

CHILDREN TAKING FORWARD ADVOCACY AND MOBILIZING THEIR PEERS AROUND CHILD WORKERS

Children advocating, mobilizing, raising awareness, informing and communicating.

Asia and the Pacific: Laos

In 18 countries , children in working situations have organized children’s advisory committees (CAC) meeting on a regular basis for two years, to advocate to improve working conditions for themselves and their peers. “Children’s regular participation in groups, interactions with other children, use of participatory analysis and action planning tools, as well as encouragement and support from NGO facilitators increased the confidence of many CAC members to speak up in public settings to express their views, experiences and advocacy messages. Thereby their participation also contributed to the improvement of children’s relationships to their peers, their families, their teachers and their community” . As stated by one CAC member from Tanzania, “We now feel rather being relatives than friends ”.

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