

# The Greed, We Need Next Generation

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**Abstract:** Dear reader, do you love ice cream? When was the last time you bought ice cream for your kids? what was the taste Chocolate or strawberry, maybe neither this nor that? It is sad to say that 200 million children are suffering while you and your children are eating ice cream. They work to bring some water and breadcrumbs to their families. While getting your ice cream is easy, working kids can buy it in their sweet dreams. You may have heard the term child labor before and would like to help them. Unfortunately, stopping eating ice cream is not a solution. These papers were prepared to give you a picture of the children suffering from organizational greed in the farming and leather industries.

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## 1. Introduction

Children are the beacons of future for the nations and the entire world. If groomed in a right and ethical manner they turn out to be the most valuable and appreciating resource. They are not only our joy and happiness but also a strong spring of our hopes to sustain and survive the future challenges. All of us aspire to turn them into an educated strong elite youth force commonly referred as ‘shabab’ in the Arab world. The focus and the investment on the proper development of the children remains generally the focus of almost all the developmental policies of the nations across the globe. All of us aspire to give them a good education and care for their health. No person even an insane can argue against the importance of children rights, children education, children health, children safety and protection. However, the ground situation does not seem to be rosy. Unfortunately, the stories about the child labor are being witnessed more and more in the surroundings by all of us. The sad part is that most of us are not take any action toward this issue. We have developed a cocoon mindset wherein we are thinking only of our children and ignore the other child doing labor as if they are not children at all. We observe child labor scenes from homes to our offices, markets and so many places of social interactions.

## 2. Literature Review

There are so many shocking stories happening around us such as the story of eleven years-old Amal from Egypt that is one among millions shocking stories. Amal dropped school after the death of her father, to look after her mother and three siblings. When she saw no support from anywhere to the family, Amal out of desperation took a job to take care of her poor family. She started working in a farm with great amount of work being shouldered by her fragile and weak shoulders. Every day, on her way to work Amal walks along a bumpy road in very hot weather. While

walking she comes across toyshops, and she starts wishing that if her father had been alive this time, he had purchased the toy for her. Unfortunately, all what

she could think of now is how to put food on the table. Amal future is unknown, her story is just one, and there are thousands of stories like her. Unluckily, with the advent of more technology driven world the child labor stories have not diminished but risen to alarming proportions. A proper study of such cases depicts that it has number of forms as they are the reasons behind this labor. We see child workers are usually members of poor families that do not have stable source of income, so for living they forced to venture in laborious work. Likewise expensive education and somewhere non-availability of schools are also reasons for child labor. There are cultural reasons also in some men dominant societies as they consider girls inferior creations then boys, so they push them into work instead of sending them to schools. The greed of organization involves employs children under 6 or 7 years old for 12 hours. They payment is less than 20 cent a day and sometimes they work without salary and under the threat of violent or sexual exploitation. (Unicef.org, 2017).

According to International labor organization, almost 21 million people are victims of forced labor among which 11.4 million are women and girls and 9.5 million are men and boys (Viswanathan, 2009). Most of the cases of child labor stand reported in the agriculture sector including farming, aquaculture, and livestock. Worldwide 60% of child laborers are working in agriculture and they are only 5-17 years old. Working in farm mean inevitable danger and it is one of the three most parlous industries that include non-fatal accidents, work-related fatalities, and occupational diseases. (Ilo.org, 2017).

**Figure 1: A picture containing outdoor**



The Children with their small and sensitive bodies are being neglected under the sun to work with lack of safety and unhygienic conditions what a real pathetic state of affairs. They are exposing to chemicals, dust, physical, mental, mechanical and psychological risks as well as the long working hours and poor life. Working in place that has most of these risks brings lot of injury to them. They usually suffer from permanent disabilities or physiological and mental damages in such situations.

Imagine small, beautiful boys and girls holding and working with knives, machetes, or scythes. They are playing with toxic pesticide that are poisons, cancer agents, and affect the behavior and mental health. Working in agriculture brings with it the risk of wild animal attacks in some farms and livestock (Hurst, 2007). Review of literature presents shocking cases of child fatalities. We are reproducing here some of them as an eye opener: Eleven-year-old girl fell off from tractor in 2000 and she lost her left leg. She was illegally employed in farm. (Hurst, 2007); Twelve years-old boy loses his hand when he was operating a moving machine. He is still helping his family harvest vegetables with one hand (Mentalfloss.com, 2017); in cotton production children under 10 years age work for 8 hours a day week. In tobacco growing, children under 10 years age work for 5 hours a day that equals 35 hours per week. IPEC study for tea estates found that 13 years-old children carried up to 20kg of tea leaves while 14 years-old up to 30kg. They carried them between 1 and 4 km distances from the farm to weighing stations; In cottonseed field in India, there are estimated

450,000 children employees; 146,000 children working in farms in clearing field, by using machetes; 153,000 children were involved in using pesticide without any protection (Hurst, 2007).

**Figure 2: A group of people working in a field**



Now, are you unemployed! Are you searching for a job? Here you will find what you search. We offer to you a job that you should work in it for more than 84 hours in 7 days with no vacations. You will work with toxic chemical, and no health insurance since the company is not responsible for any health issues you may face and they want to cut costs as many as they can to enjoy with great revenue. Your salary will be no more than 2\$ per day, so do you accept? If you did not accept and you see this job is against humanity so do not be a part of creating this jobs for more than 12000 children (Trusted Clothes, 2017) by buying a leather product for winter. You may ask yourself how buying leather products like jacket and shoes to be fashionable may cause child labor? Greedy companies that care only about their funds and revenue are hiring children from age between 6 to 17 years- old to work in bad condition; that is involve being side by side with toxics chemical. What did you remember? Is this like your child's age? Who sit said by said with his friends in school? Child labor in leather industry is not about children losing their books or losing their shoes in the road that lead to school, because there is no school at all for them. However, it is about losing their hands or legs or most of the time losing their life. If you feel upset of that, I am sad to say that this is not the whole truth because we cannot reach to the dark side of these industries and how they deal with children. Companies are not allowing us to know more about their practices. However, let us look at the bright side; you can be part of saving children from child labor in leather industry. You can do this by stop buying leather product from organization that employ children and replace it with vegan leather shoes, purses, and clothes. If I did that and you help me, and another person help us we will reduce child labor to less number of children and giving them chance to life.

**Figure 3: A person's legs and feet**

## Conclusions

To conclude, if you believe that next generation is the core infrastructure of the future and we cannot stand with worn-out infrastructure to sustain our World, you should start facing “child labor” struggle. To save our Small buds, the paper offer some recommendation. To help us reduce the number of child labor in leather industries, come up with our small step to make huge difference: First, Check your wardrobe! You may still have old leather clothes so no need for new one. Second, Chancel leather that produced from organization who employ children out of your life or replace it with vegan leather. We also recommend the organization that work in agriculture industry to develop a Robot that do repetitive and hard task under any weather condition. It will be costly at first, but it will cost money not child’s life. This robot will do the tasks that require using dangerous tools, and will carry weights. With this solution, the organization will buy the satisfaction of stockholder. In addition, using technology such as electronic machine that can do most of the work in few hours. Such as producing cotton or cutting wood.

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