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Child Labour: A Neglected Issue

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The Essay

No doubt, child labour is a neglected issue. Child labour refers to the employment of children at an early age that deprives them of education, healthcare and childhood. It is both cause and consequences of poverty. Basically, child labour occurs due to weak implementation of laws, digital divide, lack of basic necessities of life, lack of education, expensive healthcare and unemployed youth. This neglected issue leads to the adverse effects that disturbs the mental and physical health of the children. Even in extreme conditions, it causes death. However, this issue can be

addressed by proper implementation of laws, providing better healthcare, providing basic necessities of life, minimizing the digital divide and providing the jobs to the unemployed youth.

Child labour is a neglected issue due to weak implementation of laws. When laws are not properly enforced, it results to the child labour. This Despite having laws, there is no implementation of these laws. due to ~~corruption~~ Due to poor implementation of laws, Children have to work in hazardous conditions.

According to the International labour organization (ILO), 160 million children are still engaged in child labour due to poor implementation of laws. Child labour is a global crisis. Million of children are working in big industries, agriculture, and

factories. Thus, poor implementation of laws is a significant cause of child labour.

Digital divide is also a significant issue of child labour. It leads to the distribution of class among rich and middle people. Digital divide is because of the lack of modern technology and no proper education. In rural areas, children do not go school for education because there is no nearest school in villages. Basically, they have to travel to cities to get a better education and every families can not afford such expenses. This is big reason that their parents do not emphasize on education. In this way, children do not get education and they have to do work to fullfill

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then basic necessities of life. Even, there is no fast speed internet which leads to the lack of modern technology. That is the reason, villages are far behind than the cities. So, this class difference leads to the child labour.

A child labour is neglecting due to the basic necessities of life. Government has not provided the free basic needs of life to the poor class people. However, it has been observed that **79 million**

children are working in mines and factories. This is a big curse that our future generation do not have education. Due to lack of education, we are far behind in terms of progress than the other countries. If government provides the

basic needs of life to the rural areas, then they have to focus on the education of children. It is obvious that if we have food, house and job, then our main focus should be on education. Otherwise, parents have to send their children to factories to earn money to run their houses.

Education plays a very important role in the progress of a country. Developing countries are far behind the developed countries due to lack of education. The developed countries focused on the skills and education of the early age children. While on the other hand, in developing countries, government do not emphasize on the early age education. Due to this,

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developing countries are far behind the developed countries. For the progress of a country, education is very important. **Napoleon said that** if you teach a man, you teach only a man and if you teach a woman, you teach a generation. So, education is important but women education is more important. Teaching a woman is not teaching a woman, basically, it's equal to teaching a nation.

In developing countries, healthcare is very expensive. In government hospitals, there is no proper treatments, lack of advanced technology, even there are few doctors but the number of patients is very high. Due to this, doctors do not focus on every patient. They just

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check the patient and recommend the medicine to lessen the burden of patient. Even in rural areas, patient dies before reach to the hospitals. There is no doubt that there are few hospitals in villages. But these hospitals are not functional. Due to non-functional hospitals, people are preferred to go to the cities for proper treatment, and this is the reason that there is huge rush in the cities hospitals. Majority patient belongs to the poor and middle class families. They can not afford the fees of private hospitals. So, they have to move towards the government hospitals for their treatment. If the patient condition is critical, sometimes their families move towards

the private hospitals which are very expensive but life is more important than anything. They take loans for the hospital fees and to lean the lone, they have to send their children to do work and earn money.

The number of Child labour is increasing because our youth is unemployed. When the youth is employed, there is only one family member who has the complete responsibility to fulfill the basic necessities of their family. There is no new jobs and no industries. If the earning of a person is 30,000 per month and the expenses are more than 30,000, then it is hard to fulfill the basic requirements. Then, youth have to work in low rates. Despite having

bachelor degrees, they have to work in very low rates. They accepted these offers because they do not have other options. Therefore, their parents do not emphasize on education. They feel that we have to spend million rupees in their degrees but as a result, the outcome is very

low. **According to the survey report 24-25, it is observed that 75%.**

parents does not want to give education to their children due to unemployment. They believed that investing huge amount in education is worthless.

So, better decision is to invest this amount in business because it give a better outcome. So, **58%**

children are uneducation. Due to lack of education, they

have to work in mines,
factories to run their
house.

Weak implementation of
laws is a significant
issue of child labour. But
this issue can be resolved.

Because, **Article 11(3)** of
the constitution of Pakistan
prohibits the child labour.
It is clearly mentioned that
law prohibits the child
labour. We have policies, but
there is no implementation
of laws. Due to non-enforcement
of laws, employers do not
have fears. So, majority portion
of child labour are working
in factories. If the strict
enforcement of law is
applied, then the number
of child labour is reduced.
And then, children have time
to spend on education. Thus,

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this is the best way to reduce the amount of child labour. It will also reduce the crimes.

When the children are getting education, they have knowledge of social norms, crime. Then, they do not do crimes. If majority children do not go to school, not getting education, then they have early exposure of crime because they do not have knowledge what is wrong and what is wrong. Even children are doing domestic work in which majority are girls.

One out of 10 child is a child labourer. If the children have exposure of crime at early age, then their complete they have adopted this as a profession and become

a professional criminal. So, this is the worst outcome of a child labour. So, That is the reason, this issue should be addressed as early. So, that our future generation safe from the crime.

Children ^{are facing} lack of education and school dropouts due to child labour. They have to work in the school hours. When they do work, they are paying for their work. The more they work, the more they get the pay. In terms of getting more pay, they have to work full day. Due to this reason, they do not have time for the study. According to ILO, 50% of the child labour are the 5-11 years. In that age, primary education are the baseline of children But due to lack of resources

they are deprived of basic education. This is a very serious which should be addressed properly.

The employment of children in work at an early age deprives them of education. At an early age, they have to face the various injuries. Not only they have to face the physical injuries, but also there is no mental peace for children.

This leads to a serious threat for the life of children. Despite having life threats, they have to work under such conditions and also face the conditions. A

case reported that in Lahore factory, doing work there, two children felt from top and one has lost their life while other are deprived

of legs. He cannot walk due to this accident. He depends on others, and their recovery is not possible. This worst outcome is due to child labour.

To address the child labour neglected issue, the way forward of this issue is that government should take proper initiative for children. They should provide the free and quality education to the children. According to the constitution of Pakistan, Article 25(A) ensures that they should provide the free education for all. But the hinderance is that they do not have proper enforcement of laws. In developing countries, they have policies but they do not have implementation of these policies. This is the

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major reason that child labour are very common. They do not ~~provide~~ provide quality education to the children. If they provide the free and quality education for all children, then the child labour percentage is reduced. Not only this steps lead towards to overcome the child labour but also there are other factors. If they addressed properly, then this issue should be resolved.

One of the provision of basic needs of life is also the one of factor which helps in reducing the child labour. If government should take the responsibility that they should provide the basic necessities of life to the deserving

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families. Then their parents have options to send their child to school to get the quality education. Then, this leads to the progress of a country. It is important that for the progress of a developing countries, they should focus on the children education. They should provide the free and quality education. They also provide the basic needs to life. So, that they have higher chances of study in a school and have a better chance to participate in the progress of a country.

In a nutshell, the child labour is the employment of ~~work~~ children at an early age. As, child labour is a neglected issue across

the world. But in developing countries, it have seen more than the developed countries. There are multiple factor which leads to the child labour. ~~Again~~ The causes of child labour are due to the lack of quality education, digital divide, poverty, weak enforcement of laws and unemployment among adults but facing children to work. As, we have discussed in the above that these causes have certain outcomes. ~~As~~ these issues have not address ed properly, so there is higher number of child labour. Not only boys are facing the child labour but also the girls have to face this situation. Girls have to do domestic work which

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also includes in the child labour. Higher number of children are affected with health risks, physical injuries, early exposure to crime and educational deprivation. If these issues are not addressed properly, then it leads to various threats to the life of children. It is important that this issues should be resolved as soon as possible. So that, the children have to focus on their study and play an important part in the progress of a country. Thus, it requires a strong implications of laws, quality education and employment to youth. Then, child labour as a neglected issue can be resolved by adopting these method.

