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ABSTRACT

The content of 'child labour' is currently prevailing issue of the world and there are million of children trapped into different nature of worst / hazardous form of child labour in various regions. It has significant percent in developing countries like South Asian, mid and West African and other Latin American countries. Many of the studies have cleared that South Asian region is core area of prevailing child labour. Nepal is one of the developing countries and lies between two most populous countries of the world. There are much more practices of child labour from the ancient period of time. ILO-IPEC has designed a TBP to eliminate all forms of child labour by the year 2014 in joint cooperation of Nepal Government and its latest records shows such events are diminishing, even though, there are no significant study on the context of domestic child labourers.

This dissertation has focused on socio-economic and demographic condition of selected 115 domestic child labourers residing in Budhabare Village Development Committee using convenience sampling method. It has tried to find out the socio-economic conditions of domestic child labourers causes of being domestic child labourers, working relationship with employers and other matters concerning with their future.

About 76 percent child labourers are below the age of 15 years. The dominance of Brahmin and Chhetri could be seen in numbers of children with 44.3 percent in total. Half of domestic child labourers are compelled to leave their home due to poverty and most of them fall in the age group 10-14, who started to work as domestic child labourers. The large number of child labourers performs the task of dishwashing. Majority of children get better food in the employers' house with compared to their own houses. None of them are dropped out from the school but facing the problems of heavy workloads as well as irregularity in classes and also insufficient time for homework and insufficient educational materials.

Similarly, none of the child labourers are found to be getting salary and are joined to the job for the betterment of education, food and shelter. Almost 93.9 percent of the child labourers got sick after joining the job and 44.4 percent of them have to work in spite of their illness. About 93.0 percent are punished by the employers and 29.9 percent faced different types of physical torture. Most of them can not quit the job on their self will. Nearly 60.0 percent of children want additional facilities from their employers. Most of the employers are found to be taking more advantages from the children depriving from their basic facilities as committed prior to the job.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	: Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome
CBS	: Central Bureau of Statistics
CDPS	: Central Department of Population Studies
CEE/CIF	: Central and Eastern European / Commonwealth of Independent States
CRC	: Convention on the Right of the Child
CWA	: Child Workers in Asia
CWIN	: Child Workers in Nepal
CWISH	: Children-Women in Social Services and Human Rights
DCL	: Domestic Child Labourer
GO	: Government Organization
ILO	: International Labour Organization
INGO	: International Non- Government Organization
IPEC	: International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour
MOH	: Ministry of Health
N	: Number
NGO	: Non- Government Organization
NLA	: National Labour Academy
SC	: Save the Children
SCA	: Save the Children Alliance
SCJ	: Save the Children Japan
STD	: Sexually Transmitted Diseases
UK	: United Kingdom
UN	: United Nation
UNCRC	: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Children
UNICEF	: United Nations International Children's Education Fund
USA	: United States of America
VDC	: Village Development Committee
WFCL	: Worst Form of Child Labour