

Health Coverage Reduces Child Labour



Child Labour

Child labor is the exploitation of children that **deprives** them of their **childhood**, their **potential** and their **dignity**, and that is **harmful** to their **physical** and/or **mental** development. ¹

Current outlook

The pandemic and associated economic losses **significantly increased the risk of child labour.**



160 million

Total number of children at risk of child labour. ²



Ensuring income security for a household when the parents fall ill and access to essential healthcare for children is a prerequisite for eradicating child labour.

Why focus on health coverage?

Less child labor & higher school attendance



Health coverage allows households **to cope with health shocks.** ³



Reduces child labor **even when the household does not experience health shocks.** ³



Prevents parents from having to **pull children out of school** for economic support. ⁴

More financial security & child protection

Financial insecurity

Delayed treatment

↑ **Problem severity**

↑ **Health costs**

↑ **Poverty**

↑ **Child labor risks**



Health coverage enables individuals to access health services in due time, and prevents families from impoverishment. ⁶



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➤ Designs and implements health coverage schemes for smallholders to protect households from high health costs that would otherwise push them further into poverty.

➤ Generates highly granular health outcome and socio-economic data that can support child labour monitoring and remediating activities.

of children with birth certificates



of children in school

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