

WEBINAR ON
"DEVELOPING ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER ON CHILD LABOUR "
FOR TOTAL ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR IN ALL ITS FORMS UP TO THE AGE OF 18 YEARS

14th October 2020.....11.00 am-1.30 pm

Organizer: National Advocacy Unit of CACL

Highlights of the webinar

National Advocacy Unit of CACL has organized a webinar on "DEVELOPING ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER ON CHILD LABOUR " .

Objective of this webinar was to have discussion about the skills and techniques required for capturing data, success stories and best practices on child labour for initiating/developing state and national level (online) resource center on child labour. This Online 'resource center on child labour' could play a crucial role in preparing the evidence based strategy and doable action plans for the complete eradication of child labour in India. Speakers in the webinar were as follows:

- Dr. Helen R Sekar, Senior Fellow and Coordinator of the National Resource Centre on Child Labour - V.V. Giri National Labour Institute-Noida
- Dr. Manoj Jatav, Associate Fellow, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute-Noida
- Ms. Ritu Mishra-Head- North Regional Office- Terre des hommes-Germany
- Mr. Mathews Philip-National Convener- Campaign Against Child Labour & Executive Director - SICHREM Bangalore
- Mr. Ashok Kumar, Convener- National Advocacy Unit, Campaign Against Child Labour (CACL) & Executive Director, Dr. A V Baliga Memorial Trust-Delhi

This webinar was attended by 59 representative of CACL from 10 states of India, i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Webinar started with a welcome note by Mr. Ashok Kumar. In his address Ashok ji welcomed all the speakers and participants individually , including Mrs. Ranjana Ray, Founder Member Secretary of Dr. A V Baliga Memorial Trust. He further shared that we are organizing this webinar because whenever there was any discussion on the elimination of child labour we were lacking verifiable data to draft the strategy or advocacy/action programmes for proper and total eradication of child labour. This webinar will be helpful in generating child labour data at the state & national level, in fact it will be helpful to run robust advocacy actions.

Mr. Mathews Philip briefly shared the journey of CACL and then shared the experiences of carrying out Rapid Assessment Survey on child labour. He said that during this rapid assessment survey we felt that we need to refine our data collection skills to capture the concrete ground level evidence so that we can push for favorable policy and attitude change for complete eradication of child labour in India. He said that we are grateful to National Labour Institute specially Dr. Helen Sekar and Dr. Manoj Jatav for taking the session on this crucial theme.

Ms. Ritu Mishra in her address shared that CACL should robustly capture its more than 25 years experiences and expertise in the field of child labour eradication. This will help in consolidating and taking forward the campaign (CACL). Evidence generation and its analysis is crucial for any campaign for policy advocacy and at this front CACL is lacking somewhere I feel. On many occasions especially while working with other campaigns we felt that CACL don't have sufficient data to support their stand. In this context this webinar can be instrumental in setting up state and national level child labour resource center which would ultimately provide solid ground for CACL's advocacy efforts for complete eradication of child labour. It would also help CACL's lobbying and advocacy with parliamentarians for policy change on child labour issue.

RESOURCE CENTRE ON CHILD LABOUR: PLANNING, ESTABLISHING & MANAGING:

SESSION BY DR. HELEN SEKAR

Dr. Helen Sekar in her session congratulated CACL for organizing the webinar on such a crucial issue, which according to her is normally undermined by the people in action. This is also important in present context where COVID 19 related lockdown and economic situations are forcing families to send their children to labour force for family's sustenance. She also shared the report "State of Child Workers in India: Mapping Trends", which has child labour data (District-wise/Rural Urban spread across States) for strategizing any advocacy actions for eradication of child labour.

Highlights of Dr. Helen Sekar's session are as follows:

WHY Resource Centre on Child Labour:

- As organizations strive to improve their performance and capacity for innovation, their attention is increasingly focused on how they manage Resources
- Knowledge tends to be Tacit/Informal/Not Recorded
- Short-term approaches to knowledge gaps may work sufficiently to make change appear unnecessary
- Know-how in an organization may easily be lost or fragmented when an event is over
- Enhance Understanding through better use and creation of individual and collective knowledge resources
- Promoting a common understanding of the Issue
- Value the emerging approaches and help organizations towards **successful implementation** of its Activities

- Empirical Research-based Framework and **practical experience in this field** from all over the country and from the rest of the world
- Aims to serve as a **point of inspiration** and as a reference basis for all types of organizations
- Aiming to improve the performance through dealing with knowledge in a better way
- The Framework should be considered as a starting point for developing, if appropriate, an organization-specific framework that serves best the needs of a particular organization's approach
- Resource could be a **combination of Data & Information**, to which we can add:
 - Expert opinion
 - Skills & Experience, to result in a valuable asset which can be used to combat child Labour
 - Aid Decision-making

Aims & Objectives of Resource Centre on Child Labour:

To provide:

- Networking amongst Ministries, State Government Departments/Agencies and other Stakeholders and Social Partners dealing with the issue of Child Labour
- Technical support on Child Labour Issues



Establishing A Child Labour Information & Documentation System through:

- Assessing existing materials

- Locating Material and Resources on Child Labour by way of Contacting: Institutions/Organizations/Universities/ Libraries and other Repositories across the Geographical Regions
- Websites
- Bibliography Preparation
- Review of literature
- Bibliographical Abstracts
- Classification of literature:
 - Type of Material
 - Thematic
 - Occupations and Processes
 - Geographical
 - Chronological sequencing
 - Alphabetical
- Referring to existing material on Child Labour
- Creation of Bibliography
- Procuring Articles, Journals, Books, Reports, Unpublished Research Studies and other Documents on Child Labour
- Case laws and Legislation
- Collecting Advocacy Material on Child Labour

Creating Directories

- List of Organizations Alphabetically arranged for easy Access (Global/National/State/District/Sub-District and Grass Roots level)
- Contact Details
- Activities / Profiles
- List created in table format for easy reference

Publishing Digital Periodical

- Highlighting activities carried by different stakeholders/State Governments/ Individual Activists/ Scholars/Institutions/ Organizations on the issue of Child Labour
- Advocacy Material
- Policy and legislative matters
- International & National Instruments, Conventions, Protocols, SoPs, etc., on Child Labour
- Success Stories and Initiatives and innovative Interventions

Network Building on Child Labour through:

Maintaining Linkages with:

- Government Organizations

- UN and other International Organizations involved in extending Technical Cooperation for Combating Child Labour
- Research/Training/Academic Institutions
- Trade Unions
- Employers'/Exporters'/Manufacturers' Associations

Maintaining Linkages with:

- Mass Media (Digital/Electronic/Print and others)
- CBOs/FBOs/PRI/SHGs/Cultural Groups
- Associations of Lawyers, Journalists and other professional bodies
- Child Rights Activists
- Social Work/Social Science Departments of various Universities
- Research Scholars /NSS/NYK/Teachers ' Associations

Network Building –Methodology:

- Collaborating in the **Preparation of (IEC) material** and for Dissemination
- Collaboration for Promoting Advocacy/Raising Awareness among various target groups

Creating Web Resource:

- Creating Web Resource in the form of a Child Labour Knowledge Bank
- **Expanding existing Website/Webpage**
- Provide **Easy Access to** Soft Copies
- **Hosting** Information/Resources on the issue of child labour including the Bibliographic information/ Abstracts/ Best Practices/Replicable Models/ Summaries/ Case Studies
- Digital information/content on Child Labour along with hyperlinks of other resources available on the internet
- Periodically Uploading Information on Books/Articles
- Scanned Images of Newspapers clippings on Child Labour and related Issues
 - Designing Layout and Framework of the Web Resource components keeping in mind the needs of individuals who may not be proficient in IT/computers
 - User friendly interface facilitating easy access to relevant information

HOW TO CAPTURE DATA, SUCCESS STORIES & BEST PRACTICES FOR THE RESOURCE CENTER ON CHILD LABOUR PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES AND TIPS: SESSION BY DR. MANOJ JATAV

Dr. Manoj Jatav in his session said that Dr. Helen Sekar has shared how to establish child labour resource center and elaborated each step with illustrations. Now I will talk about child labour data, credibility of child labour data and gap in the child labour data in our country. He further added that we don't have robust data on child labour in our country. Census data which we have is 10 years old and that is also aggregated one. If we don't have current and updated data then how can we plan a strategy to eradicate child labour? We need to conduct separate survey on child labour to get reliable data on CL . ILO is also thinking on this line. We need to conduct macro and micro level studies to develop a robust child labour

info system. GPS based systems can also be used to get real-time data on CL. He shared some of the innovative existing real time data capturing systems used in the country. These methods are not related to capture child labour but these methods can be used to collect real-time data on child labour too.

Highlights of Dr. Manoj Jatav's session are as follows:

Key Sources of Employment & Migration Data

Statistical Data

Collect data for the creation of official statistics –

- Population Censuses, Household Surveys

Administrative Data

Collect data primarily to support administrative processes rather than to produce official statistics –

- Labour Enforcement Data
- Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour (PENCIL) launched on 26 September 2017

Innovative Data

Emerging sources of child labour data –

- Big data (Social Media)

Do we have enough data?

- SDG 1 – **No Poverty**; building of resilience capacity by the year 2030 among poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to extreme climatic events
- SDG 8 – **Decent work and economic growth**; safeguarding the children from modern slavery, trafficking and end child labour in all its forms by the year 2030

How can we contribute to a better system of information on child labour?

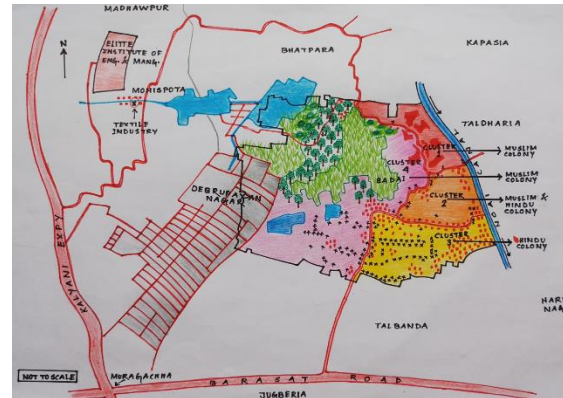
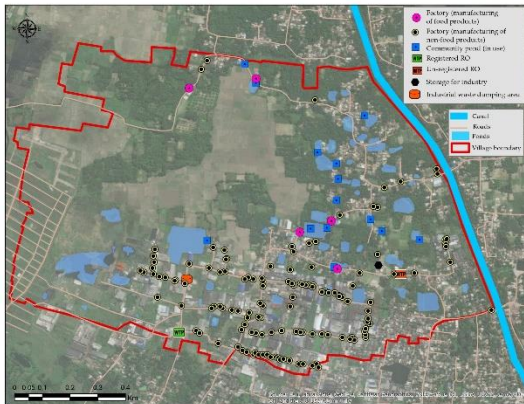
(A) Help improve the existing administrative databases

- Inform and convince the government to remove the data gaps by highlighting the issues in research, writings, etc.
- Highlight the data gaps in details (including household's tendency to hide the facts)
- A separate survey on the situation of child labour and other worst forms of employment in the country (a dire need)

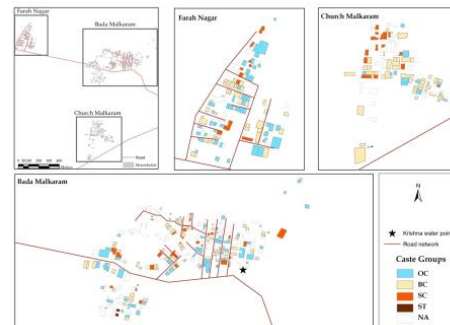
(B) Create/ develop own information system

- Micro level studies
- Macro level studies

Use of GPS in recording the waypoints in the study area



Household Level Interactive Mapping



(C) District level self-governed real time information system

- Maximum possible use of digital technology
- It would also help in enough evidence while lodging a complaint in the PENCIL Portal
- Interactive web-based GIS mapping

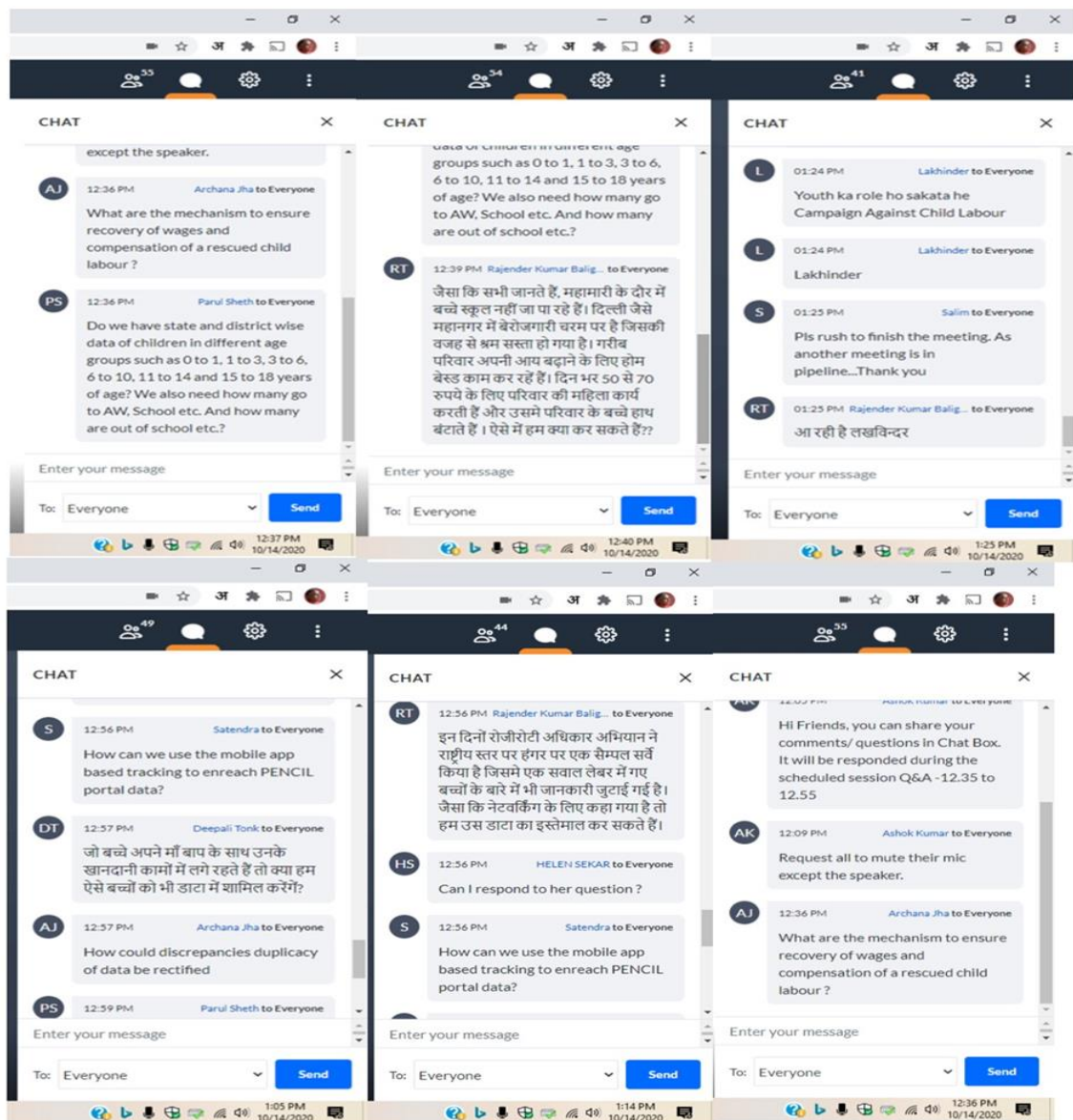
A few innovative existing tracking systems (not related to child labour but similar systems can be replicated):

- <https://www.covid19india.org/>
- <https://www.epw.in/engage>
- <https://displacement.iom.int/>

How do we go ahead?

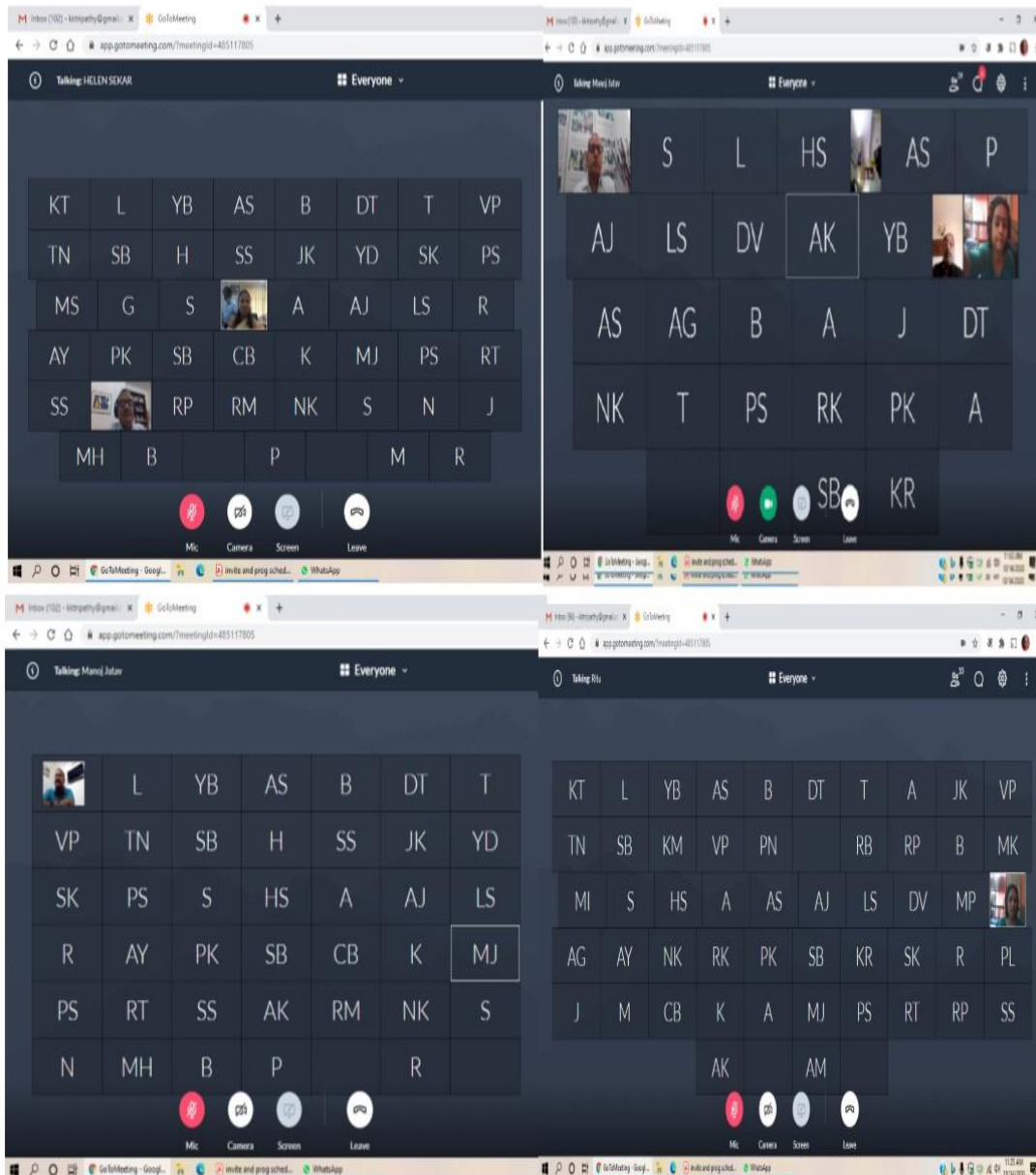
- Increased level of collaboration among the member NGOs
- Develop a forum
- Increase solidarity among the partners; prioritize the activities for the cause
- Identification of organizations at district level
- Formation of district level task forces; assign the responsibilities
- A dedicated fund to execute the activities of the task forces
- Do not ignore or miss out a single case; highlight it on web, social media (social responsibility)

Question - Answer session: There was a brief question-answer session which was facilitated by Mr. Ashok Kumar. He requested all the participants to ask the questions particularly related to child labour data and issues related to evidence generation. Some of the participants' have asked questions orally and some has asked their questions through chat box. All the questions were answered by the Dr. Helen Sekar and Dr. Monaj Jaytav. It was observed that there is no state and district wise comprehensive data on child labour which covers all the relevant aspects (like gender, education, family income, unemployment among parents health etc).Whatever data we have is not reliable enough for any policy advocacy or advocacy action. Therefore it is very crucial to generate reliable data for any kind of policy advocacy on CL .Role of young people/adolescent leaders/change makers was also acknowledged and emphasized in the child labour eradication initiatives at grassroots level . Snapshot of the questions asked through chat box are given below:



At the end of the webinar Mr. K K Tripathy thanked all the speakers and participants for taking out their valuable time for participating in this webinar. He specially thanked Dr. Helen Sekar and Dr. Manoj Jatav from National Labour Institute for taking the session on this technical theme. He hoped that all the state chapters of CACL and National Secretariat and Advocacy Unit too will start working in this direction so that an 'ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER ON CHILD LABOUR' could be developed at state and national level which could provide crucial support in policy advocacy and actions for the total eradication of child labour in India.

Snapshot of the Participants:



Invite and Program Schedule:

**INVITE FOR A WEBINAR ON
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Date: 14th October 2020 (Wednesday) Time: 11.00 am – 1.00 pm

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Speakers



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11.00 am-11.10 am	Welcome and Context Setting	Mr. Ashok Kumar, Convener- National Advocacy Unit, Campaign Against Child Labour & Executive Director, Dr. A V Baliga Memorial Trust-Delhi
11.10 am-11.20 am	Strengthening the Campaign with Concrete Evidences - Problems and Prospects	Mr. Mathews Philip ,National Convener- Campaign Against Child Labour & Executive Director - SICHREM Bangalore
11.20 am-11.30 am	Why an "Online Resource Center On Child Labour" is required	Ms. Ritu Mishra-Head- North Regional Office- Terre des hommes-Germany
11.30 am -12.05 pm	- How to Develop a Resource Center on Child Labour - Things: needs to be kept in mind while developing a resource center on CL - What should be there in the resource center on CL and how to collect and organize it	Dr. Helen R Sekar, Senior Fellow and Coordinator of the National Resource Centre on Child Labour - V.V. Giri National Labour Institute-Noida
12.05 pm -12.35 pm	How to capture data, success stories & best practices for the resource center on CL – Practical techniques and tips	Dr. Manoj Jatav, Associate Fellow, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute-Noida
12.35 pm- 12.55 pm	Questions- Answers session	Moderated by Mr. Ashok Kumar
12.55 pm - 1.00 pm	Concluding remarks and vote of thanks	Mr. K K Tripathy-National Advocacy Coordinator-CACL

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