkey. Mr.

Satyarthi motivated the high-spirited children with his encouraging words and asked them to never leave school and continue education so that they could become good and useful citizens of their country and of the world.

Newsletter from Kailash Satyarthi on World Day Against Child Labour



On the occasion of World Day Against Child Labour on 12 June 2016, Global March produced a newsletter on behalf of Honorary President of Global March and Nobel Peace Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi, emphasizing the need for eliminating child

labour especially in business supply chains, which was disseminated amongst all its supporters through mass mail, social media and website. [Read the full newsletter here.](#)

Mr. Satyarthi's Message on World Humanitarian Day for Global Citizens



On Friday August 19, the world celebrated World Humanitarian Day together through the theme of 'One Humanity' Global March ally, Global Citizen celebrated by opening a portal to refugee camps in the Middle East and Africa, wherein Honorary President of Global March and Nobel Peace

Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi welcomed the children through his opening remarks and enlightened them with the importance of education and encouraged them to always be hopeful, positive and keep learning and going to school.



Event on Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women



Commemorating the International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women, the International Day of Abolition of Slavery and the United Nations Human Rights Day, Global March in collaboration with the Dutch Embassy in New Delhi, organised a Panel Discussion on 2 December 2016, on *“Approaches to Ending the Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Women”* at the residence of HE Alphonsus Stoelinga, Ambassador to India from The Netherlands. The Panel discussion invited speakers from NGOs, Law Enforcement Agency, Lawyers as well as Trafficking

Survivors, who discussed some of the most pressing issues concerning women and young girls in the country, leading to sustainable solutions that can make a considerable change in society for women, and eliminate trafficking and exploitation of all forms. To boost the discussions, screenings of two films on trafficking and women's sexual exploitation were showcased at the event.



DRIVING CHANGE IN POLICY AND PRACTICE

Global March's core work lies in taking necessary steps to bring positive changes and introductions to policies and practices all around the world. We do this by giving recommendations to important bills, laws and commentaries, and hold dialogues with relevant stakeholders to influence policy level changes for lasting and long term impact on the lives of most marginalised and vulnerable children. In 2016, we contributed to the following policies and commentaries from across the world.

Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2016 of India

In June 2016, the Ministry of Women and Child Development of India invited recommendations from the CSOs and experts in the field of trafficking, to the draft anti-trafficking bill. Global March gave its recommendations to the same. The bill however received several criticisms as it still had several

loopholes and a lot of work needed to be done to make it more comprehensive. The bill had to be tabled in the Indian Parliament in December 2016, but got deferred to the next Parliament Session in 2017. The bill currently is under draft stage.

CRC's General Comment 20 on Rights of Children During Adolescence

There are several General Comments under the CRC, and in September 2016, the Committee on the Rights of the Child adopted its [General Comment 20](#) on the rights of the child during adolescence. To make the General Comment 20 tighter and robust, in July 2016 Global March shared its inputs and suggestions, and we are happy to announce that many of our inputs and recommendations have found mention in the same. The General Comment highlights the importance of a human rights-based approach that includes recognition and respect for the dignity and agency of adolescents; their empowerment, citizenship and active participation in their own lives; the promotion of optimum health, well-being and development; and a commitment to the promotion, protection and fulfilment of their human rights, without discrimination.

Apart from these, Global March also gave its recommendations, to the following policy developments for children in 2016:

- 1. *The First Report of The International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity***
- 2. *National Education Policy 2016, of India Rules of Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016 & Schedule of Hazardous Occupations and Processes of India***



CAMPAIGNING & HOLDING DIALOGUE TO END CHILD SLAVERY & VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

It is essential that systems are in place to protect vulnerable children especially the child labourers and children who have been trafficked, wherever they are in the world. Therefore we campaign, advocate and hold dialogues with important people; to keep children safe and away from the shackles of forced and hazardous work, and ensure their right to education is realised. Below were some campaigns and dialogue events that we undertook in 2016.

End Child Slavery Week

The End Child Slavery Week (ECSW) has been one of the most significant campaigns of Global March and has been successfully organised for 3 consecutive years now. In 2016, the campaign was launched from 21-27 November with the objective to draw the world's attention to the pressing need for end child slavery all across the world. The End Child Slavery Week Campaign celebrated the success of the previous campaigns, conducted in 2014 and 2015. . commemorating the victory of the inclusion of the term 'slavery' in the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, and the launch of the 'Not Made by Children'

awareness video, that was aired on the German television. The campaign was used as an opportunity to make the supporters of Global March aware of the issue of child labour, slavery, trafficking and reinstated the need for ending child labour in supply chains through audio-visual and textual messages on social media. Info-graphics stating facts and figures, news related to the child rights issues and special messages sent by Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights members were circulated on Facebook and Twitter respectively.

Laureates & Leaders for Children Summit



With the assertion that the world must come together to show their commitment and resolve to fight the abuse and exploitation that millions of children face across the world, Honorary President of Global March and Nobel Peace Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi, organised the first ever 'Laureates & Leaders for Children Summit' in New Delhi on 10 & 11 December 2016. The Summit was held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan (the Presidential Palace of India) and was inaugurated by the Honorable President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. With our specialised knowledge and technical expertise on the issue of child labour, slavery, trafficking and education, Global March

played a critical role in planning out the structure and broad agenda of the Summit and supported our partner organisations, the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation and Bachpan Bachao Andolan in building content and technical sight of the plenaries and special sessions. Global March also assisted in the drafting of the Outcome Document that detailed the joint commitment of the Laureates and Leaders present at the Summit, and also facilitated the participation of Youth Delegates and Members of Parliaments through the PWB initiative at the Summit from countries such as Togo, Ghana, Chile, Bangladesh and Philippines.

100 Million for 100 Million Campaign

In the historic launch of Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi's 100 Million for 100 Million Campaign, thousands of children and youth marched down from the forecourt of the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate in New Delhi on 11th December 2016. The visually arresting March, marked the culmination of the Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit, that was organised with the support of Global March Against Child Labour. The Campaign is a global initiative of Honorary President of Global March and Nobel Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi, to support 100 million youth to stand up and be the voice of the voiceless 100 million children and youth across the world, within the next five years. The Hon'ble President of India and various dignitaries lauded Mr Kailash Satyarthi for bringing them together for the common cause of children's welfare across the globe. The President called upon youth from around the world to join the campaign.



ENGAGING LAWMAKERS FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Global March takes pride in engaging committed Parliamentarians from all around the world to take up the issues of children in their constituencies and in the National Parliaments, through its initiative "Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights". The aim of this group is to strengthen political will to ensure the rights of all children across the world are protected and promoted. Sensitising lawmakers and making them torch bearers of the cause of children is a step in advancing a child friendly world.



Thus following the success of the first ever meet of [Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights \(PWB\)](#) that was held last year in Kathmandu, the second meeting of the PWB, was held in The Hague, The Netherlands on 8th & 9th July 2016. The meet was hosted by Mr. Roelof Van Laar, Member of Parliament, The Netherlands.

With participation from more than 15 Members of Parliament from different parts of the world, this one of a kind meeting brought innovative ideas, strategies and commitments from the Parliamentarians for addressing some of the most pressing concerns of children. In the 1.5 day event,

the Parliamentarians brainstormed and discussed ways to not only eliminate child labour, trafficking and slavery as legislators, but also identified and agreed on key actions to be taken by Parliamentarians for strengthening education, and devising child responsive budgeting.

At the end of the meet a Declaration was agreed and signed by all the participants describing the key actions that will be taken by the parliamentarians in next one year. The third meet of the Parliamentarians Without Borders for Children's Rights is proposed to be held in Accra, Ghana in 2017.



To ensure the political will amongst Parliamentarians is maintained towards the cause of children, Global March partners liaised with the lawmakers in their countries and sensitised them on several pressing concerns.

Indonesia: Global March partner in Indonesia, JARAK, briefly met with the Members of Parliament and handed over essential position papers and research materials prepared by JARAK, to influence the issue of SDG 8.7 aiming to be integrated in the Parliament Work Plan (Commission VIII).

India: Global March partner, Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) in India, hosted a consultation of the 'Parliamentarians for Children', which was attended

by 18 significant Members of Parliament across party lines with Parliamentarian, Mr. Ravi Prakash Verma as the convener. They pledged to take up the issue of Rights of Children and collectively work towards taking effective action both within their constituency and at the Parliament. The deliberation focused on child protection and re-emphasized the responsibility of the law and policy makers to have a child centric approach.



Togo: In Togo, the Global March partner and Board Member, WAO-Afrique organised the Parliamentarians Without Borders Togo Chapter or Parliamentarians Sans Frontières (PSF) Togo under the regional coordination Global March for francophone Africa, to sensitise the Parliamentarians and discuss the possible ways to implement the child- related SDGs on child

labour, trafficking and violence against children. The meeting was widely covered in the media and saw participation of 40 Members of Parliament, of which 30 Members of Parliament were presently serving and 10 were former Members of Parliament and state heads.





Bangladesh: Global March Partner, Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) with the support from Global March Against Child Labour organized a Consultation with the Parliament members on “Road Map for SDGs to Eliminate Child Labour: Our Responsibilities” at IPD Conference Hall, Bangladesh Parliament Bhaban, Dhaka on 19 October, 2016. The consultation was chaired by the chairperson of BSAF, Mr. Md. Emranul Huq

Chowdhury while the Chief Guest was the Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh, Advocate Fazle Rabbi Miah, MP. The main objective of the event was to inform the Parliament Members about their roles and responsibilities in implementing roadmap for SDGs to eliminate child labour in Bangladesh. At the meeting some consensus was made to move forward in regard to SDGs and Child Labour Elimination from Bangladesh.



Ghana: Global March partner in Ghana, Ghana NGO Coalition on the Rights of the Child (GNCRC) under the guidance of Mr. Andrews A Tagoe, Deputy Gen. Secretary of GAWU (also the Board Member, Global March) organised a Parliamentarians Consultation on SDGs in Accra to define the National Action Plan for Elimination of Child Labour, with the

Parliamentary Sub-Committee at the Parliament House During the meeting it was clear that partnership and coordination is very essential ingredient among government bodies in-order to design, plan and implement government programmes which target the vulnerable such as children engaged in child labour.



In 2016, some of the sensitised Parliamentarian members of PWB group, also took a number of initiatives in their own countries to further promote and protect the rights of children.

Sweden: In Sweden, PWB member and Parliamentarian, Ms. Amineh Kakabaveh raised a motion against child labour and promotion of children's rights in the Swedish Parliament (The Riksdag) in October 2016.

Afghanistan: In Afghanistan, PWB member and Chairman of the Women Affairs Commission of the Afghan Parliament, Ms. Fawzia Koofi led the drafting and presentation of the Anti-Harassment Women and Children's Bill that got passed in the Afghan Parliament in December 2016. The law prohibits the harassment of women on the street, at work, and via the Internet.



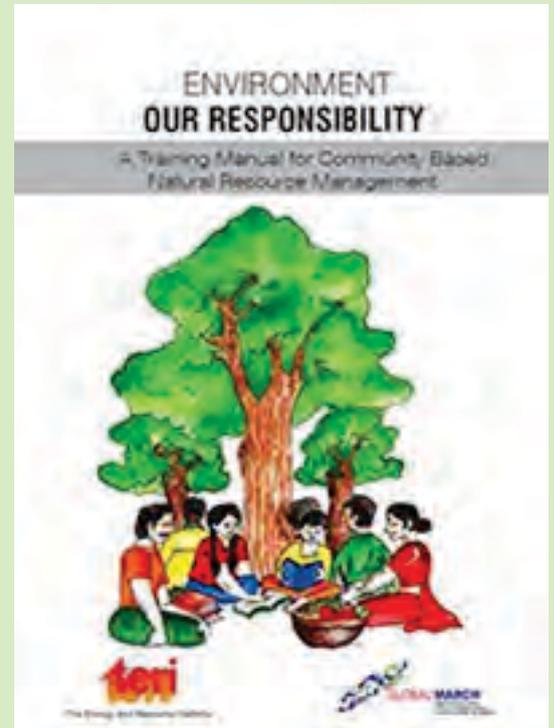
PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

Training Manual for Community Based Natural Resource Management

The training manual seeks to equip trainers, working in a rural contexts, with information and skills to carry out activities related to community based natural resource management. These activities range from raising awareness about natural resource depletion, to facilitating discussions surrounding equitable use of natural resources, to approaching government and other agencies to ensure that local communities benefit from resource use in the area.

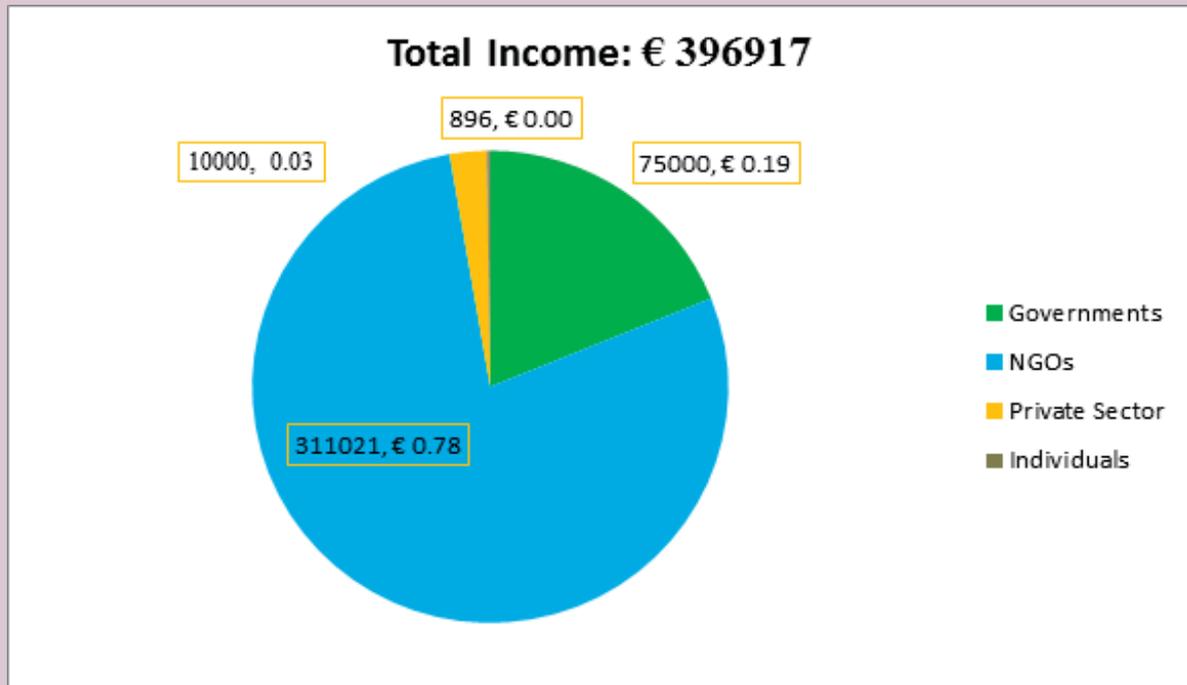
Commonwealth Toolkit on Legislative Advocacy

For enhancing the knowledge of stakeholders and for increased use of legal action and advocacy as tools for policy reforms on child protection at South Asia regional level by CSOs, an advocacy toolkit was prepared by Global March Against Child Labour and successfully disseminated among all implementing partners, to be used for collective actions taken at the regional and national level. The toolkit prepared on Legislative Advocacy gave examples from India, Bangladesh and Pakistan, can also serve as a very good resource for the partner CSOs in Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and beyond to continue their work on raising awareness of CSOs, LEAs on matters of rights violations of child domestic labour, trafficking and gender based violence.

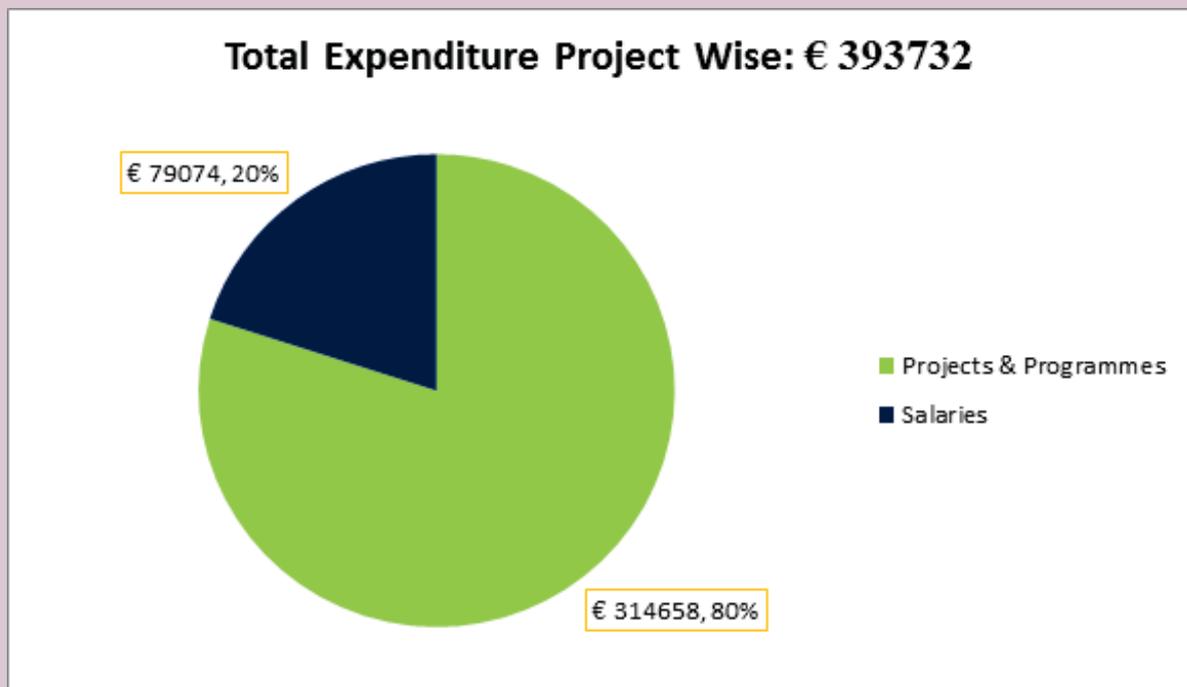


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Total revenue by source and funding type, 2016*



Total expenditure, 2016*



* The figures for 2016 are provisional and are subject to audit.

VALUING PARTNERSHIPS & RAISING AWARENESS AMONGST SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS

Without the consistent generosity of our donors, supporters and volunteers, Global March would not be able to reach out and support so many children as it does. Our donors and supporters are at the heart of everything we do and their dedicated involvement and overwhelming support enables us to reach out and empower children in need to fight for their rights and become agents of change when they grow up.

Our institutional donors helped us raise the issue of child domestic labour, gender based violence, child labour and out of school children, raising capacities of CSOs on Sustainable Development Goals, sensitising Parliamentarians on the issue of child labour and education and empowered us to do whatever we can to further the cause of children.

Global March has a supporter base of more than 4000 individuals from varied backgrounds. We also have 11000 people connected with us on Facebook and 3000 followers on Twitter, through whom we raise awareness on all the key issues of child rights especially, child labour, slavery, 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.

Our Global March Partners & Volunteers, who helped us implement the projects and come closer to realising our mission.

We would like to thank the following for supporting our work:

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The Commonwealth Foundation
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We would like to thank all our individual donors who have supported our work through one time or recurring donations. Without you, our work would not have been possible!



GOVERNANCE & EMPLOYEES

On 6 & 7 July 2016, Global March organised its Annual Board Meeting in The Hague, The Netherlands, inviting all the Board Members across different regions of the world. At the Board Meeting, several important decisions were taken and a future course of the organisation was discussed further.



Marchers Against Child Labour Who Made These Successes Happen in 2016

As you turn to this section of our Annual Report, you will hopefully have come to recognise the impact that Global March's work has on children's lives – our success stories, the challenges we and our partners face and how we tackle those obstacles. What you may not often hear about is our people who make it all happen behind the scenes – a team of daring and talented individuals guided by the much experienced and veteran Board Members, who have come together to create long-lasting change for children across the world.

We are proud of the diversity of people working with us who come from a wide range of different backgrounds. We are an equal opportunities employer and make no employment decisions based on gender, race, age, disability, religion, national origin, colour or any other artificial backgrounds. Our work culture gives our employees the freedom and the opportunity to work independently while standing by the true values of Global March Against Child Labour.



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:* www.globalmarch.org/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? Send your CVs to info@globalmarch.org or visit the 'Vacancies' section on our website: www.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 telephone helpline. You can also simply do your bit by sharing and liking our social media posts too!

Media: If you are a journalist or represent a media house and have queries regarding our work, need facts and figures on issues affecting children or wish to speak with our experts, please connect with our media team. You can write to info@globalmarch.org



CASE STUDIES

Case Study from Global March's Project on Child Friendly Villages in India:

Story of Mahesha, from Ananji Hundi, Karnataka

Mahesha is a 13 years old boy who is studying in 8th standard. Since his parents are daily wage workers, during tea and coffee plantation season the entire family migrates to Kerala or Tamil Nadu between the months of November to February, every year. This results in many children dropping out from schools and migrating with their families. When this issue was brought forth in front of the field staff they intervened through regular visits to the family members, community, school's headmistress and SDMC (School Development and Management Committee) members. This resulted in all the stakeholders coming together, and ensuring the retention of this boy in the school.

Simultaneously, Mahesha's father was counselled, and motivated not to take his children whenever he would migrate to another state to work. Thus, Mahesha's story is a true reflection of how a child friendly village operates, i.e. involving all the stakeholders together to resolve any challenge being faced.

Case study from Global March's Project on Child Friendly Villages in Uganda:

Story of Bananagaki, from Mukono, Uganda

Bananagaki is a 15 year old girl studying at Kato Church of Uganda Primary School in Mukono in P.6. Her father deserted the family and Bananagaki sold fish to feed her family, which is so poor that they can only afford 1 time meal and many times went without it. Bananagaki also worked in the neighbour's home to earn some living. After Global March intervened, she was withdrawn from hazardous work and was enrolled in school. Bananagaki was sensitised about the need to go to school as that will help her break the cycle of poverty for herself and her family. She now concentrates on her studies and wants the intervention to continue. She also urges the project to support more children especially her siblings who are in the same condition he was in before he was enrolled

Case Study from Global March's Project on Legal Advocacy in Bangladesh:

Story of Sumaya, 13 years from Darus Salam, Bangladesh

The 13 years old, Sumaya who worked as a domestic help in Bangladesh was a victim of torture and informed the police about the torture she faced when she was employed as a domestic help in a residence at Darus Salam for five months. Just after she joined there as a domestic help she was frequently tortured by the accused. On 15.12.15 the accused rebuked her with abusive words and when she started to protest then she was badly beaten with hot spud which burnt her right hand and left portion of her face. Again on 17.12.15 she informed that, the accused tortured her badly with rolling-pin while she protested against the abusive words of the accused. When the victim started to cry loudly, the neighbours informed police. Police rescued Sumaya and took her to Darus Salam Police Station where a legal case was filed. Sumaya is now receiving legal aid with the help of Global March's partner, BSAF in Bangladesh.



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