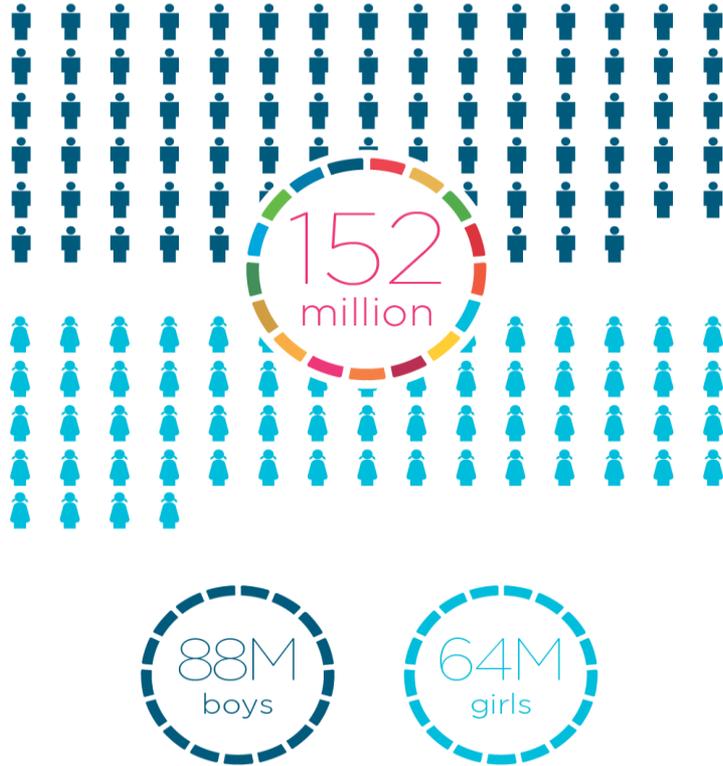

Global Solidarity to End Child Labour in times of COVID-19.

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152 MILLION CHILDREN IN CHILD LABOUR



218 million children aged 5 to 17 across the world are employed, with 152 million of them considered as child labour.

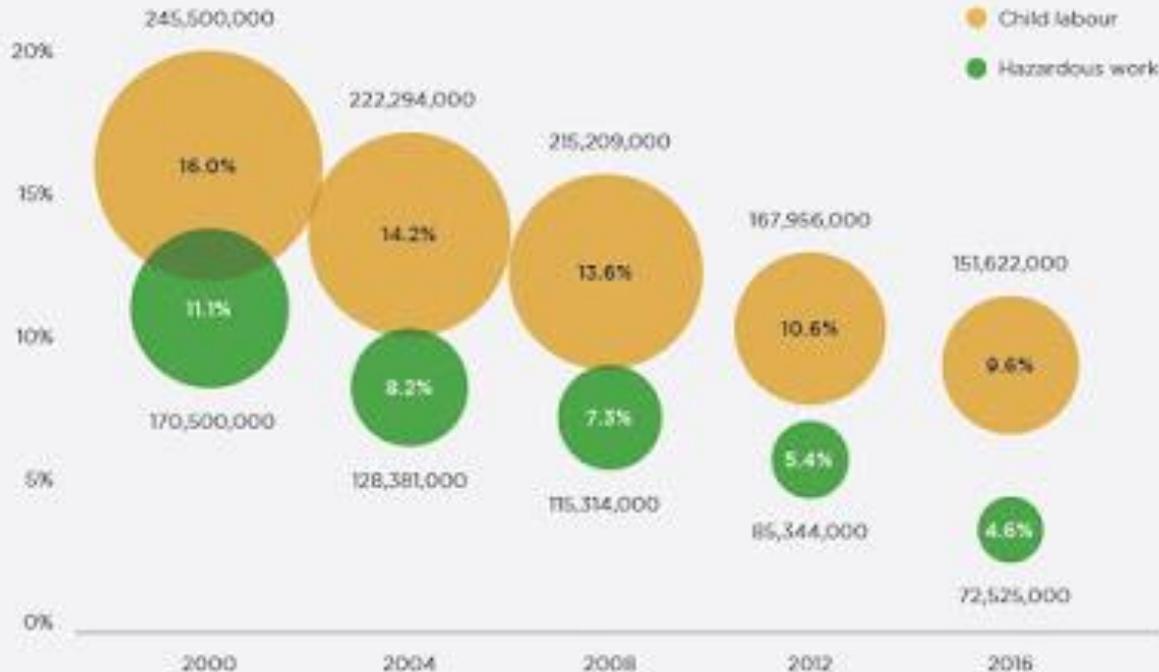
1 in every 10 children in the world is a victim of child labour

73 million children work in hazardous jobs

Child labour is prevalent in domestic and international supply chains.

Children's involvement in child labour and hazardous work, 2000-16

Percentage and absolute number of children in child labour and hazardous work, 5-17 years age range, 2000 to 2016^(a)



Note (b) Bubbles are proportionate to the absolute number of children in child labour and hazardous work.

Since 2000-2016 we have been able to reduce child labour from 246 million to 152 million today, and children working in hazardous jobs from 171 million to 73 million today.

But due to COVID-19, there is a risk of reversing this progress. There is an urgent need to protect children in child labour and those at risk of entering child labour.

OF THE 152 MILLION CHILDREN IN CHILD LABOUR

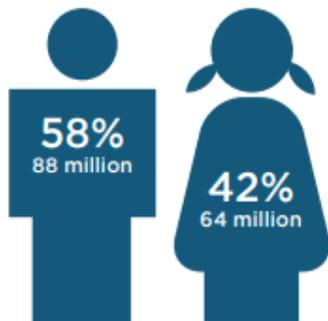
AGE PROFILE

48%
5-11 years-olds

28%
12-14 years-olds

24%
15-17 years-olds

GENDER



ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

70.9%
Agriculture

11.9%
Industry

17.2%
Services

AFRICA

5

ASIA-PACIFIC

14

AMERICA

19

EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA

25

ARAB COUNTRIES

35

**REGIONAL LABOR RATIO
PER CHILDREN**



The global community has made a big step in the right direction by committing to achieve **SDG Target 8.7.**

SDG Target 8.7

‘Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.’



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



Global March Against Child Labour (Global March) is a southern-led global network of child rights organisations, trade unions and teachers' associations working together to end child labour and promote quality education for all.

Working with over 50 active members from 40 countries across the world, we are advocating, collaborating, supporting and finding solutions to the various challenges together; and moving towards a child labour free world slowly and steadily.



Challenges in Achieving SDG Target 8.7

At the State/ Global Level:

- Transposing international standards into national laws a challenge.
- No concrete national action plans with budget allocation
- Lack of funding to implement social protection schemes
- Lack of frameworks and enforcement of responsible business conduct

At the Individual Level:

- Poverty, informality, certain social norms, gender and other forms of discrimination limit survival and sustainable livelihoods.
- Absence of social safety nets. Socio-economic pressures forces children into work.

At the business level:

- Lack of willingness to implement the UN guiding principles.
- Companies need to start working on giving access to remedy.
- It seems almost impossible to move from multi stakeholder discussion into action.

What is Global March network doing to achieve SDG Target 8.7?

At the National and Global Level:

- **Advocating for better policies and their implementation, engaging with governments, UN agencies, Members of Parliament, trade unions, civil society**
- **Building evidence and advocating with on ground knowledge**
- **Developing capacities of all stakeholders/actors, such as of members in countries to support development and implementation of national strategies and programmes to advocate for ending child labour with members in countries**
- **Amplifying voices of children and advocates at the global and national level**
- **Creating a global solidarity network with strong members**
- **Representing global anti-child labour movement at international platforms such as Alliance 8.7**
- **Through Alliance 8.7 Global Coordinating Group and Action Groups on Migration and Supply Chains, advocating for creation of adequate spaces for CSOs in the Alliance at the global and national level**
- **Supporting action in Pathfinder and Non-Pathfinder countries- Ghana, Malawi, Nepal, Uganda, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, etc**
- **Bringing gender lens and gender responsive approach to child labour discourse**

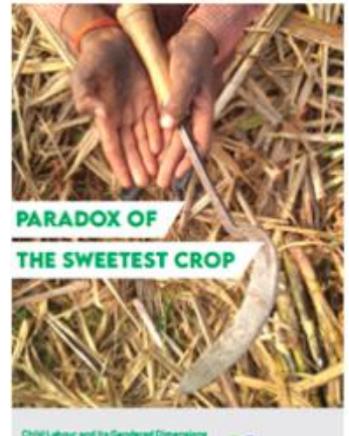
At the Individual/ Community Level:



- Empowering communities and children through rural best practice models such as Child Friendly Villages
- Promoting access to quality education for all
- Ensuring girls and boys both have equal opportunity to go to school and not be in child labour
- Bridging gap between access to justice and social protection schemes between the parents and the government
- Creating youth leaders and advocates against child labour

At the Business Level:

- Working to end child labour with a 'whole of supply chain' action with focus on agriculture sector.
- Not a sector approach but an area approach.
- Our local partners providing technical support based on the local context.
- Implementing due diligence on a global and local level.
- Combining technology with proven concepts.



2021 declared International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour

The UN General Assembly has urged the international community to step up efforts to eradicate forced labour and child labour, and declared 2021 as the Year for the Elimination of Child Labour.

It is an opportunity to advocate, support, implement anti-child labour activities all year round.

Thank you!

