

# The Declaration Action Agenda 2018-23

State Level consultation to End Child Labour  
Ashavari, Ballygunge, Kolkata, WB  
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# Preamble

## Caritas India & Partners,

- Believe that children are right-holders and persons with ability to influence and make decisions;
- Recognise the violation of child rights in the form of child labour, sexual abuse, familial migrations, child labour, trafficking, malnutrition etc.
- Recognise the intersectionality of identity based (caste, ethnicity, religion, gender)discrimination and political and economic factors persisting child labour; &
- Committed to realising child rights as defined in the Constitution of India and United Nations Convention on Rights of Child and other national policy/legal frameworks;



**Caritas India and Partners together commit to  
build a caring and sharing community *with children*  
and *For Children*.**



# Risks, Prevention, Protection & Rehabilitation

**Caritas India and Partners will,**

- Identify vulnerable pockets and build community based safety net like such as children's clubs, village and block level vigilance committees
- Integrate and coordinate with Govt. departments and CSOs/ start talking about state action plan against child labour as in Assam and Bihar
- Strengthen sensitization of parents and families on child rights and entitlements linking them to social protection programmes (ICDS, RTE etc); alternative livelihood for families.
- Build awareness of village level stakeholders viz. panchayats, VLCPC's and other community level platforms to help promote safe migration.
- Engage in sensitisation of police personnel on key child rights laws



# Diverse approaches to end child labour

- Positively influence mindsets of key stakeholders who interact with child labourers closely viz. families, community/samaj, law enforcement agencies.
- Encourage community based vigilance through monitoring peer movement.
- Promote and strengthen convergence approach between community, service providers and PRI/ULBs
- Advocate for effective intra and inter state tracking system/ mechanism for tracking migrant children and putting forth child wise Planning.
- Sensitise schools to make them discrimination free for SC, ST, Muslim groups.
- Engage in Policy dialogue with wider child rights organisations & ChildLine for child friendly laws.



# Role Models and Child Ambassadors

- Promote good practices model like “ Child Labour free villages” seen in Kalimpong to be replicated across the state.
- Strengthen peer based strategy by supporting formation of Children's committees, Vigilance groups, Bal panchayats, campaigns
- Promote and strengthen children and youth volunteering and leadership building
- Support and enable children to emerge into change agents including those rescued from child labour
- Facilitate dialogue between Children-GO-NGO-Community



**THANK YOU!**

