



CHILD LABOUR

One out of six children in the world today is involved in child labour, doing work that is damaging to his or her mental, physical and emotional development.

The vast majority are in the agricultural sector, where they may be exposed to dangerous chemicals and equipment. Others are street children, peddling or running errands to earn a living. Some are domestics workers, factory workers. All are children who have no fair chance of a real childhood, an education, or a better life.

Key Statistics

- * 246 million children are child labourers.
- * 73 million working children are less than 10 years old.
- * There are 2.5 million working children in the developed economies, and another 2.5 million in transition economies such as the former Soviet states.
- * Every year, 22,000 children die in work-related accidents.
- * 127 million-of working children age 14 and under are in the Asia-Pacific region