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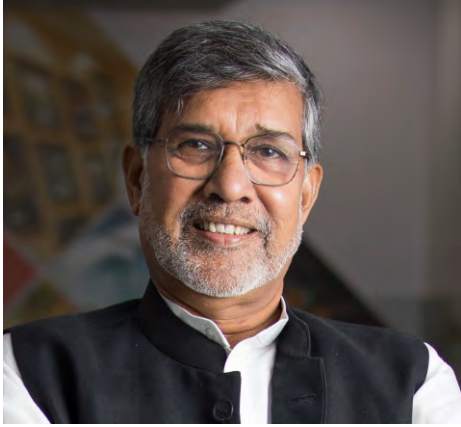
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“ Let us march together
From exploitation to education
From slavery to liberation
From poverty and hunger to shared prosperity
Let us globalize compassion,
So that no child is left behind. ”

- Kailash Satyarthi, Laureates and Leaders Fair Share for Children Summit closing remarks, September 10, 2020



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER KAILASH SATYARTHI

Dear Friends,

While this report is focused on our work in 2020, at the time of finalizing this annual review, India is continuing to experience the devastating impact of the pandemic. Our immediate efforts are focused on ensuring the health and safety of our teams, the children, and communities we work with. However, with your ongoing support the work of ending child labor and exploitation continues in India and around the world.

2020 was an unprecedented and devastating year for the world; and one that was both challenging and energizing for the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US (KSCF US). COVID-19 undeniably exposed and exacerbated the pre-existing inequalities in our world and adversely impacted those already marginalized. In response, we focused our attention throughout the year on a rallying cry that demanded a fair share for the world's most vulnerable children. In India and Nepal, we focused our work on humanitarian relief to mitigate the extreme risks COVID-19 poses to marginalized communities there.

By mid-to-late 2020, governments around the world had allocated more than \$8 trillion to save businesses and rich economies since the pandemic began, but only 0.13% had gone to those most in need. It became clear that leaders would need to prioritize children and allocate a fair share to save millions of lives.

If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that humanity is interconnected and interdependent. More than any time in modern history, it is incumbent on us to ensure our children don't inherit a fragmented, divided world. Children are facing potentially the worst catastrophe of our times. We simply cannot afford to turn back the clock on progress the world has made towards eradicating child labor and bringing education, healthcare, and safety to all children. We will fail an entire generation if we fail them now. We cannot fail.

I have faith and feel optimistic that together we can create a better society by giving opportunity, dignity, and rights to every child. That said, we have a long way to go. Even prior to the pandemic, projections based on 2012 to 2016 rates of progress suggested that 121 million children would remain in child labor or slavery by the UN's 2025 deadline to end all forms of child labor. UNICEF and the ILO have already warned that the pandemic could increase the risk of child labor, slavery, and trafficking rising for the first time in 20 years.

This is why, in 2020, KSCF US published its *Fair Share for Children* report to help course-correct the trajectory, reinvigorate the fight against all forms of child labor, and push for the breakthroughs needed to meet the 2025 deadline. This Annual Review details how we will achieve this.

2021, the UN Year for the Elimination of Child Labor, gives us the perfect opportunity to forge powerful partnerships with those who share our goals. From former child laborers, grassroots campaigners, trade unions, UN Agencies, moral leaders, corporations, and civil society organizations, we will focus on reversing this trend to ensure that child labor only exists in history books.

The world is at a crossroads, and how humanity responds to the inequalities laid bare by COVID-19 will determine what the future looks like for our children and the planet. We owe our children a safe today, and a safer tomorrow. Please join us on our journey to globalize compassion for the world's most vulnerable children; and please help us bend the arc of history in favor of the most marginalized.

In solidarity,

Kailash Satyarthi
Nobel Peace Laureate

KAILASH SATYARTHI CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION US

VISION

The Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US envisions a world where 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 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 level. His lessons 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.

FOUNDER

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 Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation 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 education.



2020 HIGHLIGHTS



Spring

KSCF US and its sister organizations provided more than 22 million meals and 3,000 face masks to families displaced by the COVID lockdowns in India



88 Nobel Laureates and world leaders released their *Fair Share for Children* joint statement demanding 20% of pandemic relief funds be allocated to the 20% of the population that comprises the world's most marginalized people

100 Million youth leaders launch the **Justice for Every Child** campaign with the support of student unions and groups representing more than 100 million young people around the world



Summer

KSCF launched a groundbreaking pilot program called the "Cycle Caravan" in which child labor survivors led a program in Bihar, India, to identify and secure arrests of traffickers, and to return children to their homes and schools



Fall

Nobel Laureates, world and youth leaders called for US\$1 trillion to be allocated for the world's most marginalized children in the wake of COVID-19 at the Laureates and Leaders *Fair Share for Children* summit



100 Million campaign hosted a side event during the UN General Assembly and an alternate G20 summit with youth representatives from 50 countries

LAUREATES AND LEADERS' JOINT STATEMENT CALLS ON NATIONS TO PROTECT THE MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN

The call for *A Fair Share for Children* began in May 2020, when 88 Nobel Laureates and world leaders came together to release 'A Fair Share for Children' joint statement in the name of Laureates and Leaders for Children. Highlighting their concerns—children being forced out of school and into child labor and being trafficked due to dire economic realities, an increased risk of online and offline sexual abuse, and domestic violence—Laureates and Leaders called on governments and international and regional financial institutions to unite and allocate 20% of COVID-19 relief funds to the poorest 20% of humanity; an act that would be transformative for millions and would save more than 10 million lives.

Looking to the future, the signatories called for improvements to the existing child protection infrastructure which include cash transfers, ensuring food security for the marginalized, improving hygiene and sanitation, a robust healthcare system, and promoting a free and equitable education system with free school meals.

A Fair Share for Children: Preventing the loss of a generation to COVID-19 Report details what's needed to protect the world's most vulnerable children

Building on the Laureates and Leaders joint statement from May, the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US undertook the research and development of *A Fair Share for Children: Preventing the loss of a generation to COVID-19 Report* on behalf of the Laureates and Leaders for Children Steering Committee. It was released during the Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit in September.

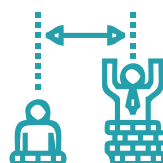
The detailed, 55-page Report calls COVID-19 a "perfect storm for a child rights disaster." Acknowledging the pandemic will deepen global inequality for at least a generation, it creates a series of short-term and long-term recommendations to ensure the most marginalized have their fair share of the global response.



Fully fund all COVID-19 UN and other multilateral appeals targeting the poorest countries



Protect public services and social protections in low-income countries in 2020 and 2021 by cancelling all external debt payments



Close the financing gap for the health Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) in all low-income countries until 2030



Fund two years of financing to achieve the SDGs for water and sanitation



Provide low-income countries with two years of the external funding gap to achieve good quality universal education



Ensure all overseas development aid/foreign aid (ODA) is allocated to countries most in need starting in 2021



Commit US\$100 billion to create a Global Social Protection Fund for children in every low-income and lower-middle-income country



Allocate funding for the manufacturing and supply of a global COVID-19 vaccination program

Learn more about the Report here:

https://laureatesandleaders.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/A_FAIR_SHARE_FOR_CHILDREN_REPORT_9SEPT2020.pdf

LAUREATES AND LEADERS FOR CHILDREN SUMMIT 2020 CALLS FOR “A FAIR SHARE FOR CHILDREN” TO ADDRESS COVID-19 IMPACT

In September, the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US hosted the **Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit**, held virtually and livestreamed via YouTube and FaceBook. Laureates and Leaders for Children, founded in 2016, is a growing movement of visionary leaders working together to inspire the international community to globalize compassion for the world's most vulnerable children.

Focusing on the devastating impact of COVID-19 on children in the immediate and long-term future, Nobel Laureates, world and youth leaders united to demand US\$1 trillion for the world's most marginalized children impacted by COVID-19. Over two days, the Summit addressed the rapidly emerging global child rights crisis, and shared solutions.

It is clear that the pandemic will likely lead to a significant increase in child labor and slavery, poverty, and out-of-school rates. While COVID has impacted every country in the world, those most affected are the least able to protect themselves against the virus. In light of this devastating reality, KSCF - on behalf of the Laureates and Leaders for Children Steering Committee – released a report called *A Fair Share For Children: Preventing the Loss of a Generation to COVID-19*. The report called out the fact that while US\$8.02 trillion in financial relief was announced, primarily by wealthy G20 countries, only 0.13% was actually allocated to multilateral COVID-19 appeals for those most vulnerable to the pandemic-induced economic crisis.

Addressing the Summit attendees, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization, said *“We cannot continue to fail our young global citizens. The post-COVID recovery must have our children as the central focus.”*

The Summit agenda addressed the many ways in which the pandemic affected the world's most vulnerable children. The opening plenary shared insights into how giving 20% of the financial relief to the 20% of the most vulnerable children would be transformative. It would fully fund the UN COVID-19 appeals, provide debt cancellation for the poorest countries, support two years of the financing gap for the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on education and clean water and sanitation, establish a new global fund for social protection, and fund a whole decade of the health SDG financing gap.

These actions alone could save more than 70 million lives. Individual sessions, all related to the impact of COVID-19, focused on issues of food security, ending child poverty, bringing an end to the virus for good, ensuring that the world does not lose a generation of children, ensuring economic exploitation of children does not increase, and the increased vulnerability of children on the move, including those internally displaced, refugees, and asylum-seekers.

Rallying cries for action came from all speakers including Martin Chungong, Secretary General, Inter-Parliamentary Union. Mr Chungong said *“All the recommendations in the Fair Share for Children report are in the realm of parliaments. I make a clarion call to parliaments: Allocate resources to protect children's rights.”*

5,000 online attendees listened in to hear the speakers, which included former child laborers and child rights activists, HH the Dalai Lama, HE Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister of Sweden, Henrietta Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, alongside many Nobel Laureates including Kailash Satyarthi and Leymah Gbowee, and heads of multilateral organizations.

From a survivor's perspective

During the Opening Plenary, the online audience heard from Kinsu Kumar, a former child laborer rescued by the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, who shared his thoughts: *“I question governments and their lack of*



accountability for children – I question their conscience today, I question the death of morality, and I question your political will that values the economy much more than the lives of children!” One of the lucky ones, Kinsu had the opportunity to attend college, and on completion of his education, he returned to KSCF's Bal Ashram to work and support other former child laborers.

To learn more about the 2020 Summit visit <https://laureatesandleaders.org/2020-programme-in-depth/>

ILO CONVENTION NO.182 ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR BECOMES THE ONLY UNIVERSALLY RATIFIED ILO CONVENTION IN HISTORY

In August 2020, history was made when ILO Convention No.182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labor became the fastest, and only universally ratified ILO convention ever. For Kailash Satyarthi, the journey to this point began in 1998 when he founded the Global March Against Child Labor in which millions of children and activists marched across 103 countries and 80,000 kms. During the past 22 years, thanks to the efforts of many, the number of child laborers in the world has reduced from 250 million to 152 million. Marking the achievement of ratification, Kailash Satyarthi said: “It is time for universal accountability to end child labor. The challenge is enormous but not insurmountable. I call on the millions who joined this fight to end child labor more than 20 years ago, and to the millions who continue to fight today to see this to the end. Standing together, I know we will see the end of child labor in my lifetime.”

100 MILLION BUILDS INTERNATIONAL MOMENTUM IN THE FACE OF COVID-19

Founded in 2016, the 100 Million campaign is a youth-led call to action for a world where all young people are free, safe, and educated. Led by youth activists from every background on every continent, 100 Million provides training and coordination for youth activists to support them to be local, national, and international advocates for the rights of the world’s most marginalized children.

In the months before the global pandemic struck, 100 Million had started 2020 with a bang, by organizing its first face-to-face meeting of its Board of Trustees and launching its flagship advocacy training program with youth activists from across Africa, Asia, and Europe. However, as COVID-19 halted public meetings and campaigning events, 100 Million shifted to online working and support for its activists. This included a weekly 100 Million Activists’ Film Club, as well as regular meetings with youth and student leaders from around the world.

Community organizing continued where COVID regulations allowed. In Liberia, 100 Million youth activists conducted community outreach surveys, speaking to children and their families living in extreme poverty to understand how COVID-19 prevention methods, such as lockdowns and school closures, had affected the community. They used their findings to raise awareness to the wider public and pressure local decision-makers to act. In Nigeria, children in rural areas of Kaduna State took to the



streets to display their own banners demanding justice. In Peru youth activists across six regions of the country also led food drives for families living in extreme poverty, to prevent a rise in child labor.

100 Million’s trustee organization, AASU, the largest student movement in Africa, worked together with 100 Million, and UNESCO, to deliver a community activism program “Girls Back to School”. This saw youth activists across Africa being trained in community organizing approaches and critical thinking to help tackle the exclusion of girls and young women from education in their communities. This campaign continues and we hope to see grassroots mobilizations across Africa in support of it.

JUSTICE FOR EVERY CHILD

COVID-19 THREATENS 1 IN 5 OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN



WILL YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THEM?

JUSTICE FOR EVERY CHILD



Working with its youth-led partner organizations from around the world, 100 Million focused its 2020 efforts calling for the most marginalized children and their families to receive their fair share of COVID-19 relief funds to prevent a child rights catastrophe in the wake of the pandemic. The global **Justice For Every Child** campaign was launched by 100 Million, the All-Africa Students' Union, the Commonwealth Students' Association, the European Students' Union, the Organising Bureau of School Student Unions, and grassroots youth activists in May. More than 50 youth-led organizations – ranging from grassroots groups to international representative youth organizations – now support the global **Justice For Every Child** campaign, giving it a reach of more than 100 million young people impassioned to build a fairer world for vulnerable children.

In 2020, new youth-led coalitions were established in Kenya, India, Peru, and Nigeria to focus on national and local decision-makers to better represent and protect marginalized children and young people. Through the global **Justice For Every Child** campaign, 100 Million is engaging young people across the globe to call on the national and local leaders to step up with a series of actions including the social media-based Hands Up for the 1 in 5 campaign, template letters, and political briefings.

As part of their global advocacy work, representatives from 100 Million's board of trustees heavily influenced the work of the Laureates and Leaders for Children, which resulted in the *Fair Share*


for Children campaign. Youth activists spoke at every session of September's virtual Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit, calling for a US\$1 trillion aid package for low-income countries.

100 Million organized side events for the 75th UN General Assembly in September and the G20 Summit in November. Youth and student leaders demonstrated their anger at the lack of global action for low-income countries and the unequal response to COVID-19 as part of the global Justice for Every Child campaign.

The UNGA event, 'Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is', had almost 900 people watching all over the world, with the 'Fair Share for Our Future' G20 event, which was co-hosted with the Global Student Forum, engaging over 1200 people.

As part of 100 Million's work to support young people to politically organize, a Youth Leadership Forum was co-convened with the Global Student Forum. The Forum was joined by over 100 youth leaders from 46 countries, representing national and regional student unions and grassroots activist networks. This event was organized in advance of the G20, which – with only one country of 55 in Africa, and no low-income countries as members – leaves the voices of many of the world's most marginalized children unheard, and their needs unmet. In contrast, the Youth Leadership Caucus had more than double the number of countries represented, with the overwhelming majority of participants coming from lower-income countries.

100 MILLION CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

February	First ever meeting of 100 Million's Board of Trustees, comprised of a super-majority of youth activists from around the world.	
February	100 Million launches its flagship youth advocacy training with activists from Africa, Asia, and Europe.	
March-April	100 Million organizes online meetings and events including the Activists' Film Club.	
May	Launch of Justice for Every Child campaign	
August	Led by 100 Million, a German youth activist coalition of faith-based, political, and trade union organizations, with student associations called upon Chancellor Angela Merkel to advocate for supply chain legislation in the EU and Germany	
August	100 Million influences the work of Laureates and Leaders and sees initiation of Fair Share campaign	
September	Youth activists join the Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit calling for a US\$1 trillion aid package for low-income countries	
September	100 Million side event at 75th UN General Assembly gathers activists from 12 countries calling for Justice for Every Child	
September	100 Million youth trustees – representing millions of young individuals - jointly wrote to every UN mission to promote the Justice for Every Child campaign demands	

New to the 100 Million campaign, a powerful coalition in Kenya calls for a fair share

A 25-strong coalition of youth-led organizations led the way in Kenya on the **Justice For Every Child** campaign, calling for a fair share for the most marginalized children during the pandemic.

#JusticeForEveryChildKe launched on 14 July 2020 to advocate for the rights of the most vulnerable young people during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to hold decision-makers accountable for the fulfillment of these rights. This inclusive and diverse group came together to lead the campaign, representing children, adolescents, young people living with disabilities, young feminists, the young LGBTQI community, young people living in informal settlements, and urban youth.

Their key campaign focus addressed:

- **inequality of access to education**
- **lack of transparency and accountability of the use of COVID-19 funds by the government**
- **heightened cases of sexual and gender-based violence**
- **police brutality during the enforcement of COVID-19 regulations in Kenya.**

Through hosting online concerts and webinars, the campaign reached almost a quarter of a million people and has brought decision-makers and youth activists together to ensure the campaign demands were implemented.

The coalition also held two consultative meetings, one to address relevant stakeholders through the media to ensure their messages were made public, and the other to draft a detailed open letter to decision-makers via the office of the President and discuss the campaign's next line of actions. H.E Prof. Kivutha Kibwana and the H.E Deputy Governor, Adelina Mwangi of Makueni County extended an invitation to Justice for Every Child Kenya to partner on a project that seeks to ensure children's participation to secure data relating to child violence. In addition, Hon. Millie Odhiambo, MP committed to be a key champion at the high level to ensure the campaign demands are implemented.

This powerful network of connected organizations will continue to work together going forward, to amplify the voices of the most marginalized and to hold decision-makers to account.

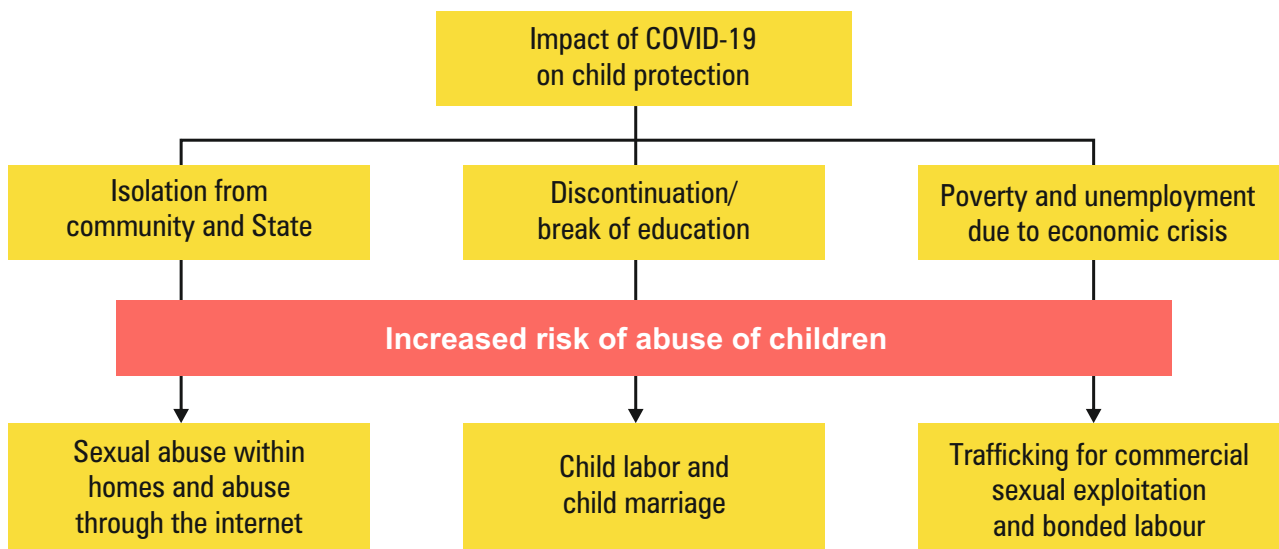
For more information and updates on progress in the **Justice For Every Child** campaign visit <https://100million.org/index.php/act-now/justice-for-every-child>

A YEAR OF EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGES IN INDIA

19% of the world’s children—448 million—live in India. The lockdown instituted to curb the spread of COVID-19 from March throughout 2020 placed many Indian children who were already vulnerable in greater danger than ever. KSCF was one of the first organizations in India to raise concerns about this potentially devastating impact of COVID-19, particularly for marginalized communities.

With the lockdown, many children and their families face isolation from their communities and local governments, breaks or discontinuation of education, and increased poverty and unemployment. These factors increase the risk of child abuse in multiple forms, including sexual abuse within the home or through the internet, child labor and marriage, and trafficking for sexual exploitation and bonded labor.

The impact of COVID-19 on child protection in India



KSCF's COVID-19 child protection strategy for children in India

During 2020, KSCF India focused its efforts on mitigating these risks by working directly with marginalized communities and supporting the government to develop forward-looking COVID-19 response mechanisms.

To do this, it concentrated on a number of key areas.

Providing immediate relief to families in distress

Supported for more than 25,000 families, including more than 72,000 children in Child Friendly Villages in Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Karnataka by monitoring infection cases and to providing daily essentials.

Relief provided to ensure food security to 5,000 families of the mica belt

Relief packages given to the most needy and vulnerable communities for safety and debt avoidance

Supported 7,000 households including 15,000 children in slum settlements of Delhi

Countering the imminent increase of online and offline abuse

In April, shortly after the lockdown began, KSCF launched an online awareness campaign to help families protect their children from abuse in the digital world and from abuse within the home during this time.

Partnering with civil society organizations

Partnering with more than 100 civil society organizations across India, KSCF created the COVID India Alliance Against Child Sexual Abuse and Child Trafficking to amplify the concern through awareness and engagement. It also developed an online lesson on child abuse to be taught by schools across the country to empower children to identify and increase reporting of any incident of sexual abuse in homes.

During March and April, KSCF organized a series of 10 webinars on child protection for more than 400 participants, including school and college principals and teachers, and radio hosts from across the country

A month-long #KeepChildrenSafeAtHome online campaign launched by KSCF reached more than 50 million people through different social media platforms.

Advocacy






Advocating for law enforcement and capacity building to ensure access to justice for children, KSCF set up an early response program for capacity building in anticipation of a likely increase in child exploitation due to the social and economic impact of COVID-19.

Progress in year two of the Global Campaign to Fight Child Trafficking

KSCF launched its **Global Campaign to Fight Child Trafficking** in 2019 with a goal of preventing one million children from being trafficked by exposing 10,000 traffickers within three years and creating safety nets in 200 districts and 5,000 villages. In its second year, against the backdrop of the pandemic, its efforts focused on mass mobilization, advocacy aimed at parliamentarians, and strong partnerships with civil society and youth-led organizations.



Results include

 <p>Reached more than 81,000 people across 25 states and two union territories with awareness-building campaigns</p>	 <p>More than 800 child traffickers identified*</p>
 <p>56 public dialogue events arranged between January and March (prior to the pandemic)</p>	 <p>More than 42,000 people engaged through the Mukti Caravan initiative</p>
 <p>146 training programs conducted reaching more than 18,000 professionals including police, child welfare committees, juvenile justice boards, teachers, and legal service providers</p>	

*Due to coronavirus pandemic the number is lower than 2019 outcome of 5,191

Child Friendly Villages – A focus on Koderma

KSCF's unique intervention model—the Child Friendly Village – aims to protect children at a grassroots level by creating a child-centric community development strategy that delivers meaningful and quality education for all children. KSCF has so far created more than 600 Child Friendly Villages across India and beyond, since its inception in the early 2000's.

From June onwards, as a consequence of COVID-19 and the need to strengthen the child protection mechanisms there, KSCF focused on Koderma, a prominent mica-mining area. Its goal is to strengthen the model in the existing 40 Child Friendly Villages and provide technical support to the government to help it increase the number to 250.

Alongside this project, KSCF supported the district and state government in the execution of a COVID-19 prevention plan. By facilitating the creation of a “Corona Warriors Committee” KSCF ensured the villages had access to a life-saving education program teaching adherence to social distancing, quarantine guidelines, and access to COVID relief from the government.

Child leaders supporting families during the pandemic

Champa Kumari, a winner of the coveted Diana Award in 2019 (given by the Diana Foundation in the UK, named after the late Diana, Princess of



Wales), and President of the Jharkhand State Level Bal Panchayat (Children's Council) worked throughout the pandemic to educate families about COVID-19, and how to stay safe. She also worked with the heads of village councils to ensure that the most vulnerable families received food rations. Thanks to KSCF's Child Friendly Village program, child leaders in other villages across the region helped disseminate education and ensure that the poorest families and children had access to food.

Mukti Caravan campaign adapts to the “Cycle Caravan” in light of COVID-19

Originally created in 1997, the Mukti Caravan’s (Freedom Caravan) grassroots awareness campaign against child trafficking, led by child labor survivors, was reactivated in 2018 and continued throughout 2019. Due to the restrictions of lockdown, the Mukti Caravan, traditionally conducted using a 14-seat bus, came to a halt at the end of March 2020. Yet, the increased threat of child trafficking and exploitation did not stop. In response, KSCF switched the campaign focus in August to a “Cycle Caravan” targeting 1,000 villages in the poorest and highest trafficking-prone districts in Bihar. This was led by 50 child labor survivors patrolling the area on bicycles.

Maintaining strict social distancing protocols, the survivors rescued more than 1,500 children and identified 800+ traffickers by the end of the year. The program will remain in Bihar until the end of 2021.

Creating a Superhero

In August, KSCF partnered with Deeper Learning Innovations Private Limited to launch a special comic book series featuring Dabung Girl, a fearless superhero who positively fights for child protection. The comic book series is aimed at educating children on child sexual abuse, child trafficking, and child marriage.



Targeting a notorious child trafficking hotspot

From January to December, KSCF and Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) undertook an extensive project to reduce the number of children trafficked for forced labor in Greater Hyderabad, in Telangana, a state that has emerged as a hub for forced labor and sexual exploitation.

In spite of the challenges presented by COVID-19, and through a rigorous process of recruiting staff, identifying vulnerable children, conducting rescue operations, and providing legal and post-repatriation support for children and their families, the team delivered emergency relief to more than 4,000 people and rescued 187 children from forced labor. 19 of those children were rescued from a bangle manufacturer, an industry notorious for enslaving children.

News from Nepal

KSCF US is now in its second year of supporting BASE Nepal’s efforts to establish 80 Child Friendly Villages in Rapti Sonari,



Banke district. In spite of COVID-19 restrictions, KSCF and BASE Nepal made significant progress this year, working to ensure children’s voices were present at the municipality level.

Highlights:

- 13 child laborers were rescued, rehabilitated and are now attending school
- Relief provided to 45 families significantly impacted by the pandemic
- 18 children from nine wards were elected to the Rapti Sonari Rural Municipality level network

NEWS FROM THE U.S.

JUSTICE FOR EVERY CHILD: FOOD INSECURITY IN TEXAS DURING COVID-19

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, 30 million children in the US rely on school for meals and are at risk of going hungry due to increasing poverty and unemployment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The World Food Programme estimated that food insecurity, already impacting 130 million people, would double on a global scale by the end of 2020.

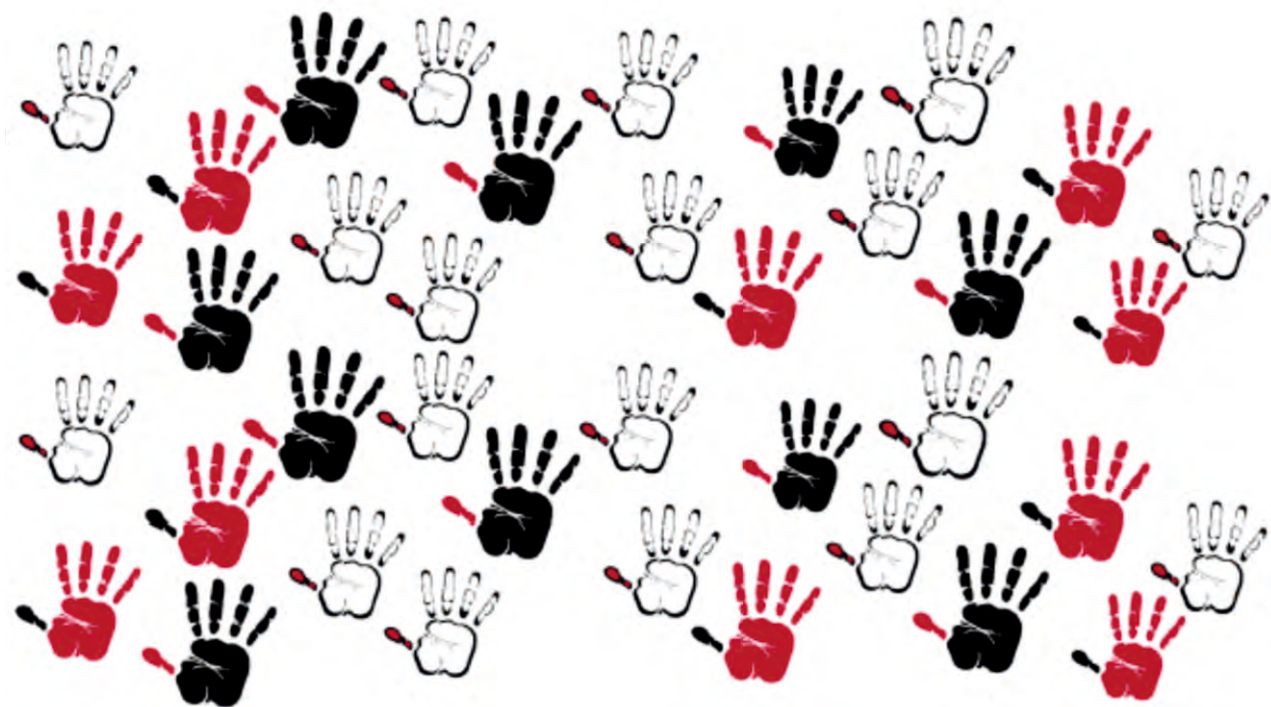
As part of its *Justice for Every Child* Campaign, 100 Million US is calling for \$900 million to provide safe, accessible food options for students and their families, to close the gaps in public school remote learning, provide a safe school environment for educators and students in the case of reopening, and ensure all children have appropriate access to education in the United States.

100 Million campaigner, Anisha Agarwala, 17, from Mission, Texas took the call to action to heart. She is a senior at the UTRGV Math and Science Academy, a member Future Leaders in STEM, and is the lead volunteer at the Upper Valley Art League, an arts initiative and community center.

The rate of positive COVID-19 cases in Anisha's community was nearly twice as high as the rest of Texas. Unwilling to stand by and feel helpless,



Anisha reached out to her fellow volunteers at Upper Valley Art League. Together, they launched an event to support their local food pantry. They contacted local businesses, local media, and harnessed the power of social media to gain interest. Even while adhering to strict social distancing guidelines, the event surpassed all goals, so much so that Anisha and her partners struggled to fit all the food into boxes for their neighbors in need.



CELEBRATING OUR AWARD-WINNING YOUTH ACTIVISTS

Kailash Satyarthi and the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation US believes that positive change in the world happens when young people are empowered. That's why we're so proud of the young changemakers we work with on a daily basis. Here are some of their stories:

Ashoka Youth Changemaker: Lalita Duhariya, Rajasthan, India

COVID-19 forced schools everywhere to close in 2020, making remote learning essential for students. Yet millions of children in India were unable to continue their education due to lack of internet access.

In response, 16-year-old Lalita Duhariya, President of the country's National Bal Maha Panchayat (National Children's Parliament, convened by KSCF) launched a high-profile campaign demanding government action. Under Lalita's leadership, more than 15,000 signatures were collected across Child Friendly Villages in six states, and letters were sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

During the Laureates and Leaders for Children Summit in September, Lalita advocated for the children residing in the remotest parts of the country who have been most affected, with India's Union Minister of Women and Child Development and Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Irani. Union Minister Irani promised access to digital technology for all and recognized the role community radio plays in the village children's education.

Lalita's activism and advocacy against children's exploitation have earned her accolades including the "Reebok Fit to Fight" Award. She was also recently named the Ashoka Youth Changemaker for being a dynamic youth leader in the field of child rights. Today, she is a senior high school student and hopes to become a doctor.



Winner of the Diana Award: Neeraj Murmu, Giridih, Jharkhand, India



21-year-old Neeraj Murmu is a former child mica miner who is now a member of the Duliyakaram Child Friendly Village. In 2011, Neeraj was rescued from child labor by KSCF and enrolled in school. Since then, Neeraj has pledged to end child labor in his village.

In 2013, Neeraj joined his Child Friendly Village's Yuva Mandal (youth group), where he worked to enroll the children of his community in school, ensuring that they would not become child laborers. His passion to guide children to education increased over the years and, in 2018, Neeraj started his own school. He recently shared: "I started this initiative to educate children in my village so that no child is left behind."

Neeraj named his school The Kailash Satyarthi School. He has provided education to more than 150 students vulnerable to child labor and other exploitation, helping them open doors to new opportunities.

In July, Neeraj received the prestigious Diana Award for his work. The Award, in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales is given to children between ages nine and 25 years who have worked on issues related to social justice.

2020 Billion Acts Award Winner: Kinsu Kumar, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh

Kinsu Kumar was born in a slum area of Uttar Pradesh, India to a family who could not afford to send him to school. Kumar began to work as a child laborer washing cars at the age of six. His opportunity to break away came when Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA) reached out to Kumar's family, urging the importance of education for the young boy. With his family's support, Kinsu started a new life at Bal Ashram, BBA's rehabilitation center, where he began his education and dreamed of becoming an engineer.



Kinsu, now 22, has become a global ambassador of children's rights and has received his undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering. He continues to work at Bal Ashram, dedicated to rehabilitating and empowering survivors of child trafficking. Kinsu has advocated for more than 60 million child laborers at high level panels and discussions at the UN, EU, US congress, World Bank, and the Hague.

In 2018, Kinsu was a youth delegate at the Vatican Youth Symposium held at the Vatican, Italy. The event was organized by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, where more than 30 youth spoke about their work on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Kinsu was a winner of the 2020 Billion Acts Awards for Best Local Impact Project for his ongoing work ensuring the freedom and safety of children across India, and empowering survivors of child labor.

FINANCIALS

Revenue and Support

	Without restrictions	With restrictions	Total
Foundation grants	\$130,000	\$614,695	\$744,695
Corporate contributions	\$79,000	\$145,294	\$224,294
Individual contributions	\$336,184		\$336,184
Other support	\$96,102		\$96,102
Net assets released from restrictions	\$2,144,312	(\$2,144,312)	(\$2,144,312)
Total Revenue and Support	\$2,785,599	\$1,384,323	\$1,401,276

Expenses

Total Program	\$2,338,352		\$2,338,352
General & Administrative	\$219,585		\$219,585
Fundraising	\$74,561		\$74,561
Total Expenses	\$2,632,498		\$2,632,498
Change in Net Assets	\$153,101	(\$1,384,323)	(\$1,231,221)
Beginning Net Asset	\$561,873	\$2,341,549	\$2,903,422
End Net Assets	\$714,975	\$957,226	\$1,672,201*

*Current year expense reflects the spending of the Donor Restricted grant revenue recorded in prior year. This creates a current year negative change in net assets, while still realizing an ending positive net asset balance.

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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, and consumers join forces to address the changes needed. As society continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic, the need has never been greater. 2021 is the UN Year for the Elimination of Child Labor, so please join us in the fight to bring freedom to every child.

Here's how you can help:



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 contact us at www.fairsharecampaign.org/schools



Contact your member of Congress to let them know that 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.



Donate and help us continue our vital work (www.satyarthi-us.org)



THANK YOU

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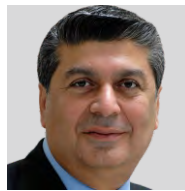
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“If children are pushed into wars and insurgencies, trafficked, bought and sold like animals, then who else will speak, if not you? Who else will act if not you? Whom are you waiting for? No positive change in the world is possible without the power of young people.”

— Kailash Satyarthi, 2020



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