



6th Global Conference  
on the Elimination  
of Child Labour

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# GLOBAL CALL TO ACTION

## by Children and Youth to End Child Labour

Dear **World Leaders,**

Representing the diverse voices of **youth across Cambodia, Lao PDR, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Madagascar, Ghana, Uganda, Nigeria, Kenya and Chile**, we stand united in our mission to eradicate child labour in all its forms.

Through intensive country-level and cross-regional dialogue, we have distilled our lived experiences and local realities that reflect the root causes of child labour into this **Youth-Led Global Call to Action**, a roadmap of strategic recommendations designed to secure a future where every child is protected. We call upon governments, global leaders and other stakeholders to integrate our perspectives into the post-Sixth ILO Global Conference mandates.

By championing these youth-driven priorities, the Global community can fulfil its promise to provide the highest level of protection for the vulnerable children and finally realise **a world free from child labour**.



# Key Recommendations to End Child Labour

- 1 Guarantee Free and Quality Education:** Governments must provide free, flexible, and high-quality, safe, inclusive education for all children up to age 18, especially in rural areas, funding school renovations and supplies, and ensuring access to vocational training and scholarships to keep children out of hazardous work (e.g., mining).
- 2 Strengthen Social Protection Systems:** A robust mechanism to support vulnerable families and children, ensuring fair wages, safe jobs, and access to basic infrastructure to reduce reliance on child labour and create a social safety net to safeguard children.
- 3 Empower Child and Survivor Participation:** Create safe, accessible and meaningful spaces and platforms for children and survivors to actively participate in and shape decision-making processes and the monitoring and evaluation of programmes and policies.
- 4 Improve Enforcement of Anti-Child Labour Laws:** Governments should enhance the implementation and enforcement of laws against child labour and actively prosecute organised crime networks, including online criminal networks. Also train enforcement agencies and local authorities to identify and properly respond to child labour cases.
- 5 Promote Parental Education, Community Awareness and Training:** Promote community-level awareness initiatives and engage trusted community leaders. Make provisions to provide specialised training for parents, communities and officials to tackle online risks and illegal labour.
- 6 Invest in Comprehensive Support Services and Survivors Rehabilitation:** Provide long-term support, establish unified referral networks for child welfare, and provide mental health support for vulnerable students, particularly those at risk of dropping out. Long-term support also includes strong rehabilitation services like access to education, vocational skills training, and a possibility for survivors to contribute as peer educators, mentors, and advocates for other children.
- 7 Diversify Economic Opportunities for Families:** Partner with local businesses and NGOs to boost economic opportunities and alternative livelihood options for families, including job training, financial aid, and positive parenting programmes to enable parents to choose education over child labour.
- 8 Implement Child Labour Monitoring and Reporting Systems:** Develop and maintain a national child labour database, alongside effective monitoring mechanisms to oversee unregulated workplaces and unsafe work environments. Also, establishing local and national Children's Rights Committees to oversee and monitor child labour prevention efforts, ensuring that the interventions are coordinated and child-focused.
- 9 Ensure Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health Education:** Governments should ensure comprehensive sexual and reproductive health education in schools, equipping teachers and health workers with essential training to deliver stigma-free reproductive health services to survivors of online or commercial sexual exploitation.
- 10 Address the Root Causes of the Worst Forms of Child Labour:** Support and promote suppliers who do not use child labour and regulate and monitor those engaged in child labour in its worst form. Also promote inclusion of fair pricing structures that provide families with a living income to support their children's education. Focus on sectors such as mining (mineral extraction) and ensure children and the affected community have access to health and psychological care.

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