

# CHILDREN UNDERSTANDING THE ROOT CAUSES THAT DRIVE CHILDREN TO THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

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

Asia and the Pacific: Bangladesh

Child labor is a prevalent problem in Bangladesh and South Asia. 'Dhaka Ahsania Mission' has identified that many program interventions do not include children's perspective and experiences, lacking a participatory approach to understanding the risk factors that end up driving children to the worst forms of child labour. To address this, as part of the 'Child Labour Action Research Innovation for South and South Eastern Asia (CLARISSA)', the organization is directly engaging with children who are collecting stories from their peers to better understand the root causes of child labour, and they have set themselves the goal of gathering 200 stories collected by children themselves. (To be combined with existing stories, adding up to a total of 800) 'Children will analyze the stories themselves and through a participatory narrative analysis of the life stories, children will try to identify the causes and consequences of various factors that lead them into worst forms of child labour. Besides, setting up children's advocacy group in Bangladesh and Nepal will not only generate evidence regarding children's life but also advocate for the issues that affect their lives.' The organization engages with children in street situations, children with disabilities, and working children, empowering them to take actions around violence and protection, COVID-19, and poverty and inequality.

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