

World Social Forum 2024
Global Panel on Ending Child Labor, February 18 2024
Call for Action

The Global Panel for the Elimination of child labor held in World Social Forum 2024 at Bhrikuti Mandap, Kathmandu on 18th February 2024 and had extensive discussion on multiple aspects of child labor and shared learning and experiences.

This global panel organized on the huge momentum of WSF 2024, includes exchange of experiences and discussions on the ongoing issue of child labor, child rights and child labor prevention, and the role of each stakeholder in addressing child labor. The discussion came up with following demands:

1. We demand to increase efforts for the expansion and strengthening of child rights and child protection system for addressing child labor through child labor monitoring, rescue, protection and service delivery.
2. State Parties should give priority to the expansion and operation of Child Helpline /Protection Services in each countries to rescue children from worst forms of child labor.
3. Provision of temporary protection services and alternative care services for the protection and rehabilitation of children at risk and rescued from child labor is extremely important.
4. For the rescue, protection and repatriation of child laborers across the border, we demand the concerned government to formulate and implement Standard Operating Procedures and Systems.
5. We demand every state party to implement child targeted social protection and social security programs in a systematic manner for preventing children to enter into child labor.
6. We demand to implement the system of labor audit in a mandatory and effective manner, including the supply chain, in order to ensure the dignified labor practices, especially in the industry to promote a well- organized, dignified and safe world of work.
7. We urge ensuring meaningful participation of child labourers in each state party mechanism to raise their voices and concerns is equally important.
8. We advocate to launch a special campaign by Government bodies, Parliament members, CSOs and

Trade Unions for ensuring public accountability to address child labour.

We are thankful to:

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