

Child Labour and Education for All goals:

The World Education Forum in Dakar in the year 2000 established six fundamental goals to be achieved by 2015. These are:

- i. Expanding and improving comprehensive early childhood care and education, especially for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children.
- ii. Ensuring that by 2015 all children, particularly girls, children in difficult circumstances and those belonging to ethnic minorities, have access to and complete free and compulsory primary education of good quality;
- iii. Ensuring that the learning needs of all young people and adults are met through equitable access to appropriate learning and life-skills programmes;
- iv. Achieving 50 per cent improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015, especially for women and equitable access to basic and continuing education for adults;
- v. Eliminating gender disparities in primary and secondary education by 2005 achieving gender equality in education by 2015, with a focus on ensuring girls' full and equal access to and achievement in basic education of good quality; and
- vi. Improving all aspects of the quality of education and ensuring excellence of all so that recognised and measurable learning outcomes are achieved by all, especially in literacy, numeracy and essential life skills.

STREET CHILDREN:

The children are considered as an asset of any nation but unfortunately children remain a voiceless population, a deprived population that is not able to amplify voices against the exploitation and torture by their own relatives, friends, parents and teachers. An increasing number of children are being forced to the streets as result of poverty, abuse, torture, abandonment, negligence or orphaned by the circumstances.

Children often experience the effects of political, economic, and social crisis within their countries more severely than adults, and many lack the adequate institutional support to address their special needs. Eventually, they end up on the streets. Homelessness is largely an urban phenomenon, yet children are homeless and living on the streets in every region of the world from developing countries to the most affluent countries. Street children can be found in a large majority of the world's cities, with the phenomenon more prevalent in densely populated urban hubs of developing or economically unstable regions.