



WEBINAR ON “CHILD LABOUR FREE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES: WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?”

Dated: 9th July 2021

Time: 3 pm to 5.00 pm (IST)

Highlights of the Webinar

CACL (Campaign against Child Labour) in collaboration with Child Labour Free Jaipur (CLFJ) organised a webinar on “CHILD LABOUR FREE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES: WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?”. Webinar was hosted on zoom and attended by around 300 attendees from India and Nepal. Webinar was started at 3:00 PM and lasted Up to 5:00 pm on 9th July 2021.

This webinar featured the three strategies for work towards eliminating child labour:

- Using effective documentation to access entitlements and compensation for reintegration of trafficked children.
- In-depth engagement of local government to end child labour.
- Tackling caste discrimination to prevent child labour.

Speakers:

1. Mr. Ravi Prakash, Program Advisor, Child Labour Free Jaipur
2. Mr. Jageswar Kumar, Construction Worker, Survivor advocate, Bihar
3. Ms. Writu Bhatta Rai, Executive Secretary, Swatantrata Abhiyan-Nepal
4. Mr. R Karuppusamy, Director, Rights Education & Development Centre (READ) -Tamil Nadu, Convenor- CACL – Tamil Nadu & Puducherry
5. Ms. Ramya, Student, Adolescent Group Leader, Tamil Nadu

Webinar Facilitation/Moderation:

1. Mr. Ashok Kumar, Convener, National Advocacy Unit, Campaign against Child Labour (CACL).
2. Ms. Deepika Allana, Program Manager, Child Labour Free Jaipur (CLFJ).

Webinar host:

Ms. Jeannette Laouadi - Gilliver -Partnerships and Events Manager- The Freedom Fund.

Ms. Niamh Riddles -Administration Officer -The Freedom Fund

Co Host:

Mr. Ghulam Mohammad- Dr. AV Baliga Memorial Trust

Rapporteuring:

Mr. Shuaibul Islam – Dr. A V Baliga Memorial Trust

Welcome:

Ms Deepika Allana, Program Manager, CLFJ started the webinar by welcoming all the Invited Guest, Panellists, Speakers and participants. She has briefly elaborated the objective of webinar “CHILD LABOUR FREE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES: WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?”. Ms Deepika Allana focused on the theme of webinar, Role of CACL and need of such discussions and webinars. She concluded and handed over the discussion to Mr. Ashok Kumar by Emphasising on the need of Child Labour free Cities and Communities.

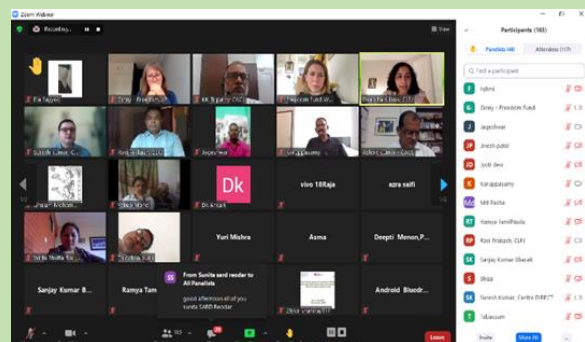


Introduction to Campaign against Child Labour (CACL) and Context Setting:

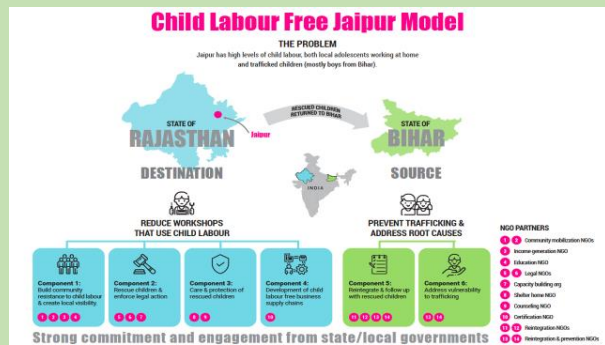
Mr. Ashok Kumar, Convener, National Advocacy Unit, Campaign against Child Labour (CACL), and Executive Director of Dr. AV Baliga Memorial Trust- Delhi introduced the Initiative and need of the Campaign against Child labour (CACL) to participants. He shared major issues and challenges with regard to child labour eradication in India. Mr. Ashok Kumar also shared



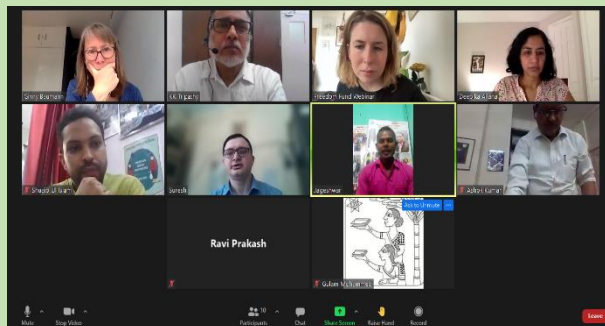
the effect of Covid 19 pandemic on children and shared that Millions of children, mostly from underprivileged communities are deprived of online Education because of non-availability of technical resources. He mentioned that lack of proper implementation of child labour prohibition and regulation Act 2016 and lack of proper rehabilitation of rescued children with adequate follow up by ensuring prosecution of child labour laws violators/employers of working children, are the major challenges in the eradication of child labour in the country. He further discussed the role of civil society in making India child labour free, which we as community mostly ignore/fail to ensure that no child works anywhere. He also shared the dream and vision of CACL which is “ Making India CHILD LABOUR FREE”. He concluded by encouraging participants to Fight Against Child Labour to make a better world for our all the children.



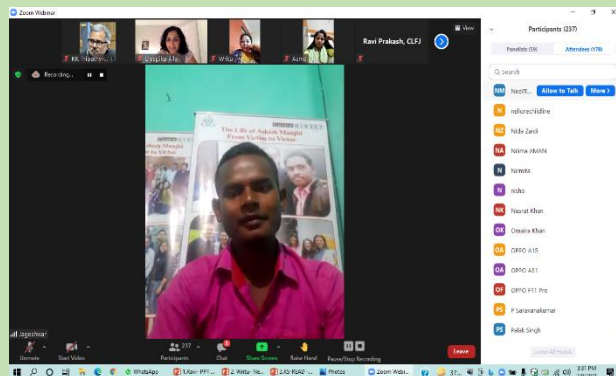
and developed a digital documentation system to record information needed for rehabilitation, strengthened tracking of children by facilitating uploading to Bihar CLTS, Increased case-wise record-keeping at CCI level, and established a process to share with source state are the major ways to coordinate with the Government bodies.



He shared the impact of their efforts which are like : -Survivors have all the documents they need to access entitlements and victim compensation, -Cases against child traffickers have accurate child testimony and other needed documents, -Survivors are linked to access state victim protection mechanisms, Survivors have what they need to link to education under RTE and vocational training and - Accessing benefits and education safeguards against re-trafficking.



Mr. Jageswar Kumar, Construction Worker, Survivor advocate, Bihar shared his story of child trafficking with the audience. He shared that a local trafficker came to his home and duped his parents. He was trafficked to Jaipur where he was forced to work in a bangle factory for 16 hours a day. He was rescued by Rajasthan Police and sent back to the Home. It was shocking that the same



Urban Area informal Child Labour is increasing in Construction, Domestic and in other activities.

She explained in detail the engagement of local government in five categories which are Joint Community Research with Municipals, Community Actions- for education, health and better working condition, Local Policies related to Child Right and Child Protection, CFLGs, Community Campaigns like putting up Green Flags in Child Labour Free Hotel, Transport, Business ventures, and Appreciation, Collaboration Exposure & Capacity Building of local bodies or organizations working for child rights.



She also mentioned the achieved goals like the establishment of Child Friendly Local Governments- in 40+ wards (former LGs Unit), Child Labour Free Local Governments- in 25 LGs Adopted in (2021), and Continuous Campaign by CSOs in a collaborative way which is helping to reduce child Labour in Nepal. She highlighted the importance of mass awareness against child Labour and coordination with the local Governing bodies and organizations working with disadvantaged groups. Ms. Writu concluded his presentation by sharing the challenges being faced by the migrant children (coming from India) who are working in the brick kilns, bangles factories, and as domestic help in Nepal and sought help to address this issue collectively.

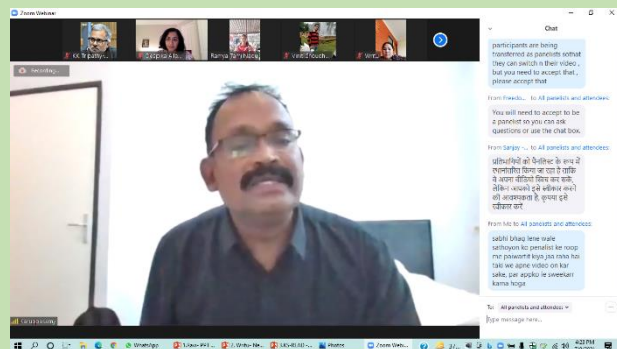


Rights Education and Development (READ), Tamil Nadu:

Mr. R Karuppusamy, Director, Rights Education & Development Centre (READ) -Tamil Nadu, Convenor- CACL – Tamil Nadu & Puducherry was the next speaker and presented the strategies adopted by READ to end caste discrimination in the textile and garment industry.

His sharing was focussed on tackling challenges of caste discrimination and exclusion as a root cause of child labour, sharing a model for organising dalit communities to access rights, improve education and protect adolescents from exploitative conditions in textile production.

He started his presentation by providing data related to the employment of marginalized Dalits in the Textile and Garment Industry. Data Comprised that, Till 1980s Dalits are not recruited as a labour,



Presently 60% to 70% are Dalits and most marginalized communities in Textile supply chain worker –Mostly are Dalit women worker, There are 6-7 districts which are destination and source district in western Tamilnadu (Tiruppur, Coimbatore, Erode, Salem, Namakkal and Karur districts), Till Dalits are not promoted to next level, 49% Dalit children are engaged in the different trade and high in textile and garments as per recent covid 19 -CACL TN Study and a Larger number of Dalit Adolescent girls are trapped as forced labour, into modern slavery as camp labour.


He also explained the READ community Intervention which includes Village resource centres –Preventing recruitment of child Labour, school dropouts, child marriage, accessing entitlements, and training to children, Adolescent girls’

group, boys' group. Formation of Community support group, Workers group, and Women workers federation –EDWF.

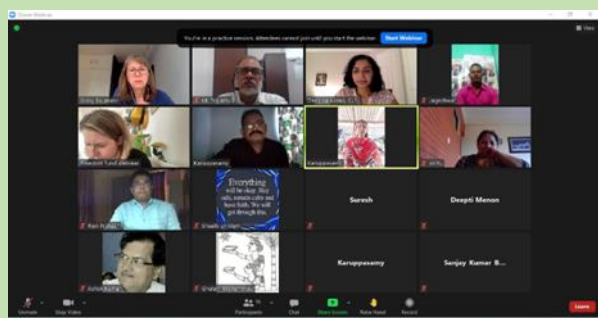
He further explained the Village level models as a landmark milestone and Business interface. In this Model he talked about the approaches which included a declaration of 5 villages as child Labour free- AGG, Community Support Groups, ABG, Child Parliament-no child labour below 18, in Mangalapuram, Brands buyers, owners- recruitment above 18 now, age verification is done which referred as Social auditing, Free Legal Service Authority to Owner's training-Legal clinic grievances includes fact-finding, Child Labour rescue and Bonded Labour-release certification-recovery and resilience-building- done continuously to build trust and hope amidst despair, Call me Priya documentary used widely to empower adolescent girls, WSG-and Community Support Groups –Act as pressure units and create a strong public opinion, Strengthening VLCPC/BLCPC.

READ Community Level Intervention

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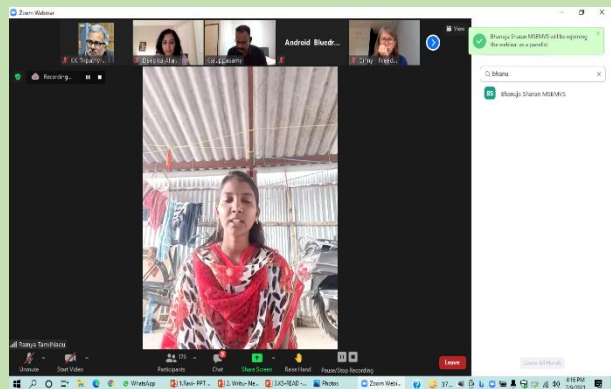
He discussed the comprehensive approach as Cultural nights were organized to create a political awareness in which movement leaders were engaged and using their



resources to conduct and sustain this cultural upsurge, Conduction of protests and call for solidarity against the oppression of Caste atrocity- protests, Virtual –child marriage, adolescent camp labour, child labour, bonded labour, and forced labour, Cadres, and Leaders building started as a volunteer, training, workshop, engagement in protests, cadres, and leaders- act as contact focal

point now, 300 cadres and leaders who are aware of the History, contemporary issues and future, visionary –goal-setting were prioritized, use of Publications, newsletters, action research, documentaries, social media- seeing as an upsurge, Formation of State Commission for Women-Public Hearing- cases and testimonies made for PF, death compensation, In the Erode District formation of Bonded Labour and trafficking Committee.

Ms. Ramya, Student, Adolescent Group Leader, Tamil Nadu also shared her thought and training with the audience. She got training and support from the READ and completed her studies. She shared that she wanted to complete her studies and also want to progress in her life. With his aim she decided to take admission in ITI which upset her father’s friends and relatives but she was determined and she convinced everyone regarding her education and training. She got the first position in class and many others are joining her in the adolescent group. She is working to end early marriages and she wanted that every girl should complete her education before marriage.



After the sharing session there was an open discussion, which was moderated by Mr. Ashok Kumar. Major questions which were asked during this session , included the issues, problems, and challenges related to child Labour eradication and how to address those issues and challenges collectively as civil society .

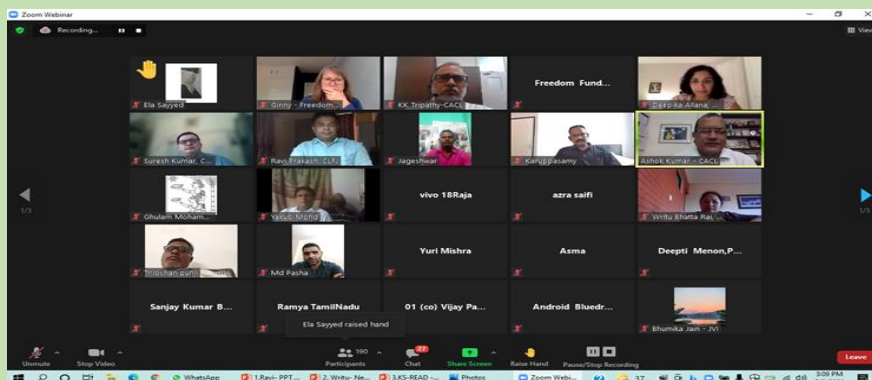
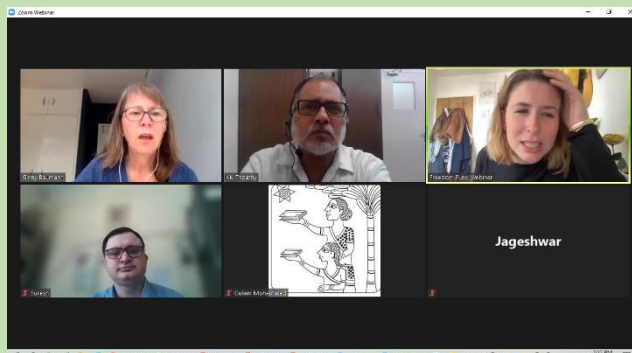
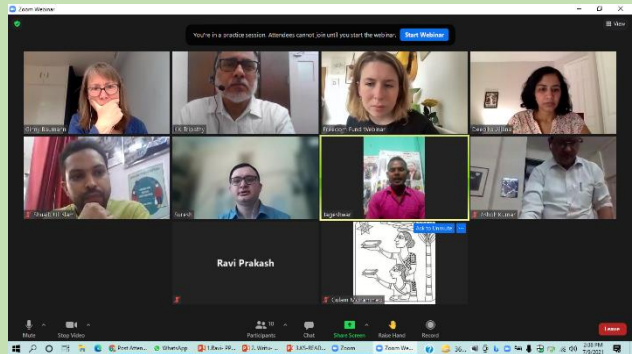


Concluding Remarks:

Mr. K K Tripathy, National Advocacy Coordinator, CACL gave concluding remarks and thanked everyone (organisers and participants), for actively participating in this webinar and making it successful. .

In his concluding remarks Mr. Tripathy said that, philosophically talking about child labour eradication is different thing, but actually working at the ground level and address all the root causes which compels little children to work is serious and challenging task therefore it is important to work at both the levels (source & destination) with same conviction and give equal emphasis to the rescue & rehabilitation of children and prosecution of offenders /employers. He further added that this webinar gave us a good opportunity to listen to some of the grassroots-level good practices and learn from their experiences and challenges so that if possible it can be further improved and replicated in other areas/regions by CACL member organizations too for the eradication of child labour (up to the age of 18 years), with a holistic approach so that we could break the inter-generational pattern of child labour.

He hoped that such type of webinars could be organized at least twice or thrice in a year where practitioners can discuss the ground realities and find ways to address them appropriately and collectively for the complete eradication of Child labour.



Annexures:

WEBINAR ON 'CHILD LABOUR FREE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES: WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?' Date: 9th July 2021 (Friday) Time: 3.00 pm – 4.30 pm (IST)		
Time	Session	Speaker
3:00 – 3:05	Welcome and Focus of the Webinar	Ms. Deepika Allana, Program Manager, CLFJ
3:05 – 3:10	Introduction to Campaign Against Child Labour and Context Setting	Mr. Ashok Kumar, Convener- National Advocacy Unit, CACL & Exec Director, Dr. A V Baliga Memorial Trust-Delhi
3:10 – 3:25	Using effective documentation to access entitlements and compensation for reintegration of trafficked children & recommended strategies.	Mr. Ravi Prakash, Program Advisor -CLFJ & Mr. Jageswar Kumar, Survivor Advocate
3:25 – 3:35	Engagement of local government to end child labour	Ms. Writu Bhatta Rai, Swatantrata Abhiyan-Nepal
3:35 – 3:50	Tackling caste discrimination to prevent child labour & recommended strategies.	Mr. Karuppusamy, Director ,Rights Education & Development Centre (READ) -Tamil Nadu, Convener- CACL – TN & Puducherry & Ms. Ramya, Leader Adolescent Group
3:50 – 4:30	Questions, comments & discussion	Moderated by Mr. Ashok Kumar
4.25 – 4:30	Concluding remarks and thanks	Mr. K K Tripathy, National Advocacy Coordinator, CACL

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