

Child Labour

Children are used for labour in factories, furnaces, carpet weaving, deveining of sea food, handling hazardous materials, domestic labour, and other such jobs. By doing this, children are not only deprived of their education but their health is also at stake.

The number of children involved in child labour is increasing day by day, and this is due to poverty, poor living conditions of people, high prices of even necessary commodities. Many organizations are trying to stop this issue. The Children Parliament Pakistan is one of them, we are trying to create as much awareness as we can, we are trying to educate people about these issues so that they realize not to use children for their own purposes.

It is now our duty, as human beings, our responsibility, to raise our voice for those who are suffering from this curse, in underdeveloped countries all over the world. Every child should have the right to get education, food and his/her basic fundamental rights. If we cannot stop child labour, we should at least raise our voices on this issue.

- 16-year-old from Pakistan (male)

Child Trafficking

When a child is born into a home, everyone is full of joy. Everyone is dancing, rejoicing and full of gladness but child trafficking comes in pretending to be a friend, telling the parents that he would take care of the child, send him to school and then he takes the child away from his/her home for their illegal, wicked, shameful and barbaric practices.

Child trafficking is an assault to human dignity. Children are trafficked for exploitation into sweat shops, into working on farms, for adoption, and most especially the commercial sex industry. Illegal trafficking in human beings is now a global trade. Its success in the world represents a single failure which ought to be working to ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow up in safety and with dignity.

In Nigeria, another west African country, children in particular are used as professional beggars, domestic servants and cheap labourers in farms and industries. In these work places, they live in crowded camps, work very long hours, are beaten like animals, even when tired and paid very low wages if at all.

Both the grown-up and under age females are used for professional prostitution and shameful sexual shows in night clubs and, in most cases, against their will. The victims are also used as carriers of hard drugs and other illegal goods smuggled to foreign lands.

Human trafficking is an offence against human rights and particularly against children's rights. But is there any way that we can eradicate this enemy out of our nation? Yes! Much can be done to stop trafficking and the following are few actions that must be taken...