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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER KAILASH SATYARTHI

Dear friends,

2021 marked the United Nations' International Year for the Elimination of Child Labor. It was to be a year for the world to reinforce and accelerate its commitment to eradicate child labor in all its forms by 2025, the deadline set by UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8.7.

The yardstick of an inclusive and successful democracy is that every child in society gets their fair share. With resolve, the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US's (KSCF US) focus throughout 2021 was a rallying call to world leaders to deliver a *Fair Share to End Child Labor*. We brought together all our work with Laureates and Leaders for Children, the private sector, and the 100 Million campaign with a goal to create lasting policy change that would protect all children wherever they are in the world. Entering the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, and a truly devastating second wave of the virus in India during the spring, it became increasingly clear that the urgency of addressing the pre-existing inequalities in our world exposed by the virus is greater than ever.

In June, we were devastated and outraged to learn from the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) that the total number of child laborers had grown from 152 million to 160 million since 2015, when SDG 8.7 was set. This means the number of child laborers between five and 11 years old increased by more than 10,000 a day since the SDGs were introduced. There is no excuse for the increase in child labor during the pre-pandemic years, and there can be no excuse for any rise in a world that is wealthier than ever. The ILO and UNICEF's worst-case scenario predictions show that without significant action, specifically social protection measures, this number could rise to more than 206 million by the end of 2022 because of the pandemic.

It does not have to be this way. A significant increase in social protection investments for the world's most marginalized children and the establishment of a global social protection fund for low-income countries would provide an invaluable safety net for these vulnerable children. At our Laureates and Leaders for Children event entitled *A Fair Share to End Child Labor: Survivors and Leaders on Social Protection*, we brought together Nobel Laureates, heads of state, international leaders, child labor survivors, and youth activists to call



for increased and permanent social protection for children to reverse the growing child rights catastrophe. We share more about it later in this Annual Review.

At KSCF US, we are the voice of the millions of voiceless children who have been left behind. We exist to end the intergenerational poverty and hunger they live with every day. They are the children forced to work and sell their bodies. They are denied education and face the worst health outcomes. With little access – or no access – to clean water and sanitation, they have been exploited for decades and centuries.

While we have a mountain to climb to achieve an end to child labor and exploitation, we remain optimistic. 2021 marked the year we surpassed 100,000 children rescued from slavery by our colleagues on the ground in India. These are 100,000 children whose childhoods have been reclaimed, who now have the chance to experience freedom and safety and the opportunities they deserve to reach their full potential.

From the incredible work of our 100 Million campaign youth activists around the world to the inspiring stories of child labor survivors, I hope what you read in our 2021 Annual Review will provide you with valuable insights into the breadth of our work over the past 12 months.

My friends, while the current landscape is deeply concerning, please know that there is hope and solutions exist. We have the knowledge to end child labor. We now need the political will, investment, and momentum to create a world in which every child is free to live a full, healthy life free from exploitation.

I hope you will join us on our journey to create this beautiful world.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kailash".

Kailash Satyarthi
Nobel Peace Laureate

KAILASH SATYARTHI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION US

VISION

The Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US (KSCF US) envisions a world in which all children are free to be children.

MISSION

We eradicate child labor and child exploitation by educating and mobilizing the public, engaging the private sector to prioritize children in their business models, building the capacity of partners on the ground, and advocating for the protection of children in national and international policies.

APPROACH

To make this a reality, we scale Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi's four decades of work at both the grassroots and global policy levels. The lessons he's learned guide us to engage children and young people as part of the solution, build greater collaboration between governments, business, and communities, ensure effective national and international laws, scale know-how and successful practice, and create partnerships.



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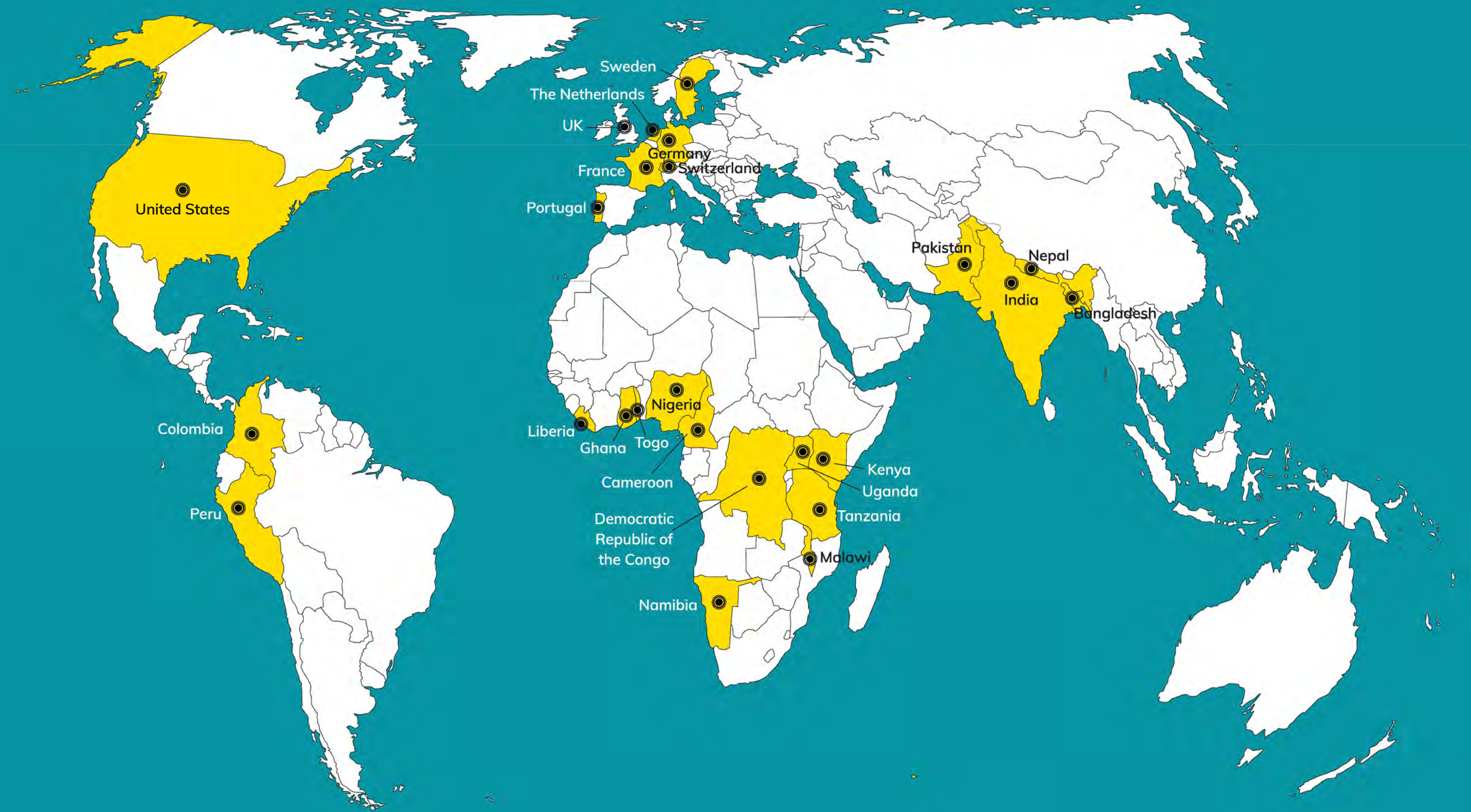
Kailash Satyarthi has been a tireless advocate of children's rights for nearly 40 years. He was jointly awarded the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize for the "struggle against the suppression of children and young people and for the right of all children to education."

Mr. Satyarthi and the grassroots movement founded by him, Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA, Save the Childhood Movement), have liberated more than 100,000 children from exploitation and have developed a successful model for their education and rehabilitation. He has been at the forefront of driving child-related agendas into the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As a global campaigner for children's rights, Kailash Satyarthi founded the Global March Against Child Labor, the largest civil society network for the most exploited children. The 1998 march covered 80,000 kms across 103 countries and led to the unanimous adoption of the ILO Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labor, which became the first universally ratified ILO convention in 2020.

He is also the founding president of the Global Campaign for Education, an exemplar civil society movement working to end the global education crisis, and GoodWeave International, which raises consumer awareness and positive action in the carpet industry. To fulfill his vision of a world free of violence against children, where all children are free to be children, Mr. Satyarthi established the KSCF US in 2015.

Mr. Satyarthi also spearheads the 100 Million campaign which aims to create the world's biggest youth movement to end violence against children, eradicate child labor, and ensure access to education. In 2021, Mr. Satyarthi was appointed a Sustainable Development Goals Advocate, a role that is integral to advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by António Guterres, the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

OUR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS



2,991

children rescued from
exploitative situations and 62
employers/traffickers
arrested in India



83,288

children in Jharkhand and Bihar,
India protected from mica
mining daily

11

countries across Africa
with student and youth led
national campaigns to end
child labor



25,000

children protected through **500
oxygen concentrators** delivered to
remote villages and children's
COVID-19 wards in district hospitals
and 500 COVID-19 medical kits
delivered government-approved
child-care institutions during India's
devastating second wave of the virus.



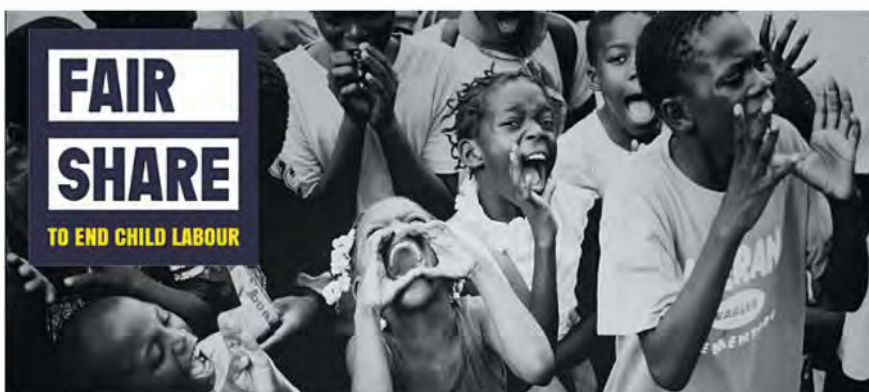
106,875

people provided access to clean water
through 1,485 new handpumps installed
and repaired in Jharkhand and Bihar,
India

A FAIR SHARE TO END CHILD LABOR

In 2019, realizing that the world would not meet the goal of the complete eradication of child labor by 2025, the UN General Assembly designated 2021 to be the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labor, calling on governments to accelerate action to end child labor. And then in 2020 the pandemic struck, laying bare the structural inequalities that maintain the marginalization of the world's most vulnerable children and their families. The call for a fair share is a call for justice and equality for these children and their families.

Child laborers are predominantly from communities that have been discriminated against for generations. They and their families have so few of the world's resources that children have to work to survive. It is tragic in the 21st century, when the world has never been richer, that one in ten children live this way. If they had their fair share of resources, policies, and protection child labor could be eliminated for good.



The children who are trapped in child labor are the same children who are denied an education, who suffer the worst health outcomes and have little access to clean water and sanitation. Since 2000, the world has become \$40 trillion richer, but these children have not received their share.

With survivors at the forefront and a firm belief in the importance of working together, this call for a fair share – for justice – was made through Laureates and Leaders for Children and the 100 Million campaign by uniting the voices of Nobel Laureates, world leaders, student and trade unions, multilateral institutions, senior progressive business, faith leaders, and policymakers.

***Fair Share to End Child Labor* campaign amplifies International Year for the Elimination of Child Labor**

Led by the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US (KSCF US), the *Fair Share to End Child Labor* campaign was launched in January, with a goal of achieving a breakthrough for ending child labor by 2025, in line with SDG 8.7. The coalition made a commitment to demand a fair share of resources, policies, and social protection to eradicate child labor.

The Director General of International Labor Organization (ILO) Guy Ryder, Director General of the World Health Organization Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Secretary General of OECD Angel Gurría, Assistant Director-General of UNECSO, Gabriela Ramos, Nobel Peace Laureates Kailash Satyarthi, Jose Ramos Horta and

survivors of child labor and trafficking appealed to the world to stand united against child labor. Selimatha Tokor, a survivor from Ghana shared: "When I was young, I used to sell fishes (sic) and worked from morning to evening without realizing the effects of child labor. When I got rescued, I understood what I missed. Now I am a teacher by profession. I would like to urge all children still working to come out of child labor. I want to appeal to all international organizations to keep their promises to rescue children as they rescued me. Since child labor is not a single person's business, it's my business, it's your business, it's our business. Let us join to help fight and eliminate child labor."

A YEAR OF ACTION

The Fair Share campaign was conducted across all the Foundation's areas of work.

National youth, student, and survivor-led Fair Share coalitions were created in 12 African countries. Together, they held community outreach and sensitization initiatives, co-hosted a social protection session at the Africa regional ILO preparatory consultation for the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labor in 2022, recorded survivor-advocate testimonies from across the continent and saw commitments secured from several African governments, for example, a new National Action Plan in Uganda.

The work with youth movements also saw the Fair Share campaign organize an umbrella mobilization, demanding social protection for children in countries across the world ahead of a special meeting on social protection at the UNGA. This was complemented by a report from the Laureates and Leaders for Children platform advocating for universal social protection and demonstrated how with just US\$52 billion—1.4% of what rich countries spend on social protection annually—we could fund benefits for every child and new mother living in a low-income country. These initiatives—both created specifically for the Fair Share campaign—helped raise the issue up the political agenda. Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi championed social protection and Universal Child Benefits during the launch of the UN Secretary General's Global Accelerator.

The campaign engaged world leaders across Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Europe as well as international bodies such as the African Union and UN agencies. Alongside government involvement, engagement with the business community also saw some senior leaders commit to action. We saw great progress on the issue of supply chains and Fair Share partners continue

to keep up the pressure on the EU to take the historic step to enact compulsory due diligence for the world's major companies. The work with faith leaders also saw strong commitments from some religions and the Fair Share campaign worked directly with the Vatican immediately ahead of the Pope's strong and historic condemnation of child labor.

Despite these important actions and achievements, the increase in child labor announced by the ILO halfway through the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labor, in June 2021, was shocking and a sign of just how bad things have become since the introduction of the SDGs. The International Labor

Organization (ILO) and the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) report showed that, for the first time in two decades, the number of children forced into work had risen to 160 million worldwide, representing an increase of 8.4 million over four years prior.

It is appalling that world wealth has increased by \$10 trillion in that time yet 10,000 more young children a day became

child laborers. The campaign asked 'How rich do we have to be before the world will end child labor?' and continued to try and promote awareness of these disturbing developments and to call for the strongest response from the international community.

The UN Year for the Elimination of Child Labor and therefore the related Fair Share campaign wrapped up at the end of 2021. However, the work is being taken forward by Laureates and Leaders for Children and the 100 Million campaign, working with the groups in Africa, and with new champions like former Prime Minister of Sweden, H.E. Mr. Stefan Löfven, we plan to go forward together and build on the momentum to make the elimination of child labor a priority issue for our time.



LAUREATES AND LEADERS CALL FOR UNIVERSAL SOCIAL PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN TO BRING A FAIR SHARE TO CHILD LABORERS

Ninety percent of children in low-income countries live without social protection. History has proved that social protection can end child labor, yet the investment allocated to it in international aid is lacking. In 2017, social protection aid represented just 0.0047% of the GNI of the OECD/DAC countries, in stark contrast to social protection forming 40% of government expenditure in European Union member states' domestic budgets. In new analysis prepared by Laureates and Leaders for Children, the financing gap to provide a historic universal benefit for every child in every low-income country is only \$53 billion a year, the equivalent of two days of last year's COVID relief spending in G7 countries.

To build consensus and support, Laureates and Leaders for Children hosted a Survivors & Leaders on Social Protection event in September to put pressure on the international community to meet the urgent need for social protection for vulnerable children. The event, timed to take place during the UN General Assembly, followed reports of global child labor increasing for the first time in two decades and less than four years from the UN Sustainable Development Goal 2025 deadline to end all child labor.

The event featured high profile speakers from every continent and highlighted the need for a significant increase in social protection investments for the world's most marginalized children. It also called for the establishment of a global social protection fund for low-income countries.

Speakers also included: HE Kandia Camara (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Côte d'Ivoire), HE Björn Böhning (Permanent State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany), Sharan Burrow (General Secretary, ITUC), Amira el Fadil (Commissioner for Social Affairs, African Union), Martin Chungong (Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union), Dr. Zsuzsanna Jakab (Deputy Director-General, WHO), Stefania Giannini (Assistant Director-General for Education, UNESCO), Kerry Kennedy (President, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights), and Jeffrey Sachs, (President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network).

The event provided a platform for the powerful testimony of child labor survivors who now work in countries as diverse as India and South Sudan to prevent other children from being forced to work. Wani Francis, child labor survivor-advocate and founder of Street Beats Foundation South Sudan, said, "When I was seven, our village was attacked by militia and



children were abducted. I was among them and would carry weapons, food, and water the whole day. I have been haunted by my past, but I knew I would one day do something to help someone not go through the same ordeal."

Later in September, Kailash Satyarthi shared these powerful messages at a meeting of the Heads of State and Government on Jobs and Social Protection for Poverty Eradication, which was convened by the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, together with the International Labor Organization under the aegis of the Financing for Development in the Era of COVID-19 and Beyond Initiative (FfDI).

Inspired by the Laureates and Leaders event and Fair Share campaign, former Prime Minister of Sweden, H.E. Mr Stefan Löfven, has committed to work on child labor rights and demand stronger action from his fellow leaders.



H.E. Stefan Löfven with Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi fulfilling his commitment to become a champion to help end child labor.

“One of the ways that we need to ensure that we move forward and not backward, is through universal provision of adequate social protection to children and their families. The financial investment involved is absolutely possible and absolutely necessary.”

- Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labor Organization



“When families have sufficient resources, their children do better, they learn more, they are healthier. A child allowance reduces child labor. We know the solution; we just need the will to take the bold steps to help the most vulnerable children.”

- Rosa DeLauro, US Member of Congress

UN SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOWS HIS SUPPORT FOR THE FAIR SHARE CAMPAIGN

In May, UN Secretary-General António Guterres released a statement of support for the Fair Share to End Child Labor campaign, noting that, ***“In this pivotal International Year, I urge all governments, international and regional organizations, and the entire United Nations family to increase cooperation and pool resources in support of the ‘Fair Share to End Child Labor’ campaign, launched by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, in coordination with other laureates and leaders. Solutions start with addressing inequalities and discrimination and providing decent work and strong social safety nets to families...Children deserve a future, and it is in our hands to act, inspire others, and scale up what works. This year must be a turning point to eliminate child labor once and for all.”***



100 MILLION CAMPAIGN AND THE CALL FOR A FAIR SHARE

A milestone anniversary

December 10th—International Human Rights Day—marked the fifth anniversary of the 100 Million campaign, our global youth-led movement working together to bring an end to child labor, exclusion, and exploitation, and to ensure education for all, with the conviction that no voice is more legitimate and compelling than the voice of young people themselves.

100 Million now consists of more than 160 youth and student led organizations, which represent more than 100 million young people across 90+ countries. In this short time, they have already engaged more than 3,000 decision-makers, striving to create the systemic change needed to protect children from extreme poverty that drives children out of school into child labor and to deliver their rights to freedom, safety, and education.

Youth campaign helps the passage of a new supply chain law in Germany

In July 2021, the German government passed a new supply chain due diligence law, which mandates major companies—with 1,000 employees or more—doing business in Germany to take preventive steps to ensure their supply chains are free from child labor and comply with other human rights and environmental obligations. It is a historical step, despite some shortcomings. The Supply Chain Act creates a strong regulatory oversight and enforcement scheme, which has been supported by a broad coalition of organizations in Germany.

As we reported in our 2019 Annual Review, the need for legislation was proposed at an event organized attended by the 100 Million campaign youth representatives and the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Gerd Müller and publicly announced at a press conference with Minister Müller and Mr. Satyarthi. Subsequently, Mr. Satyarthi embarked on a robust media campaign to highlight the urgent need for this type of legislation. Mr. Satyarthi's efforts were supported by a sign on letter across Europe led by the 100 Million



Kailash Satyarthi addressing 100 Million campaign youth representatives in 2019

campaign in Germany on International Youth Day and a BMZ (Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany) virtual youth forum which was addressed by Mr. Satyarthi.

In addition to the success in Germany, Minister Müller and Minister Heil (Federal Minister of Labor and Social Affairs) also used the presidency of the European Union in 2020 to raise the possibility of adopting a similar measure across Europe. In 2021, the European Union announced a consultation on new human rights and environmental legislation, including child labor, for major companies across the European Union.

100 Million drives progress in Tanzania

In May, 100 Million activists in Tanzania identified an urgent need for changes to child labor and education policies including raising the minimum age for work, the number of years for compulsory education, and reversing a ban on pregnant girls remaining in school. Consequently, more than 40 civil society organizations formed the Tanzanian Coalition Against Child Labor which held the country's first national commemoration of the World Day Against Child Labor on June 12th. With a strong emphasis on the participation of survivors to directly inform decision-makers about their experiences and a demand for justice, more than 800 people including local decision-makers were reached. All stakeholders committed to work to end child labor. The campaign continues to actively engage civil society and the government to realize this ambitious commitment.

"The lady told my mother that she was taking me to the city for a better life and education. We traveled to a stranger's place in Mbagala...I was there to work as a house help. The lady that took me kept moving me from one house and one town to another as she got paid through my toil."

- Teresia, 14, child trafficking and forced labor survivor in Tanzania.

100 Million activists call for a Fair Share

100 Million joined the coalition calling for a Fair Share to End Child Labor alongside Nobel Laureates, United Nations agencies, and government representatives. The young activists focused efforts on mobilizing students and young people all over the world to support the initiative.

At the end of April, almost 100 student leaders from across the world were joined by Kailash Satyarthi to launch an action guide, co-written by 100 Million and the world's largest student platforms, to encourage students and survivors to stand together against child labor by holding campaign events at schools and universities. The events were designed to create live-connections with survivor-advocates who shared their testimony directly with young people in different parts of the world, in turn building solidarity and action through mutual dialogue.

"This is the time to convert your compassion into concern. Convert your concern into conviction. Convert your ideas now into anger. Convert your anger into action."

- Kailash Satyarthi

"It is not enough to comfort the oppressed with the promise that justice will come. Justice needs to be exercised in the here and now. Otherwise it is anything but justice. There is no more time to wait, so join us."

- Carmen Romero, Global Students' Forum

In June, 100 Million published its *End Discrimination, End Child Labor* report which focused on the multiple, reinforcing discriminations that push more families into extreme labor and perpetuates child labor. Its youth leaders and activists called on governments internationally to tackle the root causes that have pushed at least 160 million children into child labor and to create a more inclusive and sustainable post-pandemic world.

In September, ahead of the UN General Assembly, youth activists from around the world reinforced the Fair Share campaign by mobilizing to demand universal child and maternal benefits, raising umbrellas to symbolize the need to provide social protection for every child. The umbrella action, an online campaign to amplify the demand for social

protection using drawings and paintings of umbrellas, was launched in India by young people at Bal Ashram, a long-term center for rescued children.

During the G20 in November, more than 100 youth and student leaders from over 46 countries came together for an online event "Too Little, But Not Too Late," urging G20 member states to accelerate their efforts to provide a fair share of COVID-19 financial relief to the most marginalized children and their families. Opening the event, survivor-advocate Ebot Witney Tarh from the Survivors' Network Cameroon shared how "Vulnerable children are moving into

poverty and child labor at an unprecedented rate... The ongoing crisis in English-speaking regions of Cameroon has led to the displacement of more than 2,000 young people, who are being trafficked, forced to work. This number has increased as a result of the pandemic."

After the event, youth-led organizations met and signed an open letter to G20 leaders calling for social protection, debt cancellation, tax justice, increased aid, and support for forcibly displaced children. The activists further leveraged social media to amplify their call to action.

Africa has more child laborers than the rest of the world combined

In response to new International Labor Organization (ILO) and UNICEF research showing Africa now has more child laborers than the rest of the world combined—92.2 million children, many as young as five years old, forced into labor—100 Million youth activists in Cameroon, Namibia, Malawi, Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Togo, Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, and Tanzania rolled out national Fair Share campaigns to

demand justice for the most marginalized children.

Shockingly, the ILO has made a worst-case scenario prediction that there will be more than 200 million children in child labor globally. This means there will be more children forced to work than there were in 2000.



Africa's youth activists launch the Fair Share Campaign

The 2021 ILO and UNICEF child labor report not only revealed that there are now more child laborers in Africa than in the rest of the world combined, but that the numbers represent the largest increase in child labor across any region. The number of children forced to work across Africa has risen by a staggering 20 million, from 72.1 million in 2016 to 92.2 million at the start of 2020. These insights, combined with the unrelenting impact of COVID-19 that continued across the continent during the year, led us to focus our attention here.

COVID-19 and previous crises—like the 2014 Ebola epidemic—created conditions in which schools closed, unemployment rose, and lack of social protection systems were evident: all conditions known to exacerbate the risk of child labor.

And like Ebola, COVID-19 has inspired young people into action across Africa. Youth-led organizations across the continent mobilized to launch the *Fair Share Campaign*, reinvigorating the fight against all forms of child labor. Here are some of the highlights:



Uganda

Uganda renewed its commitment to the elimination of child labor with its Second National Plan of Action for the Elimination of Child Labor, a strong demonstration of the government's commitment and efforts to ending all forms of child labor by 2025.

Togo

The Fair Share campaign was recognized by the office of the Prime Minister and national government ministries including Public Service and Labor, Human Rights, Training, and Citizenship and Relations. The campaign worked closely with the ministry of labor which seeks to advocate for protections against domestic work, forced labor; and for budget allocation and social protection.

Kenya, Namibia, and Ghana

Focused on priority areas to ensure policy changes, and national commitments to social protection and implementation of the existing laws to lift children out of child labor are secured.

Kenya

Worked closely with International Labor Organization's regional office to map victim assistance services for victims of child labor, forced labor and human trafficking.

Namibia

Engaged the national government's ministries including Labor, Finance, Gender, Education, and local government leaders, securing support from some ministries offering technical assistance.

Ghana

Led the development of assessment tools for measuring child labor free communities.

Malawi

Created a community-based approach to tackle child labor, mobilizing across 14 of 28 districts.

Congo, Cameroon, and Nigeria

Operating in conflict-affected areas of Uvira, the epicentre of mining in Congo, Kumba in Cameroon and Jos State in Nigeria, the 100 Million teams

raised awareness against the recruitment of children into armed groups by engaging stakeholders and local governments.

Tanzania

The former President, H.E. Jakaya Kikwete through his Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete Foundation (JMKF) is working with the 100 Million campaign to create the conditions for change needed to end child labor. (See the full story on p.10)

Liberia

Ministries including Labor, Gender, Children and Social Protection, Nobel Laureates, BMZ, and civil society organizations came together to launch the Fair Share campaign. Representatives of the children's parliament urged decision-makers to offer practical solutions against child labor and involve young people in decision-making.

Meet Wani: A 100 Million campaign activist

Born in 1991, Wani Francis Joseph lives in South Sudan, which gained independence from Sudan in 2011. Not only the newest country in the world, it is also one of the poorest. Against a backdrop of decades' long conflict and violence, the COVID-19 pandemic, and devastating floods in 2021, Wani describes being a child in South Sudan today as "surviving one disaster after another."

When he was seven, Wani's village was attacked by local militia. He and other children in his community were abducted by the armed group and forced to work for them. He carried their weapons, food, and water through the bush for days at a time, witnessing the horrors of war and girls as young as twelve forced to marry soldiers. Wani eventually escaped with five other boys, but sadly was one of only two to survive. He ended up on the streets, sleeping under a veranda and street hawking for two years before his uncle found him and took him to Uganda to go to school.

Wani's traumatic experiences never left him, even after he had been reunited with his family. Haunted by his past, he struggled for many years to come to terms with his experiences. Despite his pain, he knew that one day he would do something to prevent others from going through the same ordeal.

In 2018, Wani founded Street Beats Foundation in South Sudan, which uses music and the arts to communicate a message of the importance of ensuring child rights to achieve peace, unity, freedom, and education.

Understanding the importance of collaboration,



the Street Beats Foundation has joined media groups, artists, civil society organizations, politicians, and businesses to raise awareness of child rights across the country. And together, Wani and the Street Beats Foundation have worked tirelessly to reunite child soldiers with their families and enroll them in school.

Wani took his message to the Laureates and Leaders' Leaders and Survivors on Social Protection event, describing child labor as "a mass murder to future generations." He is an exemplary champion for the rights, freedom, and dignity of children everywhere and a powerful example of the importance of survivor-advocate leadership.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

KAILASH SATYARTHI ADDRESSES THE 74TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

In May, KSCF founder Kailash Satyarthi made an impassioned plea at the 74th World Health Assembly to delegates from the World Health Organization Member States, addressing the systemic inequalities that face children trapped in child labor and exploitation. He shared findings from a 2020 Laureates and Leaders report which revealed that eight trillion dollars for the COVID-19 response was released in 2020, but only 0.13 per cent was allocated to the most marginalized communities through multilateral assistance. He added, "Two thirds of the world's largest companies made an additional US\$109 billion in 2020. At the same time, 140 million children and their families will be pushed into acute poverty. This is unacceptable. This is injustice."



NEPAL

In May 2021, Nepal faced a devastating outbreak of COVID-19, which received very little international attention. KSCF US funded COVID relief work implemented by BASE Nepal, an NGO working to eliminate child labor in Nepal. Those efforts reached 2,321 people in remote villages and included the distribution of face masks, hand sanitizer and PPE to health centers and female community health volunteers. Funds provided medicine to 1,328 people. Additionally, BASE distributed hygiene kits to more than 500 families across three municipalities in the Bardiya district and broadcast public service announcements through radio stations educating people about safety precautions to take to protect themselves against COVID-19.

Additionally, KSCF US partnered with BASE to initiate a research program to identify policy gaps and strengthen law enforcement of child rights and child trafficking efforts in at the federal level in Nepal and specifically within Lumbini Province. The project includes engaging stakeholders across law enforcement and policy makers at the provincial and federal levels. The outcome will include key policy and legal recommendations that will be shared in 2022 with key decision-makers which will help ensure more children are protected against trafficking and child labor across Nepal.



KAILASH SATYARTHI IS NAMED A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ADVOCATE



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

ADVOCATES



In September, Secretary-General of the United Nations António Guterres, appointed Kailash Satyarthi a Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocate, a role that is integral to advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The UN Secretary General's SDG Advocates are 17 influential public figures who use their voices and platforms to bring to life the vision of a better world and to call for increased ambition and scalable action in the pursuit of achieving all the SDGs by 2030.

The appointment acknowledges the leadership Mr. Satyarthi brings with his four decades of experience building a global movement to advance children's rights and eliminate child labor and slavery. It is also a recognition of the central role the elimination of child

labor, slavery, and trafficking plays towards the achievement of the UN SDGs. With 160 million now in child labor globally, and millions more vulnerable, KSCF welcomed the appointment.

"As a pioneer and leader of the global movement to end child slavery and to protect the rights of children to quality education, Mr. Satyarthi is uniquely placed to promote the SDGs, thus bringing them to the forefront of global attention," stated UN Secretary-General Guterres. *"I applaud Mr. Satyarthi's unwavering commitment to give voice to children around the world. It is imperative that we come together, collaborate, build partnerships, and support one another in accelerating global action towards the SDGs."*

ON THE GROUND IN INDIA



As India entered its second devastating wave of COVID-19 in spring, it was clear 2021 would be another challenging year for KSCF US and KSCF India.

Continuing our 2020 work on the ground, we kept our attention and resources focused on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated lockdowns, which have had a devastating impact on the most vulnerable children and their families. Through these efforts, and along with our sister

organizations in India, we protected nine million people across 390 districts in 17 states in India.

Along with partner organizations, we created a COVID Crisis Support Center which worked 24/7 to help people gain access to medicines, hospital beds, oxygen concentrators, and other necessities. During the second wave of COVID-19 in India, we worked to support the government to strengthen the health infrastructure within villages.

A Fair Share for children in India

On International Literacy Day in September, KSCF launched the *Fair Share to End Child Labor* campaign in Jharkhand. The campaign ran for three weeks and culminated on the eve of Kailash Satyarthi's speech at the UN General Assembly on September 28.

Here, the campaign focused on four key areas:

- Creating a conducive environment to bring children back to school and to keep them there despite the pandemic
- Linking children and their families to welfare schemes to ensure social security
- Free and compulsory education for children up to age 18
- Ensuring child labor free mica mining in Jharkhand

The campaign reached more than 5,400 people across 51 Child Friendly Villages.



100,000 RESCUES

By the middle of 2021, 40 years after Kailash Satyarthi began his life's work, he and his colleagues crossed the milestone of 100,000 children rescued from child labor, slavery, and trafficking.

Rescues take many shapes and forms. One example from 2021 includes a brother contacting the Bachpan Bachao Andolan Helpline to report the disappearance of his sister several months after she initially went missing. He reached out when no action had been taken after he filed a local police report. The BBA Telangana team immediately began an investigation, and quickly found CCTV footage showing the girl had been taken by her trafficker to Marwari. The strong network of KSCF and BBA state teams who coordinated with various stakeholders led to the child being identified, traced, rescued, and reunited with her family within 24 hours of receiving the information.



CREATING A CHILD LABOR FREE MICA MOVEMENT

Created in 2005 in India by Kailash Satyarthi, the Child Friendly Village (Bal Mitra Gram or BMG), works to free the mica industry of child labor. The BMG is a unique youth empowerment and village development model established in areas where children are most vulnerable to trafficking or child labor.

Child Friendly Villages shield children from exploitation by providing a platform for protection and change, ensuring their rights and voices are central to the village community on issues most important to them. The program ensures children are

removed from labor and enrolled in school. It also empowers them to participate in village decision-making through the creation of a Children's Parliament or Youth Council (Bal Panchayat).

Started in Jharkhand and Bihar, the BMG program works with more than 500 villages, protects 83,000 children every day, keeps more than 50,000 children in schools, and impacts the lives of more than 20,000 families. It is an India-designed solution to ensure India's mica mining industry is child labor free by 2025.



KSCF US and the private sector join hands to create child labor free mica

Supported by Estée Lauder Companies, KSCF US focused its efforts in 2021 on scaling the BMG program in 290 villages in Giridih and Koderma in Jharkhand. We mobilized communities there to take collective action for child protection, we advocated with government and administrations to expand our reach and we supported socio-economic development for families in the villages.

KSCF was the civil society representative of the COVID-19 Task Force in the Koderma and Giridih

districts, working tirelessly to facilitate vaccination drives and to encourage communities to step forward for the COVID-19 vaccinations. In August, the Koderma district administration acknowledged KSCF for its remarkable work protecting people from the virus, in conjunction with the administration.

While COVID-19 presented challenges for our work in organizing community-based events, we were able to continue our efforts towards a child labor free India.



Youth leaders host event for Universal Children's Day

In November, on the eve of Universal Children's Day and the 15th anniversary of the BMG program, KSCF hosted an online event called Creating Child Labor Free Mica: The Voices of Survivors and Activists. The goal of the event was to bring awareness to the replicability of the BMG model and to engage

politicians, industry, and activists on how the program can be scaled up to create a child labor free mica industry and ultimately a child labor free India. The event was moderated by child labor survivors and youth leaders, Nikita Kumari and Manan Ansari.

Ensuring Access to Justice for Children Initiative

The COVID-19 lockdowns placed many already vulnerable Indian children in greater danger than ever. KSCF India was one of the first organizations there to raise concerns about this potentially devastating impact of the pandemic, particularly for marginalized communities.

In 2020, KSCF India led an alliance of more than 100 civil society organizations across the country called the 'COVID India Alliance against Child Sexual Abuse and Child Trafficking,' to amplify the concern for children through awareness and engagement with government and other stakeholders.

Building upon this, KSCF US launched a new project, Ensuring Access to Justice for Children, on preventing and eliminating child trafficking and child sexual abuse in India by ensuring children have

access to social justice and rehabilitation including mental health support. The focus of this work is to guarantee timely legal action is taken by appropriate entities and to strengthen the child protection ecosystem in 50 target districts through partnerships with local NGO and community-based organizations. Our goal is to create a holistic, robust, and scalable model for the prevention and elimination of child trafficking and child sexual abuse. We identified more than 60 strategic NGO partners with whom we launched this call.

In November, we hosted a three-day workshop that brought together more than 16 organizations from three states in India to co-design the pilot phase of this work, which will take place in 2022, funded by KSCF US.



Meet Rajkumari

Rescued as a child laborer in 2006 when she was just 12, Rajkumari is now a catalyst for change in her community. A dedicated activist speaking up against child labor and child marriage, today she is a teacher at the Bal Mitra School run by KSCF in the remote Topa Pahari village in Jharkhand.

"There was no school in our village and education was a distant dream. As children, all we did was scavenge for mica. There was no light for us... We were doomed from the very beginning. But then everything changed when KSCF came to our area with the mission to start schools. Their activists talked to our parents and convinced them to send their children to school for a better future," Rajkumari recalls.

An active member of the Children's Parliament (Bal Panchayat) when she was a child, Rajkumari was instrumental in mobilizing other children to stand up against child marriage and child labor. She once led a group of children to a marriage



mandap and tore it down to stop the marriage of a 11-year-old girl in their village. Her actions have prevented further forced marriages. She has also educated elders and children about the perils of alcoholism.

Besides teaching children from neighboring villages, Rajkumari also acts as a community mobilizer who speaks to community members and helps them understand the importance of their children continuing their studies and not becoming child laborers.

Meet Radha



A resident of Madhuban panchayat in Jharkhand's Koderma district, 16-year-old Radha has not only saved herself from child marriage but has become a role model for many other girls who are married against their will. When faced with an impending marriage, she defied her parents and family and notified KSCF and the authorities. She was successful in preventing the marriage, as a result.

Radha's father, who is the village priest, had fixed her marriage with a boy from the neighboring village. As the Head of the Bal Panchayat of Tikait Tola—a Bal Mitra Gram under KSCF—Radha was

fully aware of her rights and that child marriage is illegal.

She asked her parents to stop the marriage and insisted she would continue her studies. This failed to convince her parents. Spearheading the movement in her community against child marriage, child abuse, and child trafficking, she reached out to KSCF activists after a meeting with other members of the Bal Panchayat.

A KSCF team immediately pressed her parents to call off the marriage, but the parents refused. Determined to fight till the end, Radha then called her prospective groom's father and urged him to call off the marriage or else she would inform the police.

Ultimately, Koderma Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ramesh Gholap declared Radha the Brand Ambassador of Koderma district against child marriage. He also sanctioned Rs 2000 per month for Radha under the government's 'Mukhyamantri Sukanya' scheme, which helps fund girls' education.

FINANCIALS

Revenue and support

Foundation grants	\$5,650,443
Corporate contributions	\$237,961
Individual contributions	\$342,422
Other support	\$78,288
Total revenue and support	\$6,309,113

Expenses

Grants Awarded	\$486,382
Other program expenses	\$709,370
Total Program	\$1,195,752
General & Administrative	\$192,090
Fundraising	\$68,910
Total expenses	\$1,456,752
Change in net assets	\$4,852,361

Beginning net asset	\$1,712,810
End net assets	\$6,565,171

GET INVOLVED

Ways you can help end child labor and child slavery

Our goal to end child slavery, child labor, and exploitation is achievable in our lifetimes if governments, business leaders, community leaders, activists, and everyone who wants to make a difference join forces. As society continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic and the number of child laborers continues to rise, the need has never been greater. Please join us in the fight to free every child.

Here's how you can help:



Contact us at if you are a teacher and would like to invite a former child laborer to speak to your class. Or [download an action pack](#) to engage your class on the issue of child labor and child trafficking



Host a [screening of The Price of Free](#) in your community and share information about it on social media to help engage your community in the fight to end child labor and exploitation



Contact your member of Congress or your elected official to let them know we need a fair share of resources allocated to the most marginalized communities, a fair share of policies instituted to close the gaps against child labor, and a fair share of protection for vulnerable children including a safety net and welfare systems instituted



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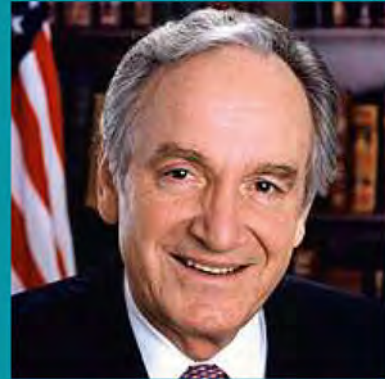
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“Child labor exists not because the world doesn't have the resources to end it, but because of how resources are allocated. Ask yourself, what do the millions of children who grow our food and make our clothes look like? How rich do we have to become before we decide to end the slavery and exploitation of our children?”

— 2014 Nobel Peace Laureate, Kailash Satyarthi,
ahead of the G7 Summit, June 2021


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