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Press Release,

Subject: Stop growing Child Labor Exploitation in the country

As usual, we always celebrate **June 12** as World Day Against Child Labor, on this occasion several non government organizations are organizing different activities. Though those activities have been targeted to resolve the problem of child labor in the country, the growing exploitation over child laborers are still a reality in Nepal. There are 2.1 million child labor in the country and working in more than 80 different formal and informal sectors. At least half million children are engaged in the worst forms and rest in non worst forms. There are, as per CONCERN estimation, 48,000 child labor in brick kilns, 22, 000 in stone quarry, 42,000 in domestic work, 8000 in child mechanics, 40,000 in child portaging, and child bonded labor, child prostitution are still taking place in the country. Which is appalling.

Nepal is the signatory country of UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and ILO Convention 182 of the worst forms of child labor. We have our own children's Act 1992 and child labor prohibition and regulation Act 1999. But, due to weak implementation of these legal instruments, the exploitation over the innocent children is still continued. This is challenge for human rights activists. June 12 has been marked by ILO as Against the World Child Labor Day, and on this occasion we would like to demand the government to take stern action to those who openly exploit children in labor. Let's unite to end the problem of child labor and need to keep on eye on donor activities that are spending millions of dollar in the name of child labor rehabilitation. Lack of transparencies among I/NGOs have been a serious issue these days due to lack of proper monitoring from concern bodies.

We would like to extend our good wishes on the occasion of World Day Against Child Labor,

Thank you,


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