

## Global March Bulletin

Highlights from July - December 2022

### Season's Greetings!

What an interesting year 2022 has been! From recommitting our goals towards the elimination of child labour to steadily working towards that goal with our members and partners across the globe, we walk into the new year with a lot of promise of moving the needle further. Here's a round up of the highlights of the last 6 months and what we and our members and partners have been busy with.

### AROUND THE GLOBE

#### Children's Rights Club, Peru

To combat child labour from the ground up, Global March member Centro de Estudios Sociales y Publicaciones (CESIP) put together Children's Rights Clubs, which are active in the communities of Jicamarca, Cajamarquilla and Nievería, in the area of Huachipa, Lima. The clubs are made up of groups of boys and girls aged between 5 to 12 years, all of whom are or have been involved in child labour.

The Clubs host sessions aimed at increasing knowledge of the child rights recognised by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as well as in the Peruvian Code of Children and Adolescents. The children involved in these clubs have shown an increased confidence in expressing their opinions, are interested and contribute ideas during the development of the sessions and have even carried out research activities on the degree of recognition and compliance their own communities meet vis-a-vis child rights. Presently there are 12 Children's Rights Clubs with 71 boys and 85 girls.



#### Child Labour in the Agriculture Sector, United States of America

The Child Labor Coalition (CLC) and selected members began a series of meetings with US Department of Labor/Wage and Hour Leadership to secure enhanced Hazardous Occupations Orders. This was essentially a list of safety rules for children who work on farms. The CLC also joined hands with Human Rights Watch and the Justice for Migrant Women for a submission to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination that eventually resulted in calling for the end of agriculture's child labour exemptions.

In August, reports of child labor in a Hyundai supplier factory in Alabama provided an opportunity for the CLC to talk to reporters about child labour in the United States and to express concerns that children are surreptitiously working in meat processing facilities. In September, CLC's work helped bring about a congressional hearing in the Education and Workforce Committee on the Children's Act for Responsible Employment and Farm Safety, which raised the federal minimum age for farm work from 12 to 14 and raised the minimum age for hazardous farm work from 16 to 18.

#### Education Union Project, Malawi

Global March member, Education International along with its member organisations celebrated the Week Against Child Labour (in August) as a part of the Education Union Project that has so far removed 1,000 children from work and helped 1,200 students at risk of falling victim to child labour. The creation of children's rights clubs in schools, raising awareness amongst parents and local leaders about the importance of education and the negative effects of child labour and providing remedial catch-up classes for the children removed from child labour and for those who are at risk of dropping out, helped the project with their success. A Child Labour Open Day Event was organised on August 19 where children performed songs, recited poems, and performed plays to highlight the importance of education to combat child labour.



#### Good Practices for Tackling Child Labour in Agriculture, Indonesia

Implemented by Global March member, JARAK and other local stakeholders, the project on child labour in agriculture in Indonesia saw some good practices emerge in the last six months of working. JARAK put together community activity centres for vulnerable children and parents. A grassroots program, the centres aimed to provide non-formal educational services to children and their parents, including filling children's free time outside of school hours to reduce their involvement in activities on the farms that surround them. Today 3,929 working and vulnerable children and 1,629 parents have accessed educational activities carried out by 58 Community Activity Centres located in 20 villages in East Java, and many child beneficiaries have been reported to reduce their involvement in agricultural work.

With the aim to develop a child-friendly village model in 20 villages in Indonesia, JARAK planned activities for the development of a child-friendly village model that covered institutional development, village level policy development related to child protection and the provision of educational services through the Community Activity Center. Before the intervention, JARAK and its local partners facilitated the village community and village government staff to conduct social mapping to understand the socio-economic conditions of the project village communities. Child labourers and vulnerable children who were identified through the social mapping were encouraged to access informal education services in the Community Activities Centers. As social mapping engaged community members in the project planning at village level from the onset of the project implementation, it helped build ownership of the project by the local people.



## Awareness and Advocacy, Niger

Global March member, Association pour la Lutte contre le Travail des Enfants au Niger (ALTEN), organised awareness and advocacy activities around children's rights and the fight against child labour in 2022. This work included putting together a campaign in the framework of the Alliance 8.7 with a submission of a memorandum to the Minister of Labour, a radio and television interview, and mobilization of NGOs to raise awareness of children's rights and the fight against child labour and trafficking in Niger.

ALTEN also organised conferences and debates in some universities and colleges in Niamey, Niger. The conferences focused on child labour in Niger and in the world, the promotion of children's rights and the fight against violence against children. More than 500 students were engaged through these conferences.



## The Girl Child & Gender Based Violence and , Tanzania

To observe the International Day of the Girl Child (11th October), Global March partner, Tanzania Child Welfare (TCW) joined hands with other stakeholders in Lindi Municipal to spread awareness on the challenges faced by the girl child. This included child labour, child trafficking, child marriage and early pregnancy. To further spread the work on this, TCW spoke about the issue on radio programs and where they also launched the 16 Days Campaign against Gender Based Violence.

TCW also joined hands with the KKKT Morogoro Community to raise awareness at the Mwembe Songo Ward Morogoro Municipal around Gender Based Violence. Activities such as street theatre, local dances and music performances were done to help spread awareness. The TCW staff also engaged with the communities - giving information about genderbased violence and child labour and how to fight against both of these social issues.



## Child Well-Being Committees, Uganda

Strengthening child well-being committees was found to be a sustainable way to address child labour in Uganda because these committees created a proper structure at every level of the community; right from national level, to the district, subcounty and parish level. Global March member, ANPPCAN-Uganda Chapter (with financial support from ILO) supported the local governments in five districts to establish and strengthen these structures, with the aim of protecting children from child labour.



## Public Education to Combat Child Labour, Argentina

The twelfth Assembly of the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education (CLADE) took place in Tegucigalpa, Honduras from November 7 to November 11. Around 70 activists and representatives met to discuss and articulate strategic planning in defence of the right to education in the region. Global March Against Child Labour - South America was represented by Patricio A. Cabezas, from Argentina, who participated in the discussions. Addressing the need for funding for public education, Patricio A. Cabezas said, "Increased funding for public education is the best response to eradicate violence, discrimination, child labor and other denials of rights."

The Tegucigalpa Declaration has stated "That all States in the Latin American and Caribbean region guarantee the full exercise of human rights and human dignity", an affirmation that has been supported by the 18 national forums, 10 regional networks, among them the Global March Against Child Labor-South America, and the 7 international organizations that make up the network of the Latin American Campaign for the Right to Education.



## Increasing Capacity to Fight Child Labour, Nepal



It was a busy six months for Global March Partner, Swatantrata Abhiyan Nepal (SAN) who organised multiple events. A Province Level Discussion Program to Eliminate Child Labour and Forced Labour was organised in Bagmati Province, Gandaki Province and Sudurpaschim Province on August 1, September 20 and October 19, 2022 respectively. The aim of the discussion program was to increase capability and collaboration between the provincial coordinating committee, civil society and the local government, as well as accentuate the local level contributions to ending child labour. SAN reached 101 representatives from the Federal, Provincial and Local Government, the ILO, CSOs working on child labour and forced labour issues and the Province Police and Media.

To further strengthen the capacity and cooperation between the Local Government, Province Coordination Committee and Civil Society, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security (MoLESS) and SAN conducted a District Level Sharing to Eliminate Child Labour in the Kailali and Kanchanpur Districts of Sudurpaschim Province on 20th and 21st October 2022. As per the sharing, MoLESS is planning to declare 70 municipalities as child labour free municipalities this year.



## Building Awareness About Child Rights, Pakistan



Global March member, GODH, organised several events and meetings in the course of the last six months to further the cause of eradicating child labour and promoting child rights. A meeting was organised with child protection committees in August to discuss how children can be kept safe against violence and abuse. Multiple workshops and trainings were also hosted by Godh across colleges, schools and for child rights activists to create awareness around child rights and child protection.



## Training on Forced Labour Reporting, Ghana

In November 2022, over 16 journalists received training on effective and accurate reporting on forced and child labour issues in Ghana. Organised by General Agricultural Workers Union (GAWU) that represents Global March - Anglophone Africa region, with technical and financial support from Forced Indicators Labour Project and the US Department of Labour, the training aimed to enable journalists to be equipped with relevant information and skills to help reduce forced labour and also enhance advocacy and public education to use ILO's indicators on forced labour to identify and address forced child labour.

Andrews Tagoe, the regional coordinator (Anglophone Africa ) for Global March and Deputy General Secretary of GAWU in Ghana said the education given to the reporters was paramount as it would help identify people in workplaces who were in conditions that were unacceptable by law and to address these conditions.



## PROJECT UPDATES

### Project Catalyst: Country Consultation Workshops & Global Roundtable

Presently being implemented by Global March Against Child Labour in Nepal, Peru and Uganada, The Catalyst Project funded by the US Department of Labour works to strengthen CSOs at the local, regional, national, and global levels to address child labor and accelerate progress on SDG 8.7.



Between the months of October and November 2022, three consultation workshops were organised in Peru, Uganda and Nepal. The workshop saw civil society organisations, government institutions and trade unions, amongst others, come together to get an overview of the project and discuss strategy to reinforce civil society organisations at the local and national level for accelerating efforts on child labor elimination.

In Peru, a workshop to address the 'Participation of children and adolescents in the progress against child labour' was also organised. Attended by 37 working children and adolescents from 3 districts of Lima, the objective of the workshop was to get opinions of the children and adolescents on child labor, their knowledge of the actions of the authorities vis a vis child labour, and to understand the what they thought could be done to address the issue.

In order to make their voices heard by the State, the children proposed holding marches, making posters and calling on organisations in their communities to take joint action. They also proposed the use of social networks, mainly TikTok, to disseminate their messages and campaigns, to seek and provide help.



### Global Roundtable

Global March organised a Global Roundtable on developing a global strategy to accelerate CSO action towards child labor elimination, towards 2025, the target date for achieving SDG 8.7. The Global Roundtable was held on 29-30th December in Brussels and saw the participation of network leaders, viz CSO representative leaders from different regions and trade union representatives. Based on the discussions the Roundtable and inputs received from Global March network via a survey disseminated in September, the global strategy will be finalised in first quarter of 2023.



## Addressing Child Labour in Agricultural Supply Chains, Global to Local

In Uganda, our implementing partners and Global March members, ANPPCAN and NOTU are using the area based approach, introducing the Child Labour Monitoring System (CLMS) in Mbale and Munafwa regions of Uganda to address child labour in the coffee supply chains. Over the last six months, ANPPCAN with support from Global March supported PDM (Parish Development Model) Committees and used CLMS to mobilise and include the "Poor" and "Active Poor" ranked households to join group enterprises. To do this, ANPPCAN conducted a wealth ranking within the community, community resource mapping and enterprise selection and enterprise group formation

ANPPCAN also organised a learning and sharing meeting with coffee companies as most private coffee companies accepted that child labour cases were happening in their supply chain. At the meeting, coffee companies committed to designing and implementing workplace policies that protect children from exploitation and abuse. They also agreed to undertake due diligence vis a vis their supply chain on issues of child labour. These coffee companies also committed themselves to acknowledging the link between coffee farming and child labour and also climate change adaptability and management.



## Dutch International Responsible Business Conduct (IRBC) Food Agreement

As part of the Dutch IRBC Agreement for the Food Products Sector, Global March, together with a group of Dutch NGOs and trade unions co-organised a series of webinars and regional trainings on Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) and international guidelines for IRBC with an emphasis on human rights risk assessment. This training was offered to local professionals, bringing together local expertise to understand and assess the agri-food sector in the producing context, as well as explain how it was connected with the international supply chains.

The training aimed to deepen the participant's understanding of how to conduct risk assessments in the agri-food supply chain and also to understand the frameworks and tools available. Another area of focus was strengthening the participants' HRDD risks assessment research and reporting skills. Global March led the training in Thailand and co-facilitated the one in Ghana.

## Protecting Children's Rights in Coconut Oil Supply Chain, Philippines

Global March has started implementing a project on protecting the rights of children in coconut farming communities in the Philippines. Funded by RVO Netherlands, this is phase B of the project where findings and recommendations of the phase A on risk assessment on prevalence and root causes of child labour in the coconut supply chain in Mindanao and Eastern Visayas will be used to implement solutions. This project will be implemented in partnership with Cordaid, VSEA, MVO, Vernoff, Cargill, Wilmar, MDFI, and IRDF, with Global March in the lead. The project's approach is to implement a multidimensional child labour monitoring system (CLMS) that links with capacity building of smallholder farmers and overall improvements in human rights due diligence process of companies especially on access to remedy.

## Child Labour in the Scrap Metal

Global March is implementing a project funded by RVO Netherlands on assessing the risks and root causes of child labour in scrap metal recycling in India. This project is being done in collaboration with the Centre for Labor Research and Action and aims to explore the risk of child labour in scrap metal recycling in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Punjab along with assessing the various socio-economic indicators and root causes as well as other labor and environment related challenges. Read the press release by International RBC Agreement for the Metals Sector for 2022, [HERE](#)