

## Topic: Child Labour: A Neglected Issue

### Outline

#### 1. Introduction

Thesis statement: Child labour has appeared as a neglected issue in the world due to its normality in societies, weak enforcement of laws and economic condition of families and countries. This has resulted in loss of educational opportunities of children and promoted child slavery, child rapes and sexual harassment against children. Strict enforcement of laws are necessary to combat the issue.

2. Why child labour appears as a neglected issue around the world?

3. Causes of child labour appearing as a neglected issue.

a, Weak enforcement of laws regarding child labour

b, The economic conditions of countries

c, The debt of landlords on children's guardian.

d, Ease in finding children as workers for factories and mines.

e, Children easy to manipulate for lower wages

f, Lesser access of children to educational resources.

g, The normality of children working in households.



4. Consequences of child labour appearing as a neglected issue in countries:

- a, Impact on the economy of country in the long run.
- b, Impact on the mental and physical health of the children
- c, Loss of educational opportunity of children working as labours.
- d, Cruelty against children working in factories and mines
- e, Increase in child rapes and sexual harassment.
- b, The floodgate effect of more child labour in the society.

5, Suggestion to counter child labour as a neglected issue around the world:

- a, Strict enforcement of child labour laws.
- b, Penalties and fines on factories hiring children as child labour
- c, Maintaining database of children and monitoring their activities of low income areas.
- d, Helplines to complain against child labour.

6. Conclusion.



An eleven years old boy in Murree, Pakistan, comes back home after selling boiled eggs all day in snowball. He then lies on bed and thinks it was his responsibility to earn for his family of seven people. The tragedy is that he was neglected all day that he is still a child by his family and the society. This is not a single case in the world of child labour. Each year millions of young children work as child labourers in factories, mining and in house holds. The tragedy is that ~~is~~ this issue is the most neglected issue in the contemporary world. There are several causes of child labour appearing as a neglected issue in the world. Weak enforcement of child labour laws, economic conditions of countries and ease of finding child labours for factories and mines are the causes of it. Moreover, the burden of debt of landlords onto child's gaurdian, lesser access of children to educational resources and the norm of children working in the household also contribute to the issue of child labour in society. The child labour appearing as a neglected issue has several consequences such as, impact on economy of country in long run and impact on the mental and physical health of children. Moreover, it also results in the loss of educational oppurtunity of children and increase the ratio of child rapes, sexual harrassment and cruelty against a children. There is



a dire need to combat the issue through strict enforcement of child labour laws and penalties against factories hiring children as labourers.

In a nutshell, child labour has appeared as a neglected issue in the world due to its normality in societies, weak enforcement of laws and economic condition of families and countries. This has resulted in loss of educational opportunities of children and promoted child slavery, child rapes and sexual harassment against children.

Strict enforcement of laws are necessary to combat the issue. If the world remain successful to counter the issue of child labour, the world can become a better place for children and also grow economically.

The world is facing rise in the child labour issue with each passing year. Children are forced by the families to work to earn for the family through working in households, factories and mines. The irony is that the child labour issue is one of the most neglected issue in the world. The children working in households and factories are considered as norm and are not even sympathized by the stakeholders and landlords. This issue has resulted in the rise of child labour with each passing year. In many countries, even families try to have more children to increase their economic resources through child labour of their children.



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There are several causes of child labour appearing as a neglected issue in the contemporary world. The weak enforcement of child labour laws is one of the major cause of it. The world has several laws regarding the child labour but the implementation of it is not usually done in most of the countries. This is due to the reason that in many countries, the laws implementation and justice is usually not provided. The child labour is not usually considered an alarming issue in the judicial system which is the reason no prompt action is taken against the child labour issue in countries. For instance, in Pakistan, there is child labour Act, according to which less than 13 year old child is not allowed to work as a labour in any industry of the country. However, still in many industries of Pakistan children are seen working as labourers. Therefore, the weak implementation of child labour laws is one of the major reason of the negligence of child labour issue in the contemporary world.

In addition to the weak enforcement of child labour laws, the economic conditions of the countries is also a major cause of the child labour issue neglect in the world. The countries where there is good



insecurity and lesser resources and economic conditions are present to make the ends meet in families, the child labour is a way to earn money for food and basic resources. The children are not sent to schools and are usually trained to work from a young age so that they can earn for the family. For instance, in Afghanistan, 40% of the population is living under poverty (United Nations, Afghanistan Report, 2025). This has given rise to the children working in clothing factories and selling and shipment industry in Afghanistan. Therefore, due to the issue of economic condition of the country, child labour is usually a neglected issue in most of the countries around the world.

Apart from the economic condition of the countries, the debt burden on the families of landlords is also a major reason of the child labour issue in the world. The families in the rural areas take debt from the landlords and when they remain unable to pay it back, the landlords take the children of the poor families for the household works in their houses. As the families of the children are in debt, the issue of child labour is usually ignored considering the right of the landlords to make the young children



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work in households. Therefore due to the debt of the families of landlords the child labour issue usually appear as a neglected issue in the world.

In addition to the issue of debt of landlords, the ease of finding children as workers for factories and mines also contribute to the issue of child labour in the contemporary world. As the families of poor children are already in debt, the children are easily available to work in factories and mining sector. The places where adults don't want to work due to the fear of harm to their lives, childrens easily work due to the economic conditions of their families. As children don't have a say in their families, they are usually ignored and forced to work in factories and mining sector. For instance, in the fields of Balochistan, for mining usually children are taken from the tribal areas, as they are easily available to work in hazardous areas as well. Hence, the ease of availability of children to work in hazardous areas also contribute to the rise of child labour appearing as a neglected issue in the contemporary world.

Apart from the ease in finding the children as labourers, child labour is usually neglected ~~as~~ issue as children are



easy to be manipulate by the factories for lower wages. The children when hired as labourers are usually given lesser pay as they are underage and fear of getting caught working as labourer. This fear aids the factories to manipulate them to work in factories, mining and households for lesser pay than deserved. As the economic conditions of the children's families is not good, they also agree on lower wages. As the children work on lower wages, factories prefer to hire them and neglect the laws related to child labour in the country. According to the Global Political Review, children are usually hired by the factories for low wages and exploited by the owner due to its hidden and unprofessional nature which donot come under the control of the government. Therefore, child labour is usually a neglected issue as children are easy to manipulate and bargained for lower wages than adults.

In addition to the children as easy target for manipulation for lower wages, the lesser access of children to the educational resources is also a major reason for the child labour appearing as a norm in the society. The educational institutions are made far from the poor and tribal areas which result in the lesser access of



children to the educational resources in the world. The children who don't go to schools, as are free, are indulged in labouring activities by their families. For instance, in the poor areas of Africa, due to lack of accessibility to educational resources, children are indulged in the mining work in the country. Therefore, due to the lack of educational resources, the child labour remains as a neglected issue in the world.

Apart from the ~~lack~~ lack of access of children to educational opportunities, the normality of children working in the households is also resulting in the child labour appearing as a neglected issue in the society. The children, especially young girls are hired as domestic workers in families. The issue has become such a norm in the society that these young girls are not even considered that they are unjustly working in the households. ~~For~~ For instance, in Pakistan, the domestic workers usually start working in houses from the age of 12 or 13 and then work for their whole life as the domestic worker. As this is considered as a norm in the society, the child labour is usually considered a neglected issue in the society.



All these factors contribute to major consequences in the society. For instance due to the child labour issue negligence, the economy of the country is worstly impacted in the long run. The young potential of the country when indulge in unproductive labouring activities from a young age cannot contribute to the growth and development of the country. When these young individuals grow they lack the education and technological skills to contribute to the economy of the country positively. Therefore the child labour issue, when neglected, negatively impact the economy of the country in the long run.

In addition to the negative impact on the economy, the neglected issue of child labour also result in the negative impact on the mental and physical health of the children.

The children when work from a young age, there growth is stunted and hence, they suffer from physical health issues. In addition to the impact on the physical health, the child labour also impact the mental health of the children. Young minds when forced to work ~~for~~ since young age, ~~th~~ suffer from depression and anxiety in their lives. For instance, according to the Pakistan Social Sciences Review, there is a evidence that child labourers experience



physical injuries, mental distress and psychological trauma on young individuals. Therefore, child labour has a major impact on the mental and physical health of the children.

In addition to the negative impact on the mental and physical health of the individuals as child labourers, the child labour also results in the loss of educational opportunities of children working as labourers. The children working as child labourers are usually sent to earn when their age is to gain education. The child labour is preferred by the families than the education of these young individuals. For instance, According to UNICEF, 238 million individuals are currently working as child labourers around the world. (UNICEF, Child Labour Report, 2024) This means that these 238 million children have lost their access to the education from such a young age. Therefore the negligence of child labour has resulted in the loss of educational opportunities for the children.

Apart from the loss of education, the child labour has also increased the cruelty against the children working in the fields. The children working in factories and mines are usually not provided the basic labour facilities and therefore, their rights are manipulated due to their young age. For



instance, the labour right act of Pakistan, provides the clause of work hours and recommended salary of the labour, but in child labour these laws are not followed. In addition to it, the children are also beaten and remained hungry to impose more work onto them. As the children are weak, they cannot raise their voice against this cruel behavior. Hence, child labour results in the ~~extreme~~ cruelty against children working in factories and mines.

In addition to the cruelty against the child labourers, the child labour negligence also results in the increase in child rapes and sexual harassments. Young individuals when work in factories are usually harassed by the older workers and landlords. As the children are not aware of this issue they are easily manipulated and harassed.

~~The~~ Moreover, the young girls working in households also suffer from sexual harassment and rapes due to their lesser voice impact on the adults. Therefore, the negligence of child labour issue has increased the ratio of the child rapes and sexual harassment against child labourers.

Apart from the increase in child rapes and sexual harassment, the negligence of child labour issue also results in the further



increase in the child labour activities in the world. With the rise of child labour across factories, mining and house hold, the child labour has become a norm in the society. As the issue is ignored it has resulted in the ratio of increase in the ratio of child labours across the world. For instance, in 90s century lesser ratio of child labour was seen, however, after globalization a significant increase in the child labour ratio is seen. Therefore the negligence of the child labour issue has resulted in the further increase in the child labour activities across the world.

There is a dire need to counter the issue of child labour in the society. The issue of child labour should not be neglected and there must be strict enforcement of laws against child labour. The laws should not only remain for the judiciary but should also be strictly implemented across the world. For instance, In Pakistan, there is a Child Labour Act, however, it is not strictly implemented across the country. Therefore, strict implementation of child labour laws is necessary to combat the issue.

In addition to the strict implementation of child labour laws, penalties and fines on factories hiring children as child



labourers is also necessary. The factories ~~st~~ hiring child labourers should be sealed and strict penalty should be done against the factories. In this regard, the judiciary can take the data of the labour workers in factories and assess them for underage workers in factories. Hence, through the fines and ~~pent~~ penalty on the factories hiring child labour, the ratio of child labour can be decreased from the society.

Apart from the penalty and fines on the child labour hiring factories, maintaining data base of children of low income countries can also aid in combating the issue of child labour in society. The children from the low income areas are more prone to the child labour, their data can be maintained and assess about their daily activities. For instance, their school attendance can be checked to ensure they are going to schools. In this way the activities of children can be monitored saving them from child labour.

In addition to monitoring the activities of child labour, there is also a dire need of the helpline to complain against the child labour. The society should be educated regarding the issue of child labour.



and then helpline number can be provided to complain against the child labour occurring around the individuals. In this regard, the effort of US department of #Child Labor efforts is worth mentioning, creating a complaint number to complain against the child labour issues in the state. Hence, same complaint center and helpline can also aid in combating the child labour issue in the society.

In conclusion, the child ~~lab~~ labour has appeared as one of the most neglected issue in the contemporary world. There are several causes of the negligence of the child labour issues in the contemporary world such as weak implementation of child labour laws and economic condition of countries as well as children's families. Moreover, the lower wages of children labours and lesser access of children to educational institutions is also a cause of the issue. The issue has several consequences in the world such as negative impact on economy and also on the mental and physical health of child labourers. Moreover, it has also increased the ratio of child rapes and sexual harassments against child labourers. In addition to it, it has also resulted in the loss of educational opportunities of children. There is a dire need to



combat the issue through strict implementation of laws and imposing penalty and fines on the factories and households hiring child labours. If the world remain successful to combat the issue of child labour and do not neglect the issue, the world can ~~not~~ not only become better place to live for children but will also grow economically.

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