

Analysis of the Child Labour Survey done in 4 districts of Uttar Pradesh:

In the COVID-19 Pandemic situation the entire society is affected badly. The marginal and poor are most affected especially children in those families. CACL Uttar Pradesh conducted a survey through virtual means. National CACL Unit developed a survey tool and CACL UP Partner MSEMVS conducted this survey. Data collection work done in four districts of Uttar Pradesh, Varanasi, Mirzapur, Bhadohi and Chandauli. Chandauli is also one of the Aspirational District in the country.

This survey was conducted with the children of Scheduled Caste mainly Musher and Harijans. A proportion of 15 % also included who belong to other backward class. The children age range between 9 to 18 years was interviewed. The major finding are:

1- Description of Sex-

Sex	Number	Percentage
Female	40	33
Male	81	67
Total	121	100

It is clear from the table that this interview was done with 67 percent boys and 33 percent girls and it was also easy to contact boys.

2-Description of going to schools-

Registration	Number	Percentage
Yes	65	54
No	56	46
Total	121	100

Through the interview process, it was found that 58 percent of children are enrolled in school and receive education. On the other hand, 46 percent of such children were not enrolled in school.

3- Description of got the education in schools-

Name of the schools	Number	Percentage
Primary school	38	59
Junior high school	19	29
Private school	8	12
Total	65	100

It is clear from the above table that 59 percent of the children are studying in government primary school and 29 percent in government pre-secondary school. 12 percent are studying in a private school.

4- Description of class-

Class	Number	Percentage
1- 5	38	58
6-8	25	38

Above 8 class	2	3
Total	65	100

After receiving the information of the class of children, it was found that 58 percent of the children are studying from class 1 to 5th, 37 percent of children are studying from class 6 to 8, and 3 percent of children are studying in school above Class 8.

5- Description of Weather working -

Place of the work	Number	Percentage
Home	27	22
Outside	82	68
No	12	09
Total	121	100

After getting information about work related to children, it was found that 22 percent of the children who work at home, 68 percent of the children are working outside. Only 9 percent of such children are found who do not work.

6-Description of kind of work-

Kind of work	Number	Percentage
Brick Kiln	50	46
Agriculture	18	17
House keeping	17	15
Others	24	22
Total	109	100

Taking information from working children, it was found that 46 percent of the children works in brick kilns with their parents. Of the 17 percent agricultural works, 15 are domestic works; the same 22 per cent are children who grazing cows, goats and buffaloes, woodcutting, waiter work, break stones.

7- Description of know about Covid-19

Knowledge	Number	Percentage
Virus	21	18
Disease	57	47
Pandemic	19	16
Don't know	9	7
Others	15	12
Total	121	100

There were 18 percent viruses, 47 percent diseases, 16 percent epidemics and 12 percent others. Only 7 percent of children do not know.

8- Description of changes in Home/community to COVID-19-

Knowledge	Number	Percentage
Closed the work	6	5
Using mask	6	5

Closed the road	27	22
People Stay at home	26	21
No change	3	3
Social distancing	8	7
Others	45	37
Total	121	100

Information was received about the changes in the community due to Kovid-19, in which 22 percent said that the road is closed, due to which people are not able to come anywhere, 21 percent said that people are stay at home, 4 percent social distancing, 4 percent using the mask, 3 percent no changed and 37 percent children said that people are going to market in early morning, closed the shops etc.

Information about Protection

9- Description of any child in your community work-

Child Labor in community	Number	Percentage
Yes	112	93
No	9	7
Total	121	100

93 percent of the children said that there are more children like us who work in the community, while 9 percent said they do not work.

10- Description of kind of work-

Working children	Number	Percentage
Brick Kiln	64	58
Agriculture	14	12
Animal grazing	6	5
Mining	8	7
Others	20	18
Total	112	100

58 percent children are working in brick kiln, 12 percent working in agriculture, 5 percent animal grazing, 7 percent in mining area and 20 percent children are working in others labours works.

11- Description of owner pays you salary for March-April-

Pay	Number	Percentage
Yes	50	41
No	37	31
Don't know	34	28
Total	121	100

71 percent of the children said that wages have been received even after the lockdown, while 31 percent children said no received and 28 percent children don't know about this.

12- Description of help received from owner-

Kind of help	Number	Percentage
Food	3	3
Gain	11	9
No	107	88
Total	121	100

88 percent of the children said that there was no help of any kind by the owner, while 4 percent said that grains and 3 percent said food received the owners.

13- Description of days of working during lockdown-

Days of working	Number	Percentage
1-10	7	6
11-20	18	15
21-30	11	9
31-40	2	2
41-50	11	9
No	72	59
Total	121	100

59 percent are people who did not work during lockdown. 15 percent are those who worked 11 to 20 days, 4 percent 21 to 30 days, 4 percent 41 to 50 days, 4 percent 1 to 10 days and 2 percent 31 to 40 days worked in lockdown period.

14- Description of go back to work after lock-down-

Go back to work	Number	Percentage
Yes	67	55
No	29	24
Don't know	25	21
Total	121	100

55 percent said that they would go to work after the lockdown, 24 percent said they would not go and 21 percent were not aware of it.

15- Description of manage School, homework, play and your work-

Manage of time	Number	Percentage
After working	29	24
After school	5	4
Times is not fixed	48	40
No	39	32

Total	121	100
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40 percent of the children have no fixed time, 24 percent children have manage after house work, 4 per percent children manage after school and 32 percent children said that no manage for any task.

16- Description of Reason for engaging in Labour-

Reason	Number	Percentage
Economic condition,	52	48
Family pressure,	36	33
For self	21	19
Total	109	100

There are 48 percent children who work due to Economic condition, 33 percent family pressure and 19 percent children working for self.

17- Description of working/ helping now, during this lock-down-

Helping	Number	Percentage
Packing/distribution of material	4	2
No	117	98
Total	121	100

Only 2 percent of such children were meet who volunteered to help the community. 98 percent did not help anybody.

18- Description of any abuse at home or community-

Abuse	Number	Percentage
Physical	2	2
Emotional	8	6
Don't know	111	92
Total	121	100

92 percent of the children do not know that there is any kind of violence in the village. While 6 percent said that people are being intimidated and threatened by the police. 2 percent said that lockdown leads to mutual confrontation in homes.

19- Description of any such incident happened with other children-

Incident	Number	Percentage
Yes	9	7
No	112	93
Total	121	100

7 percent said that incidents with children occur in the neighborhood, while 93 percent had not seen and heard them.



20- Description of Any change noticed in daily diet then and now-

Any change	Number	Percentage
Yes	80	66
No	41	34
Total	121	100

66 percent of children said that the food they eat had changed due to the lockdown, while 34 percent said there had been no change. Information about their nutrition was obtained from children. It was found that 34 percent of the children were not able to get full food due to lock down. He could not get mid day meal in school. Due to the closure of the market, they could not get food items.

Conclusions:

This study on 121 children led to the following conclusions:

- The children are unable to go to their school due to locking up due to which they are at home. Because of staying at home, they are being forbidden by the parents to play and go out but the children are still leaving the house.
- Most of the children study in a government school and the school is closed, due to which they are not able to get school education, sports and midday meals.
- On the one hand, while private schools are giving education through mobile, there is no arrangement for these children to be educated by the government.
- Most of the bricks work in brick and kiln work, which is the main reason that the whole family is involved in this and have to move from one place to another, due to which the children also move with the family.
- Most children are aware that it is a disease and virus that has caused an epidemic in the country.
- Due to the lockdown, people are at home, work is closed, roads are closed, some people follow social distance, few people keep masks, secretly go to market or other place, village shops are closed. Time is not passing, etc. changes were seen.
- Children told that most of the children go to work on brick-kiln, in stone-mining in farming and also in NREGA with family.
- People who worked after the lockdown and some earlier people got money and some people who have not got accounts and they have come home.
- After doing the work outside the home, most of the children are unable to manage school, homework, sports and work.
- The study of the reasons for working revealed that children are employed because of the poor economic condition of most families.
- Most of the work is closed after the lockdown, so people could not get to work.
- Children said that there was a lot of change in food after the demise of Lokdown. Earlier they used to eat what they wanted but now they are unable to get it. The problem of money is closed other shops. The school which gets milk, fruits and food also stopped.