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*Respected Sir,*

**Subject: Request – Addressing the participants of the MoLE-VVGNLI-ILO-KSCF organized Webinar on the issue of child labour**

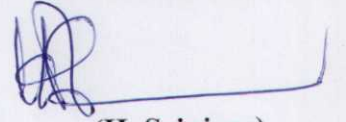
It gives us immense pleasure to invite you to the half-day MoLE-VVGNLI-ILO-KSCF Webinar to observe the World Day Against Child Labour (WDACL) 2020, on 12 June, 2020. The WDACL's theme for this year is "COVID-19: Protect children from child labour, now more than ever". The primary objective of the Webinar is to deliberate on the unprecedented risks presented by COVID-19 to the rights, safety and development of children and to evolve strategies to prevent children from entering the labour market.

Considering your expertise and rich experience on this vital issue we have great pleasure in **inviting you to chair the Technical Session on "COVID-19: Protect Children from Child Labour across Sectors" between 12.00 -13.00 Hrs. on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (Friday) and address the participants.** The Concept Note is enclosed herewith for kind perusal and the Programme Schedule will be sent shortly.

Your address will surely encourage and inspire the participants and also enrich the deliberations of the Webinar.

*With Warm Regards,*

Yours sincerely,

  
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**COVID-19: Protect children from child labour, now more than ever!**

**Jointly organized by MOLE/VVGNI ILO DWT/CO India and KSF**

In India, the Census data shows the decrease in incidence of child labour by 2.6 million between 2001 and 2011. Further, the data shows greater decline in rural than urban areas. In fact, the number of child workers has increased in urban areas, indicating a growing demand for child workers and rural-to-urban migration. Against this background, India has made significant efforts to eliminate child labour. These include measures to strengthen its legal and policy frameworks, preventive measures as well as address implementation, enforcement and capacity issues. In 2017 India ratified ILO Conventions N° 138 on minimum age for work and N°182 on worst forms of child labour. Their ratification was a much welcome move not only locally but also globally as it significantly increased the percentage of children in the world covered by the two conventions. The ratification needs to be followed by coherent in national legislation, development of evidence-based policies and time-bound action plans, and implementation of programmes to eliminate child labour. With the ratification of the core conventions on child labour and forced labour, India has the potential to become a key factor in global efforts to eliminate child labour such as the Alliance 8.7 that was launched in 2016 to bring together governments, workers' and employers' organizations, international agencies, think tanks and other stakeholders to take accelerated measures to achieve SDG Target 8.7. India has closely observed developments relating to the Alliance and has shown interest in effectively engaging with it.

The effective abolition of child labour is one of the principles on which the International Labour Organization (ILO) was founded in 1919, and has remained a key objective ever since. ILO in India has been providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Labour and Employment and its institutions, social partners, state governments and other stakeholders in their effort to eliminate child labour in India. A number of lessons have emerged from the implementation of child labour programmes in India, including the need for implementing holistic and sequenced Family-centered approaches, with enhanced income for families; Partnerships with enterprises for skills training; partnering with trade unions and employers organizations as key labour market partners and including civil society actively on several fronts from policy implementation to direct services.

The ILO launched the first World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 as a way to highlight the plight of these children. The day, which is observed on June 12th, is intended to serve as a catalyst for the worldwide movement against child labour, reflected in the huge number of ratifications of ILO Convention No. 182 on the worst forms of child labour and ILO Convention No. 138 on the minimum age for



employment.

The World Day Against Child Labour provides an opportunity to gain further support of the Government, ILO social partners, civil society and others, including schools, youth and women's groups as well as the media, in the campaign against child labour.

This year, the World Day Against Child Labour 2020 focuses on the impact of COVID-19 crisis on child labour, which is reflected in the theme, '**COVID-19: Protect children from child labour, now more than ever!**

The COVID-19 health pandemic and the resulting economic and labour market shock are having a huge impact on people's lives and livelihoods. Unfortunately, children are often the first to suffer. The crisis can push millions of vulnerable children into child labour. Governments around the world are taking wide-ranging actions to contain and mitigate the pandemic. Building on best practices, the right policy choices, and quick action to implement them, a better future can be built for our children.

In India, the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India along with VVGNNLI, ILO and KSCF is jointly organizing the WDACL 2020 on the global theme with the message to protect all children in or at risk of child labour and to ensure that they are a priority in the COVID-19 response.

**Objective:**

The objective is to call upon all the partners to join efforts and to reiterate the commitment to prioritize the following recommendations that have proven to be effective for fighting child labour:

- Protect workers and their families and provide livelihood support
- Strengthen social protection for all:
- Provide Quality Public Education for all:
- Enhance Partnerships and Integrated Approach for elimination of child labour

The Webinar will be inaugurated by Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment (I/C) Shri Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Laureate, will address the participants. **Shri Heeralal Samariya**, Secretary, MoLE, GoI, will preside over the Inaugural Session. There will be two technical sessions on the theme "**COVID-19: Protect Children from Child Labour – Across Sectors**" and on "**A Dialogue on Barriers and Solutions in Accessing the Rehabilitation Programmes**". The Resource Persons for the Technical Sessions are from the Central and the State Government, NCPCR, Employers' Organization, Workers' Organization, VVGNNLI Faculty, and NALSAR

**Programme Format:**

A webinar on 12 June 2020 from 11.00 AM to 2.30 PM

**Agenda and the Link would be placed on the VVGNNLI Website and also would be communicated soon.**