

Child Labour: A Neglected Issue

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1. Introduction

1.1 Attention Grabber

1.2 Defining Child labour

1.3 Thesis Statement: Child

labour is a neglected

issue because of its many

unaddressed causes and

consequences.

2. How Child labour is a neglected Issue — Causes

2.1 Poor socio-economic conditions

of families causing child

labour is often neglected

(a) Report by Business and

Human Rights centers

2.2 Widespread illiteracy

contributing to child

labour

(a) Child labour revisited

book by Sumaiya Khair

2.3 Cultural and social norms making child labour acceptable

(a) Report by **Akhwat Foundation Pakistan** highlighting the socio-cultural norms contributing to child labour

2.4 Rising issue of broken families also contributing to child labour

(a) **Child labour in South Asia** book by **Kishor Sharma** highlighting cause of broken families in child labour

2.5 Weak law enforcement leading to rising issue of child labour

(a) Report by **International Labour Organization 2024** the rising rate of child labour

2.6 Climate change or natural disaster exacerbating issue of child labour

(a) Report by **UNICEF**

mentioning natural disasters
and correlated economic
challenges lead to increase
in child labour

3. Child labour as a Neglected Issue — Severe Impacts

3.1 Psychological disturbances
linked with child
labour creates lifelong
issues

(a) **The Broken Promise**

of **Childhood** book by
Hugh D. Hindman highlights
the psychological disturbances

(b) Social Isolation in
working children

3.2 The broken future of
working children impacting
whole future

(a) **Stolen lives and Broken**

Future report by
ILO highlights strained
future of working
children

3.3 Health impacts of hazardous child labour

(a) Report by **UNICEF** about the working of children in unsafe health conditions.

3.4 Social deprivation of working children in their communities

(a) **The Price of Childhood** book by **David L. Parker** highlights the sense of deprivation among working children.

3.5 Issue of food insecurity among working children

(a) **Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition** about the number of stunted children in Pakistan.

3.6 Prevalent gendered impacts of child labour

(a) **BBC News** reports torture to girls working as a maid in homes.

(b) Insecurity and harassment
against working girl child.

4. Way Forward

4.1 Strict law enforcement

4.2 Working to eliminate
poverty that leads
to child labour

4.3 Implementing Sustainable
Development goals

5. Conclusion