

World Day Against Child Labor – June 12

All of us are being called to increase our investment in social protection systems protecting children from child labor. While significant progress has been made in reducing child labor over the last two decades, progress has slowed over time. Today, 160 million children are still engaged in child labor – some as young as 5.

Through the *International Labor Organization's* ACCEL Africa project , teams are harnessing the power of digital technology to give rural populations access to free pre-recorded audio messages on a range of subjects, including financial education, with the aim of ending child labor.

Government social protection systems are essential to fight poverty, vulnerability, and eradicate child labor. Social protection is both a human right and a potent policy tool to prevent families from resorting to child labor in times of crisis. Join us and add your voice to the worldwide movement against child labor.

- At the beginning of 2020, 1 in 10 children aged 5 and over were involved in child ,labor worldwide – 63 million girls and 97 million boys.
- Globally, significant progress has been made in reducing child labor in the past two decades according to the *International Labor Organization* and *UNICEF*.
- Only 26.4% of children worldwide receive social protection cash benefits.
- Africa with the largest share of children in the population, has the highest prevalence of child labor and the greatest need for social protection.
- It is estimated that without mitigation strategies, the number of children in child labor could rise by 8.9 million by the end of this year, due to higher poverty and increased vulnerability.

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https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-day-against-child-labour

https://www.tampabay.com/news/nation/Photos-ended-child-labor_171437160/
Interesting story of child labor in US in the early 1900s.

Video Links

https://youtu.be/aOQ9QiEaZbI child labor today
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCQNytI_nMM history of child labor
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2urkKxLIQYk chocolate industry and child labor