

**ACTION  
PLEDGE TO END**

# CHILD LABOUR

Child Labour refers to the exploitation of children through any form of work that deprives children of their childhood, interferes with their ability to attend regular school, and is mentally, physically, socially, and morally harmful. It includes child abuse, exploitation, bodily harm, child marriage, and use of child soldiers.



## BY NUMBERS



**INDIA:** 80% of children working in the brick-kilns have nine-hour workdays, everyday.



**NEPAL:** Almost 23% of children aged 5-12 are involved in child labor



**INDIA:** 77% of workers do not have access to primary education for their children.

**4.5 MM**

**INDIA:** 4.5 Million children are working in the household labour sector.

## BY INDUSTRY



### DOMESTIC LABOUR:

Households target children for unpaid labour. [Read More.](#)



### BRICK-KILN INDUSTRY:

The vast sector often targets migrant children. [Read More.](#)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP CHILD LABOUR?

- Spread Awareness!
- Discourage People from employing children in their homes, shops, or factories.
- Say no to products made using child labour.
- Demand more stringent laws and their effective implementation.
- Support NGOs like Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre.

[Read More](#) from Nepal.

## CAUSES

- Lack of decent work opportunities,
- Repressive social norms,
- Migration and emergencies,
- Poverty and unemployment,
- Lack of free education,
- Exemptions in National Frameworks,
- Inadequate Law Enforcements, or
- Repression of the Rights of Workers.



## ASKS

The Governments can greatly support the mission to eliminate child labour. We ask them to make and implement strict rules to punish people who employ children. The Right to Education should be better implemented and financial aid should be available to support the higher education of poor children. Governments should ensure schools openly accept and cater to inter-state migrant children who may speak a different language. Residential hostels, transport, and *anganwadis* should be more accessible to children of labourers.

## CASE STUDY

### THE STORY OF SOMA DOLUI

Soma Dolui, aged 14, passes her *Madhyamik* Examination this year. When she was only 8, her father abandoned Soma and her mother Gouri. Our teachers identified Soma during a survey in the locality. This year, Soma appeared CLASS X BOARD from her school and passed out obtaining good marks in the Board examination.



**INTERNATIONAL YEAR  
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