

# **CHILD LABOR IN DOMESTIC WORK**

**A Case Study of New Baneshwor -34  
Kathmandu**

**The Dissertation Submitted to the Central Department of  
Sociology/Anthropology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social  
Sciences  
in Partial Fulfillment of the Degree of Master of Arts  
in Sociology**

**By  
SABINA BISTA**

**CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY  
TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY, KIRTIPUR  
KATHMANDU, NEPAL  
April, 2009**

**TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY  
CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY  
KIRTIPUR, KATHMANDU  
NEPAL**

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

It is certified that **Mrs. Sabina Bista** has completed her dissertation entitled "**A Sociological Study of Domestic Child Labor of New Baneshwor-34 of Kathmandu Metropolitan City**", under my guidance and supervision. I therefore, recommend this dissertation for final approval and acceptance.

**Approved by**

---

Mr Prem Chalaune  
Lecturer,  
Central Department of Sociology/Anthropology  
Thribhuvan University  
Kirtipur, Kathmandu,  
Nepal.

Date:---2065-12 -27

**TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY  
CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY  
KIRTIPUR, KATHMANDU  
NEPAL**

**LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE**

The dissertation entitled "**A Sociological Study of Domestic Child Labor of New Baneshwor of Kathmandu Metropolitan City**", submitted by Mrs. Sabina Bista has been accepted as the partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Degree of Master of Arts in Sociology.

**Dissertation Committee:**

Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Prem Chalaune

(Lecturer)

External Examiner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Madhusudan Subedi

(Lecturer)

Head of the Department

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Om Gurung

(Associate Professor)

Date: .....

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This thesis is prepared for the partial fulfillment of the requirement for the degree of Master of Arts in Sociology/Anthropology of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

This thesis is based on the domestic child workers of New Baneshwor-34, Kathmandu, Nepal.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Prem Chalaune, Lecturer, Faculty of Humanities And Social Sciences, Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur for his valuable guidance and instructions without which this thesis would not have been completed.

I am very grateful to Mr. Ramesh Mishra for his best effort to complete this thesis.

I would like to thank Dipendra Pandit (Library Incharge of **CWIN** ) for his positive support to collect information. I can't forget to hearty thanks Mr. Saroj Bista for his support in editing.

Sabina Bista  
Tribhuvan University  
Kirtipur

## **Contents**

1. Letter of Recommendation
2. Letter of Acceptance
3. Acknowledgement
4. Contents
5. Abbreviations

### **Chapter I Introduction**

1.1	Background of the Study	1
1.2	Statement of the Problem	3
1.3	Objectives of the Study	5
1.4	Significance of the Study	5
1.5	Conceptual Framework for the Study	7
1.6	Organization of the Study	8

### **Chapter II Review of literature**

2.1	Child Labor and Child Work	10
2.2	Domestic Child Worker	13
2.3	Domestic Child labor, working situation/ Condition of Domestic Child Worker in Nepal	14
2.3.1	Lack of Time	18
2.3.2	Hazardous Work	18
2.3.3	Violence and Abuse	18
2.3.4	Discrimination	19
2.4.	Problem of Domestic Child Worker	20
2.5	Causes of Domestic Child Worker	21

## **Chapter III**

### **Research methods**

3.1	Research Design	27
3.2	Site Selection	27
3.3	Universe and Sampling	28
3.4	Nature and Source of Data	28
3.5	Tools of Data Collection	28
3.5.1	Questionnaire	29
3.5.2	Observation	29
3.5.3	Interview	29
3.5.4	Case Study	30
3.6	Presentation and Analysis of Data	30
3.7	Limitation of the Study	31

## **Chapter IV**

### **Socio-Economic Aspects of Domestic Child Worker**

4.1	Background of the Respondents	32
4.1.1	Caste/Ethnic Composition	32
4.1.2	Age and Sex Composition	34
4.1.3	Educational Status	35
4.2	About Origin Place and Family Background	36
4.2.1	Place of Birth	37
4.2.2	Family Status	38
4.2.3	Family Occupation	40
4.2.4	Food Sufficiency for Family Survival	41

## **Chapter V**

### **Working Condition of Domestic Child Workers**

5.1	Causes of work	43
5.2	Types of Work of Domestic Child Worker	45
5.3	Entry into the Domestic Work	46

5.4	Working Condition of Domestic Child Workers	47
5.4.1	Working Hours	47
5.4.2	Earning Status of Domestic Child Worker	48
5.4.3	Sleeping Place	48
5.5	Health Condition of Domestic Child Worker	50
5.6	Helping Conditions	52
5.6.1	Sexual Harassment and Exploitation	52
5.7	Relationship Status	53
5.7.1	Relationship with Family	54
5.7.2	Relationship with Owner's Family	54
5.8	Job Satisfaction of Current Job	55
5.8.1	Not Satisfying with Current Job	57
5.9	Major Problems for Domestic Child Labor at Current Situation.	57
5.10	Future Aspiration of Domestic Child Worker	58

## **Chapter V1**

### **Summary and Conclusion**

6.1	Summary	60
6.2	Finding of the the Study	62
6.2	Conclusion	64
	<b>References</b>	<b>66</b>
	<b>Questionnaire Schedule for the Study</b>	<b>69</b>

## ABBREVIATION

DCL	Domestic Child Labor
DCW	Domestic Child Worker
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CCD	Children and Community Development
CDPS	Central Department of Population Studies
CRC	Child Right Convention
CW	Centre for Women
CWIN	Child Workers Concerned Center in Nepal
HMG	His Majesty's Government
I/NGOs	International / Non Government Organizations
ILO	International Labor Organization
INSEC	Informal Sector for Service Center
IPEC	International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labour
NPC	National Planning Commission
TU	Tribhuvan University
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nation Development Program
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WHO	World Health Organization