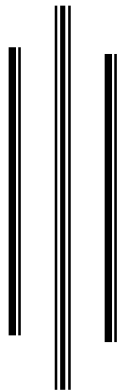


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ABSTRACT

Today's children are the pillars of tomorrow. All round development of child is most important for the development of human resources of the country. The migration of children to urban areas has been tremendously increasing these days and this has led to the increase of child labour in the urban areas.

This study is based on the hundred and five child labourers working in Kathmandu city as ragpickers, porters and workers of carpet factory. Child labourers of study area are selected by purposive method - a non probability sampling method.

This study combines both quantitative and qualitative data and it is aimed at obtaining in depth knowledge of a given phenomenon within only one month. The specific objectives of this study is to identify dependent, independent and intermediate variables that leads in work, to examine the socio- economic background and perceptions of interviewed children towards education and work.

Child labour refers to the work done by children which interferes their physical, social, and mental development through which deprived from childhood, potentiality and dignity.

Most of the sampled children of this study are supplied from the neighboring districts of Kathmandu Valley. A disproportionate number of ragpickers and carpet workers are from the Tamang group. But majority of male porters are from dalit groups. There are more boys in ragpicking and porttering but situation is reverse in carpet factories. Most of the children are between 10 to 18 years of age group. Majority of child labourer are from single family and unmarried. Among the selected areas in this study more married children are in carpet factory.

More children are migrated from poor, rural and landless homes. Many of them are illiterate they have single parents or step parents at their homes. Majority of children are influenced through friends.

Education is an ornament in prosperity and refuge in adversity. Education makes people able to differentiate what is right and wrong. But only, 68.8 percent male and 78.0 percent female are literate. Among the selected labourers more illiterate children are found in ragpicking.

More children have land in village but insufficient for their family subsistence. Out of the selected area, porters are highly landless. They didn't like to go school, mistreatment of parents whether their biological or step parents, difficult livelihood in village, influence through friends, to see urban life, to earn money for the family subsistence or their own pocket money are the push and pull factors for migration and to leave the origin place.

Most of the children said that, poverty is the main reasons for leaving home and drop out the school. They are interested to go school if the financial support will be available. Similarly, parents are positive towards children's education but compelled to send into labour market they did not afford the schooling charge.

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ACRONYMS

CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
CDPS	Central Department of Population Studies
CDR	Central Development Region
CONCERN	Concern for Children and Environment Nepal
CRC	Child Rights Convention
CWIN	Child Workers in Nepal Concern Centre
CWs	Child Welfare Society
EDR	Eastern Development Region
FWDR	Far Western Development Region
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HDI	Human Development Index
ILO	International Labour Office
INSEC	Informal Sector Service Centre
IPEC	International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour
MWCSW	Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare
MWDR	Mid Western Development Region
NLSS	Nepal Living Standard Survey
NPC	National Planning Commission
PSSN	Population Students Society of Nepal
SPSS	Statistical Package for Social Science
TU	Tribhuvan University
UK	United Kingdom
UNCRC	United Nation Convention on the Right of the children
UNFPA	United Nation Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
WB	World Bank
WDR	Western Development Region
WHO	World Health Organization