

Annual Report

April 2021 – March 2022



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LEGAL AID & CHILD ASSISTANCE

2021 -2022:

- 796 referrals of CSA cases forwarded by the CWCs, CSOs, Police, CCI and Individuals.
- Psycho-social support extended to 792 cases.
- 87 children represented before various JJBs, Sessions Courts and High Court of Delhi
- 26 cases disposed - 14 convictions, 7 acquittals, 4 abated and 1 PO (Proclaimed Offender) assigned.
- 13 appeals filed in High Court out of which 11 are in bail matters.

Current number of children receiving legal assistance cum psycho-social support - 322

RESTORATIVE CARE FOR CHILD VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

2021-22:

Emotional/psychological support - 153 cases, out of which counselling support was provided in 143 cases largely through in-house counsellors. Efforts are ongoing in 10 cases.

Educational support - Assistance to 43 children to continue education through regular school or NIOS and/or vocational training courses. Need is fully met in 16 cases and efforts are ongoing in 27 cases.

Medical support - Medical needs ranging from assistance for safe abortion to safe delivery, injuries and infections in private parts due to the incident identified and met in 55 cases. Efforts ongoing in 4 cases.

Paralegal support - 35 children provided para-legal support in the form of, testimony preparation, including pre-trial visits to the courts where necessary, helping with procurement of identity documents such as Aadhar Card. Efforts ongoing in n 41 cases.

* RESTORATIVE CARE (CONTD.)

Support for shelter-protection - Shelter protection needs fully met in **16** cases by way of helping families file complaints in case of threats, applying for witness protection and placing the child and their siblings in a shelter home where the home environment was hostile for them, especially in incest cases, rent support due to difficulties arising on account of the COVID pandemic. Efforts to provide Shelter-protection needs are on-going in **4** cases.

Financial support - Secured interim compensation in **18** cases and final compensation in **10** cases. Additional **30** cases received interim compensation through follow-up on application filed by other agencies.

Parents' Support Group - One meeting with the parents group was held on 22 March, 2022 in which 13 parents participated. Individual counselling of mothers and other family members has taken place in **10** cases.

BUDGET FOR CHILDREN (BFC)

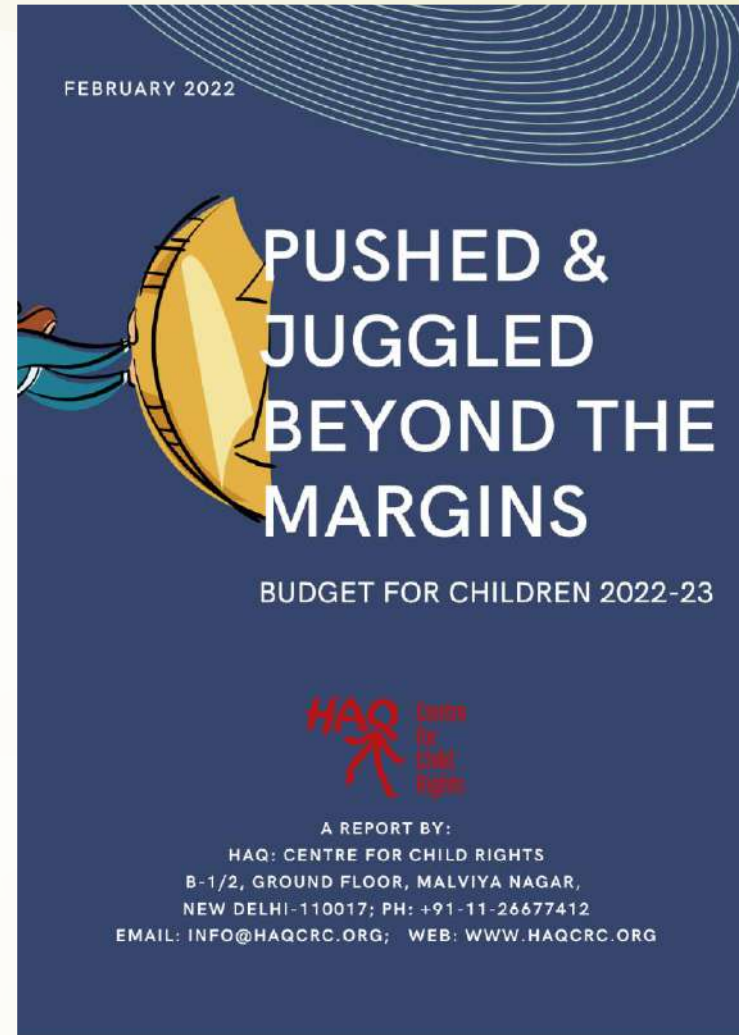
Published and disseminated “*Budget for Children 2022-23 Pushed & Juggled Beyond The Margins*”

Children in India receive the lowest share of financial allocations made in the last 11 years.

The share of Budget for Children (BfC) is a meagre 2.35 per cent of the total Union Budget 2022-2023(BE), a reduction of 0.11 percentage points from the share in 2021-22 Union Budget (BE).

While the overall Union Budget increased by 13.25 per cent in 2022-23, a further reduction in the share of children, especially when the country is battling with COVID-19 situation, is beyond explanation.

Despite the numerous challenges posed by the COVID-19 on school education, the overall budget for child education has seen a decline this year. Similar trends can be witnessed for Child Health and Child Development as well.



CHILDREN AND MINING

HAQ: Centre for Child Rights has come out with a comprehensive report titled, “DMFT Funds: Need to Prioritize Rights of Children in Mining Areas”.

The report specifically looks at the situation of children and the efficacy of DMFT in six mining districts in three states of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh.

The report looks at the utilization of funds available with the DMFT for realizing their objective of improving the socio-economic conditions of communities living in and affected by mining. As the lives of children are inextricably linked to the lives of their communities, the report focuses on the situation of children in these areas, particularly their health, education and nutrition, while exploring the possibilities of prioritizing child rights in planning and utilization of DMFT funds.



National Consultation on Mine Workers' Rights and Access to District Mineral Fund

A National Consultation “SAMVAAD” with key stakeholders was held on 8th October 2021 at the Indian Social Institute, New Delhi.

The National Consultation SAMVAAD took place in “Hybrid mode” where mining affected community members, government officials and members of civil society organisations joined through virtual platforms as well as physically.

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SAMVAAD

Impact of mining on children and the functioning and use of District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) Funds

Date: 08/10/2021
Venue: Indian Social Institute, 10, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, 110003, India
Time: 10:00 AM

Programme Outline	Time
Registration and Welcome with Tea	10:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Introduction and Setting the Agenda	10:30 AM to 10:45 AM
Session 1: Impact of Mining on Children and the Functioning and Use of DMFT Trust Funds: An Overview from Six Districts in Three States	10:45 AM to 12:15 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andhra Pradesh, Krishna District – Presentation by Nava Jeevan Bala Bhavan (NJB) Andhra Pradesh, Nellore District – Presentation by Association for Rural Development (ARD) Chhattisgarh, Kabirdham District – Presentation by Shikhar Yuva Manch (SYM) Chhattisgarh, Korba District – Presentation by Mitwa Mahila Kalyan Seva Samiti (MMKSS) Uttar Pradesh, Mirzapur District – Presentation by Manav Sansadhan Evam Mahila Vikas Sansthan (MSEMVVS) Uttar Pradesh, Sonbhadra District – Presentation by Participatory Action for Community Empowerment (PACE) 	
Session 2: Sharing of experiences and learnings by Campaign against Child Labour (CACL) with respect to child labour in mining	12:15 PM to 1:00 PM
LUNCH BREAK	1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Session 3: Open dialogue between government officials, affected communities and members of District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT) via Zoom	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
TEA BREAK	4:00 PM to 4:15 PM
Session 4: "Investing in Children in Mining Areas: A Review of the District Mineral Foundation Trust and the Trust Funds"	4:15 PM to 5:30 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Note Address from the Chief Guest Release of the Report Short presentation by HAQ: Centre for Child Rights Panel Discussion on Developing a Common Agenda for Future Action 	

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Mining Newsletter

The work on the newsletters was also initiated with developing an outline of the newsletter for its effectiveness as an advocacy tool for the district DMF Trust authorities, elected representatives and district partners. The newsletter is conceptualised as a medium that could highlight the issues being faced by mining affected communities, especially children and how the DMF can play a role in improving their conditions. Towards this end, a newsletter titled “The Under(mined)” has been published in July 2021, drawing upon the research undertaken and experiences from the field



CHILDREN IN BRICK KILNS

A two day National Consultation on “The Situation of Children of Brick Kiln workers” was organised in New Delhi on 21st December 2021 followed by a meeting on “Early Childcare and Education”. The consultation enlisted participation of 96 people, including brick kiln owners, workers, members of trade unions, SMC, VHSNC, Gram Pradhans among others.



Between 2005 and 2030, building construction in India is estimated to grow at a rate of 6.6%. But does this imply growth and empowerment of people engaged in brick production and their children?

A NATIONAL CONSULTATION

Towards Securing the Right to Health and Nutrition for Children of Brick Kiln Workers

21 DECEMBER, 2021 | ISI LODHI ROAD

Logos: German Cooperation, terre des hommes, CEC, CLRA, HAO

Newsletter

A newsletter titled, “Brickwalled” was released on 30 December, 2021.

The newsletter presents data from the field, good practices from the project and views of experts on critical issues with respect to social security, food sovereignty and access and dignity for brick kiln workers and their families.

In this Issue ...

Facts & Figures
Making out a Case for Dignity: Children of Brick Workers: Right to Health, Food & Nutrition
Ground Report: Improving Access to Services Children in the Brick Kilns
Ask the Experts: Interview with Mr. Sudhar Katyar on ONORC and Social Security for Brick Kiln Workers

December, 2021

Issue
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Facts and Figures ...

- # India is the second-biggest brick producer in the world after China, accounting for about 10% of the global brick production and 81% of production in South Asia.
- # The annual brick production is reported to be around 250 to 300 billion bricks per annum from 1,50,000 to 2,00,000 brick kilns. The demand is expected to multiply by 3-4 times in next 20 years, reaching 750-1000 billion bricks per annum.
- # Traditional, seasonal and unorganised, many units or kilns are not registered formally.
- # The industry is labour intensive, employing 10 to 15 million workers, the second largest workforce after agriculture.
- # While it is profitable for the brick kiln owners, for the workers and the environment it has remained exploitative.

From the Editor's Desk...

There is not a soul in the country who cannot testify to the desperate movement of migrant workers back to their villages during the lockdown that followed the outbreak of the COVID pandemic. It took a Supreme Court petition and media drive to draw attention to their situation, but at last a beginning is made!

The three trillion dollar economy thrives on the efforts of the migrant workers – their toil in obscurity! And the construction industry, that is expected to register a growth of 13% in real terms in 2021 cannot survive without the brick and tile workers besides those who labour at the construction sites. Much has been documented about the nature of employment and slavery like working conditions of brick and tile workers, yet much remains the same in their lives.

In 2020, HAQ: Centre for Child Rights in collaboration with the Centre for Labour Research and Action (CLRA) and the Centre for Education and Communication (CEC) initiated a project towards securing food security and sovereignty with dignity for brick kiln workers and their families. The project is supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ and terre des hommes (Germany) and is operational in the 10 kilns each in Ajmer and Bhilwara districts of Rajasthan and 10 kilns at Surin in Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh. Most workers in these kilns come from the states of Uttar Pradesh (Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba), Chhattisgarh (Mahasamund and Baloda Bazar) and Bihar (Gaya, Nawada, Jamui and Banka).

Amidst various activities being carried out at the kilns to connect women and children with the health and child development services, an attempt is being made to build evidence that can inform the key policy asks, explore the barriers in their access to rights and entitlements, suggest the shifts that need to be made and immediate and long-term measures required to protect the human rights of the brick workers and their families. Generating awareness among the workers as well as those who are meant to represent them as workers' unions and associations, brick kiln owners and other duty bearers is another element of the project. This newsletter too is part of the initiative, aimed at sharing both developments in the project activities and capturing the recent discourse on the situation of brick workers and their rights.

Bharrat Ali



PROMOTING FINANCING & FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY ON EDUCATION FOR GIRLS

In April 2020, Malala Fund commissioned a project on promoting financing and financial accountability for girl child education through budget analysis and technology based tool

Locations:

Baksa and Barpeta (Assam); Gaya and Muzaffarpur (Bihar); Bahraich and Shravasti (Uttar Pradesh)

In Partnership with:

North Eastern Social Research Centre (Assam), PRAXIS (Bihar) and PACE (Uttar Pradesh)

Purpose:

- * To highlight the bottlenecks in financing education for girls at panchayat, district and state level.
- * To promote budget literacy and transparency in access to budget documents with the help of technology. This is being done as a pilot in Uttar Pradesh in partnership with CivicDataLab, a tech-based organization. The tool developed for this called the **“Girls' Education & Well-Being Spending Tracker.”**

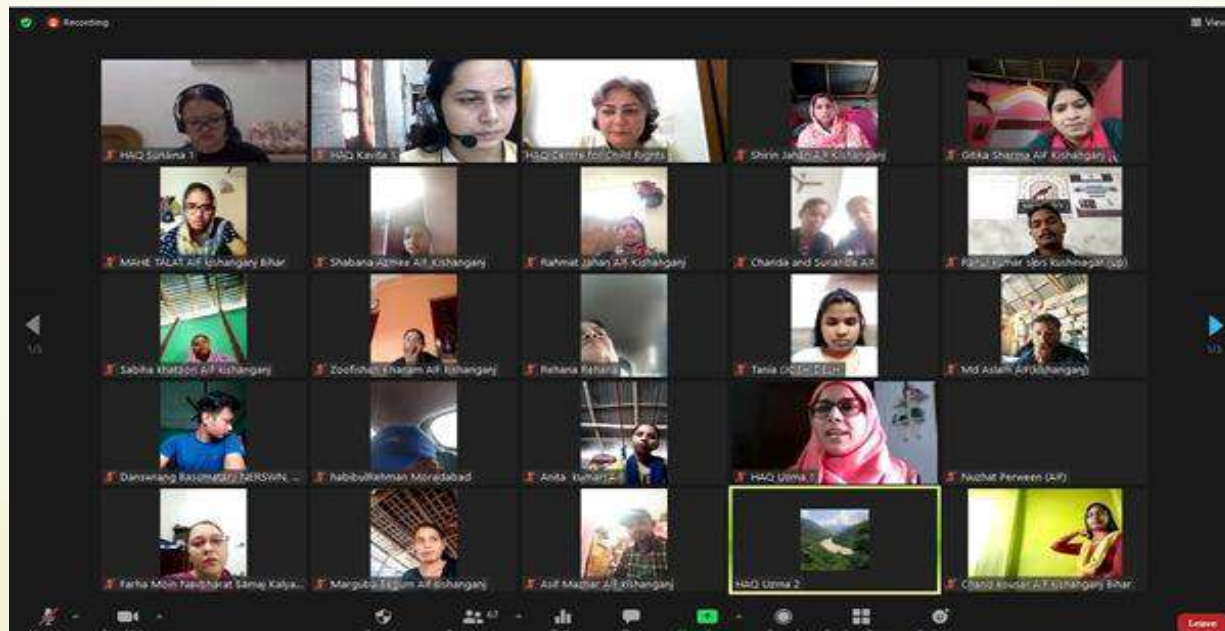
Malala Fund COVID Support

Training on Mental Health Awareness for Community Workers and Teachers

The main objective of this training was to enable the participants to become better informed about mental health of children, to recognise the need for intervention, to deliver Psychological First Aid (PFA) as needed, and to either prevent school dropouts or attempt to channel children back into the school system.

The training was conducted online via Zoom. It used a combination of facilitative, directive, and participatory methodologies including presentations, lecture-cum-discussions, group work/activities, role plays, panel/open house discussions, information sharing on each other's experiences, case studies, and snap polls.

The training was divided into three 4-hr modules, with checks for understanding and spaces for feedback built into the design.



Child Marriage

HAQ is a part of the National Coalition Advocating for Adolescent Concerns (NCAAC) which has been raising concerns over raising the age of marriage for girls from 18 years to 21 years. As a member of the Coalition, HAQ with other members sent its submission to the Task Force constituted to examine the proposition.

HAQ has also sent its submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee to examine the issues and concerns around the Prohibition of Child Marriage Bill, 2021.

In 2021, HAQ, along with other like minded organisations, filed an impleadment application in Aisha Kumari Vs. State of NCT Delhi & Ors. [W.P. (C) NO. 10945 OF 2020] raising the concerns over making child marriages void ab initio. The matter is pending before the Delhi High Court.



HAQ: CENTRE FOR CHILD RIGHTS' SUBMISSION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOUTH & SPORTS ON THE PROHIBITION OF CHILD MARRIAGE AMENDMENT BILL, 2021

February 05, 2022

On June 04, 2020, the Ministry of Women and Child Development officially notified the setting up of a ten-member Niti Ayog Task Force under the chairmanship of Ms. Jaya Jaitley to examine matters on the age of motherhood, imperatives of lowering Maternal Mortality Rate, improvement of nutritional levels and related issues.¹ Based on the recommendations submitted by the Task Force, the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 20th December 2021.²

The Bill proposes:

- To increase the marriageable age for girls from 18 years to 21 years
- The provisions of the law will have an overriding effect on contrary provisions provided under personal laws or any other law, including any custom or usage or practice governing the parties. Accordingly, it suggests changes in the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872; The Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936; The Special Marriage Act, 1954; The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955; The Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956; The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956; and The Foreign Marriage Act, 1969
- The time period to annul the marriage available to either party to a child marriage will be increased from 2 years to 5 years
- The majority of the changes proposed in the Bill will come into force 2 years after receiving the assent of the President

The Government received a lot of criticism from the opposition for the hurried introduction of the Bill by mentioning it in the Supplementary list of business without due consultations with States and other stakeholders. In December 2021, the proposed Bill was sent to the Parliamentary Standing Committee for further discussion.

HAQ's position on the Bill

HAQ: Centre for Child Rights (HAQ) appreciates the *objectives* of the Bill but does not endorse the proposed amendments on the following grounds:

A. Increasing the age of marriage for girls is not an answer to reducing/preventing child marriages

It is important to reiterate that bringing in legislative amendments to address a complex socio-cultural issue like child marriage is a typical band-aid solution. In a country where child marriages continue to enjoy such wide social acceptance, we need to understand and target the root causes that perpetuate it. Research shows that the prevalence of this tradition is not due to the lack of awareness about the legal validity or legitimacy of this practice but deeper social prejudice³. Besides poverty, the perceived low status of girls is the main factor responsible for child marriage. Even today, girls are viewed as a

¹ <https://pib.gov.in/PressRelease.aspx?prid=1629833>

² [https://prsdia.org/files/bills_act/bills_parliament/2021/The%20Prohibition%20of%20Child%20Marriage%20\(Amendment\)%20Bill,%202021.pdf](https://prsdia.org/files/bills_act/bills_parliament/2021/The%20Prohibition%20of%20Child%20Marriage%20(Amendment)%20Bill,%202021.pdf)

³ <https://www.griecoindia.org/articles/sex-and-sensibility-breaking-through-indias-patriarchal-bias/>

Virtual Release of Unpacking Judicial Data to Track Implementation of the POCSO Act in Assam, Delhi & Haryana (2012 to April 2020)



#Data4Justice - Unpacking Judicial Data to Track Implementation of the POCSO Act in Assam, Delhi & Haryana
(2012 to April 2020)

A Report by HAQ: Centre for Child Rights & CivicDataLab



HAQ: Centre for Child Rights & CivicDataLab Invite you for
Report Launch and Panel Discussion



#Data4Justice- Unpacking Judicial Data to Track Implementation of the POCSO Act in Assam, Delhi & Haryana [2012 to April 2020]

Report Presented By:



Adv. Urmi Chudgar,
HAQ



Ms. Bharti Ali,
Co-Founder & Exec. Director,
HAQ

Keynote Address & Report Launch By:



Justice Madan B. Lokur, Former
Judge, Supreme Court of India

Date: 19.11.2021
4.00 PM to 6.00 PM

Panelists:



Ms. Soledad Ferrero,
Chief of Child Protection,
UNICEF India



Mr. Anurag Kundu,
Chairperson,
DCPCR



Ms. Swagata Raha,
ENFOLD Proactive
Health Trust



Mr. Sachin Malhan,
Co-Founder,
AGAMI



Mr. Apoorv Anand,
CiviDataLab

Joining Info:

Zoom Meeting Link:
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Education Sponsorship Programme

HAQ: Centre for Child Rights in collaboration with the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Vedantu (academic partner) is reaching out to children who have lost either one or both parents to COVID through a Sponsorship Support programme.

- 25 children are currently being supported for their education through this programme, of whom 15 are girls and 10 are boys.
- 24 lost their father and one lost her mother, but is now without any parent as she had lost her father a few years ago.
- 13 children who did not have a device to pursue online education now have one.
- Vedantu has enrolled 2 students who had shared the need for additional online education support. As the schools have opened up, many children now prefer offline support instead of online.

The Sponsorship fund was set up with a support of INR 10 Lakh from Vedantu for 25 children for one year. HAQ has received support from DASRA for continuation in the second year, while Vedantu is exploring the possibility of continuing further.

Training & Capacity Building

Trainings in association with DCPCR

- CWCs/JJBs - 60
- DCPOs and other ICPS Functionaries - 45

Trainings in association with Delhi Judicial Academy

- Chairpersons, Members of Child Welfare committee, Member Social Worker JJB, Superintendents of Observation Homes, District Child Protection Officers and Special Juvenile Police Unit Officers & Principal Magistrates, JJB - 80 (2 programmes @ 40 per programme)
- Special Court POCSO Judges, Public Prosecutors and DCW Lawyers - 100 (2 programmes @ 50 per programme)

Trainings in association with the CRPF Academy

- Assistant Commandants to Deputy Commandants from various CAPF and State Police Forces - 40 (2 programmes)

Training & Capacity Building (Other States)

Trainings in association with Madhya Pradesh SCPS

- CWC Chairpersons and Members - 50
- JJB Social Worker Members - 30

Trainings for Chhattisgarh CWCs and JJBs in association with CSJ

- CWCs - 200 (3 programmes)
- Probation Officers & Social Workers - 80

Trainings in association with RIPA

- CWC members - 50

Trainings in association with Central Detective Training Institute, Jaipur / Rajasthan Police Academy

- Police - 70 (2 programmes)

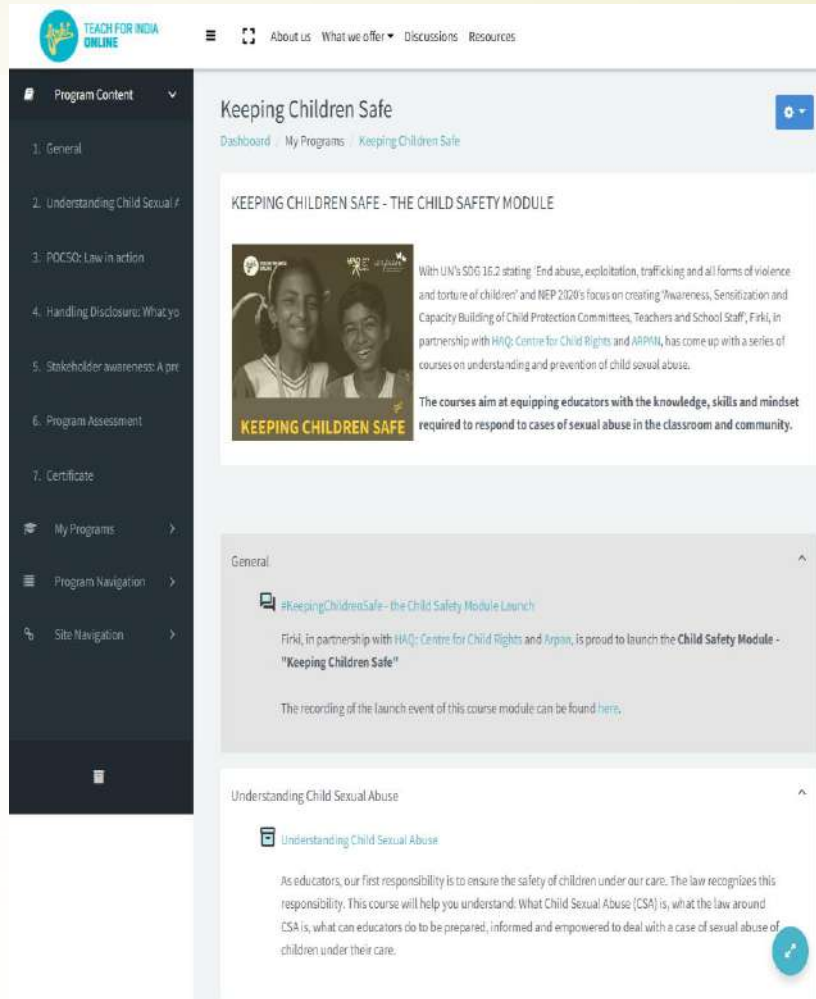
Trainings in association with Malala Fund partners

- Staff of NGOs, School Students, Teachers, Ancillary staff and Officers of various Government Departments on dealing with mental well-being of children during COVID times - 1255

Module on Child Safety for Teachers

HAQ in collaboration with FIRKI (sister organisation of Teach For India) developed an online module for teachers on the issue of child safety and POCSO. The modules were launched in November 2021 where Justice Lokur was invited as Keynote Speaker.

Currently, the module has been adopted by Tamil Nadu Government and the modules are being localised and translated by FIRKI as per the request of Tamil Nadu Government.



The screenshot displays the 'Teach For India Online' website interface. The top navigation bar includes the logo and links for 'About us', 'What we offer', 'Discussions', and 'Resources'. A dark sidebar on the left contains a 'Program Content' menu with items: 1. General, 2. Understanding Child Sexual Abuse, 3. POCSO: Law in action, 4. Handling Disclosure: What you should do, 5. Stakeholder awareness: A primer, 6. Program Assessment, and 7. Certificate. Below the menu are sections for 'My Programs', 'Program Navigation', and 'Site Navigation'. The main content area is titled 'Keeping Children Safe' and features a sub-header 'KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE - THE CHILD SAFETY MODULE'. A video thumbnail shows two children with the text 'KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE'. Below the video, text explains the module's purpose: 'With UN's SDG 16.2 stating: End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture of children and NEP 2020's focus on creating awareness, Sensitization and Capacity Building of Child Protection Committees, Teachers and School Staff, FIRKI, in partnership with HAQ: Centre for Child Rights and ARPAN, has come up with a series of courses on understanding and prevention of child sexual abuse. The courses aim at equipping educators with the knowledge, skills and mindset required to respond to cases of sexual abuse in the classroom and community.' A 'General' section contains a tweet: '#KeepingChildrenSafe - the Child Safety Module Launch. FIRKI, in partnership with HAQ: Centre for Child Rights and ARPAN, is proud to launch the Child Safety Module - "Keeping Children Safe". The recording of the launch event of this course module can be found here.' Below this is a section for 'Understanding Child Sexual Abuse' with the text: 'As educators, our first responsibility is to ensure the safety of children under our care. The law recognizes this responsibility. This course will help you understand: What Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) is, what the law around CSA is, what can educators do to be prepared, informed and empowered to deal with a case of sexual abuse of children under their care.'

Other Activities

- * **POSH and CPSP Policies for GFF partners** - In the second phase, HAQ facilitated Development of a Comprehensive Policies on Child Safeguarding and Protection Sexual Harassment at Workplace for new GFF Partners and supported some old ones from the first phase.
- * **CRC Alternate Report** - HAQ was chosen to function as the Secretariat for the forthcoming CRC Alternate Report with support from a Core Group comprising Karuna Bishnoi, Enakshi Ganguly, Shailabh, Nicole Menezes (Leher), Swagata Raha (Enfold), Arlene Manoharan (Enfold). Role is to coordinate with the core group members and Regional Coordinators for the regional and national level processes. Some funding has been received from tdh (Germany) by Regional Coordinators. Secretariat is yet to receive the promised funds from UNICEF, though CRY has given seed money of INR 1 lakh. Collation of resources and research has been started with the help of interns and some HAQ staff.
- * **Revised Guidelines for Recording of Evidence of Vulnerable Witnesses** - Contributed to the revision of the guidelines for recording evidence of vulnerable witnesses as part of a working group set up by Justice Gita Mittal in furtherance of the Supreme Court's directions in Smruti Tukaram Badade v. State of Maharashtra [2022 LiveLaw (SC) 80].
- * **PIL filed in Allahabad High Court** - Based on the fact finding report on torture of minors in the wake of CAA-NRC protests in Uttar Pradesh and failure of the juvenile justice system to address the situation a PIL was filed in the Allahabad High Court in September 2020. The matter is still pending at the High Court.

30 Days Of Celebrating The Girl Child

The pandemic has caused a lot of challenges and suffering, especially for women and children who are more vulnerable to domestic violence. Women's employment rate decreased, children's education suffered, and the girl child's difficulties got more pronounced.

Even though there is greater awareness and talk of equal rights, we still see many cases of young girls being denied basic human rights like education and a safe environment.

Towards this, for National Girl Child Day, HAQ collaborated with Oraclevolunteers to spread awareness about the struggles that girls face to get basic facilities. HAQ and Oraclevolunteers also collaborated for a special project on Christmas to get 50 girls basic educational resources helpful for formal schooling and to instil a desire to learn.

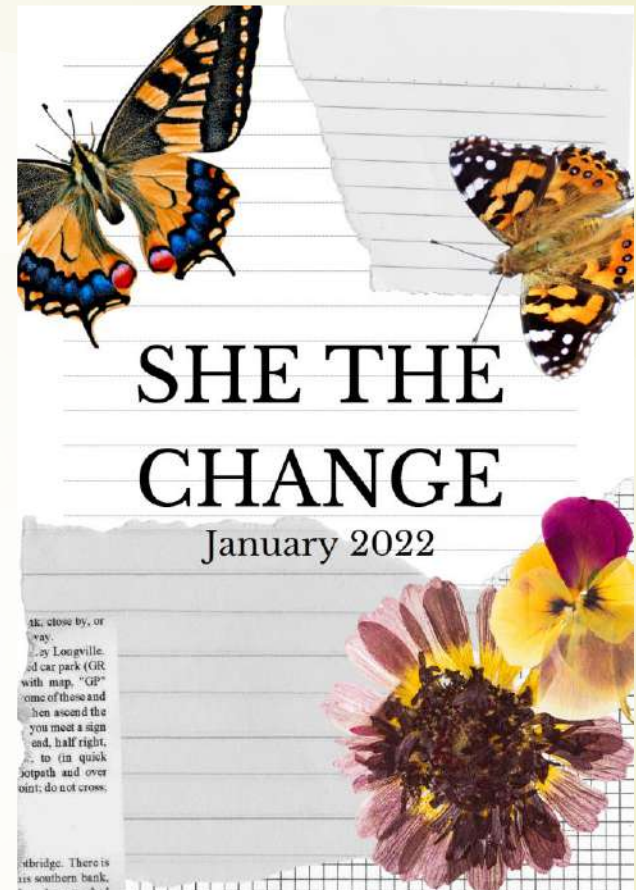


She The Change - Jan 2022

The Booklet is a compilation of inspiring stories from various villages where girls have taken a stand and fought against societal pressures and practices.

The COVID pandemic has thrown special challenges for our girls who live under adverse circumstances even in ordinary times. While working on the ground, HAQ learnt about several inspiring stories from various villages where girls took a stand and fought against societal pressures and practices.

They faced gender discrimination and regressive practices like child marriage, opposition to their education, different forms of gender based violence and neglect, and put up a brave front to come up triumphant against all odds.



HAQ Newsletter

HAQ has started to bring out its periodic Newsletter on quarterly basis summarising main highlights in the particular quarter.

This has been one of the most recent developments with the objective to increase the exposure and presence of HAQ's work in the social media. The Newsletter is shared with funding agencies (present & past), individual donors and friends of HAQ.



COVID Impact:

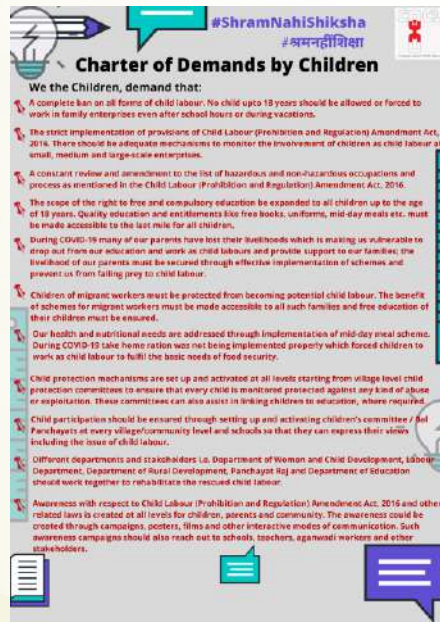
Educational and Health Support During the Pandemic

Cities like Delhi were impacted more by the Covid19 pandemic than others, witnessing an immense loss of life that left many children without the care and protection of their

#ShramNahiShiksha

On the eve of International Day against Child Labour, HAQ participated in a 44 day long online campaign on the issue of Child Labour titled #ShramNahiShiksha, hosted by the Campaign Against Child Labour.

As part of the CACL, HAQ prepared a brief Status Report on Child Labour and also prepared a “Charter of Demands” prepared by children. This Charter of Demand was the culmination of children led processes by members of the CACL where children expressed their demands to curb child labour.

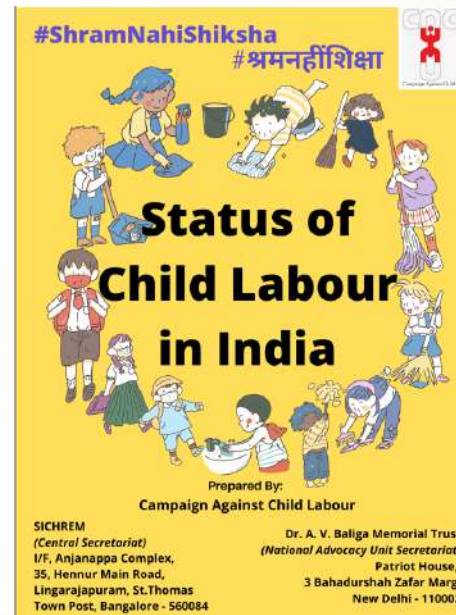


#ShramNahiShiksha
#श्रमनहींशिक्षा

Charter of Demands by Children

We the Children, demand that:

- A complete ban on all forms of child labour. No child upto 18 years should be allowed or forced to work in family enterprises even after school hours or during vacations.
- The strict implementation of provisions of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016. There should be adequate mechanisms to monitor the involvement of children as child labour at small, medium and large size enterprises.
- A constant review and amendment to the list of hazardous and non-hazardous occupations and process as mentioned in the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016.
- The scope of the right to free and compulsory education be expanded to all children up to the age of 18 years. Quality education and entitlements like free books, uniforms, mid-day meals etc. must be made accessible to the last mile for all children.
- During COVID-19 many of our parents have lost their livelihoods which is making us vulnerable to drop out from our education and work as child labour and provide support to our families; the livelihood of our parents must be secured through effective implementation of schemes and prevent us from falling prey to child labour.
- Children of migrant workers must be protected from becoming potential child labour. The benefit of schemes for migrant workers must be made accessible to all such families and free education of their children must be ensured.
- Our health and nutritional needs are addressed through implementation of mid-day meal schemes. During COVID-19 take home ration was not being implemented properly which forced children to work as child labour to fulfil the basic needs of food security.
- Child protection mechanisms are set up and activated at all levels starting from village level child protection committees to ensure that every child is monitored protected against any kind of abuse or exploitation. These committees can also assist in linking children to education, where required.
- Child participation should be ensured through setting up and activating children's committee / cell. Parents of every village/community level and schools so that they can express their views including the issue of child labour.
- Different departments and stakeholders i.e. Department of Women and Child Development, Labour Department, Department of Rural Development, Panchayat Raj and Department of Education should work together to rehabilitate the rescued child labour.
- Awareness with respect to Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016 and other related laws is created at all levels for children, parents and community. The awareness could be created through campaigns, posters, films and other interactive modes of communication. Such awareness campaigns should also reach out to schools, teachers, agricultural workers and other stakeholders.



#ShramNahiShiksha
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Status of Child Labour in India

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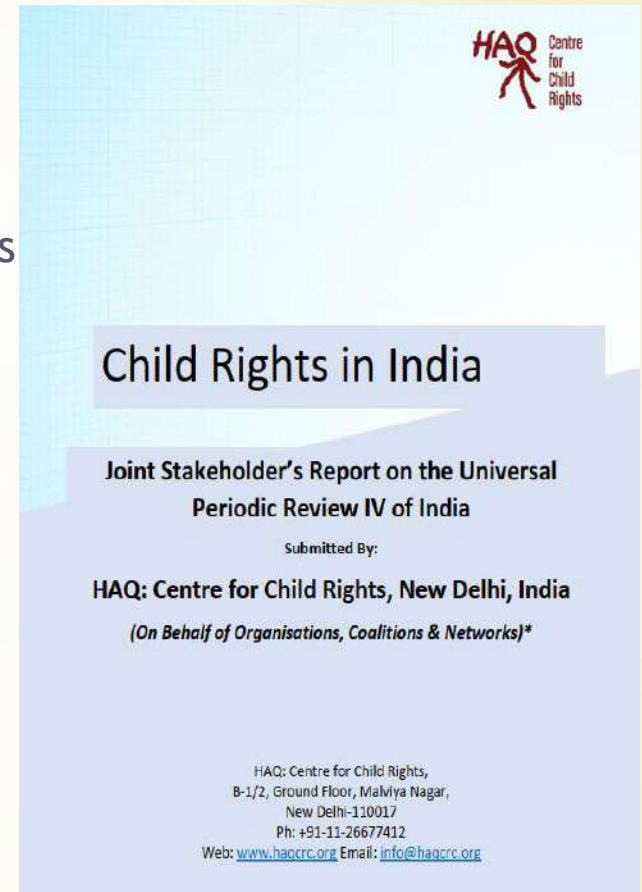
Universal Periodic Review Submission at the UN

India is going to be reviewed this year during the Fourth cycle of the Universal Periodic Review at the UNHRC.

HAQ has submitted its Joint Stakeholder Report on Child Rights and highlighted various recommendations for the improvement of status of child rights issues.

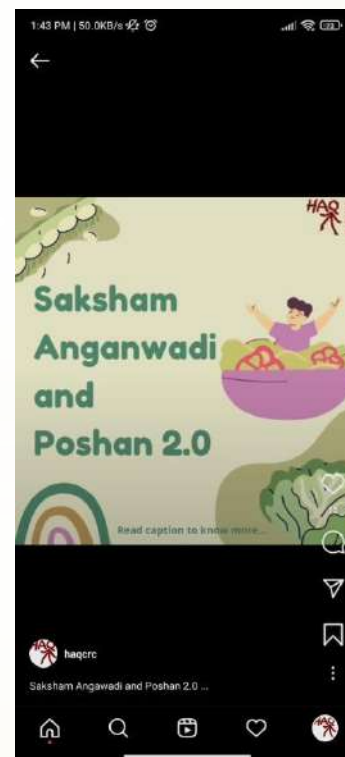
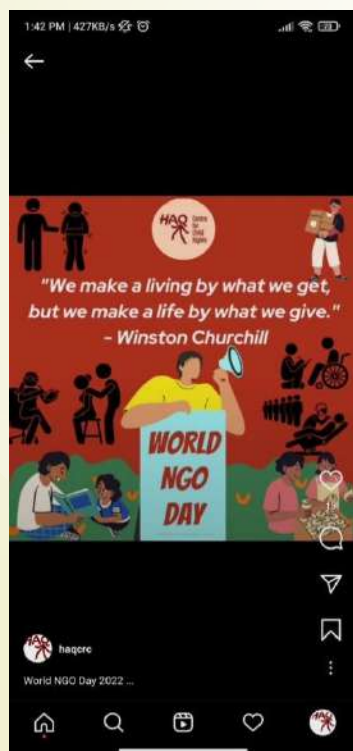
HAQ is also a charter member and one of the founding members of the Working Group on Human Rights at India & the UN. Towards the preparation of CSO report of the UPR, HAQ contributed to the Joint Stakeholders' Report prepared and submitted on behalf of the WGHR. HAQ's contribution was for the Child Rights thematic area.

HAQ has been closely associated with preparation of the UPR Mid-Term Report as well.



Social Media Management

HAQ's social media is handled by a joint team of Ms. Anupama Bhardwaj Kalra and Ms. Harshita Nayyar. The team apart from managing the day to day posts on the social media platforms also managed the entire 30 day campaign on Girl Child in collaboration with Oracle and is currently managing the 44 day campaign on child labour in collaboration with CACL.



Other Events that HAQ was part of

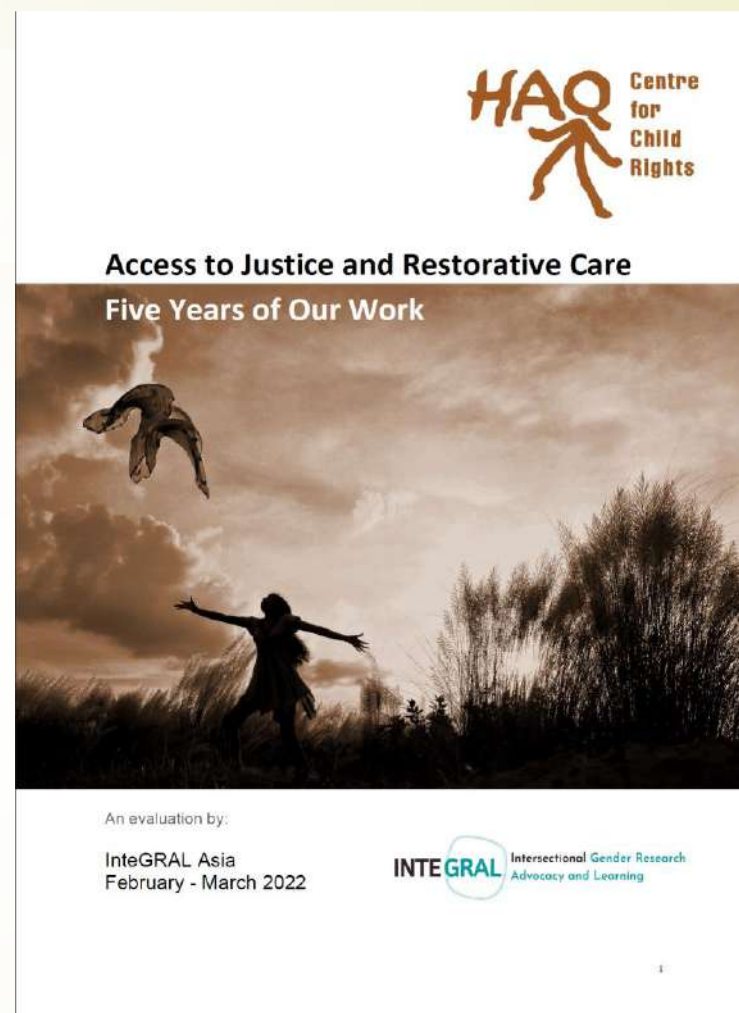


External Evaluation

An independent evaluation of HAQ's work on Access to Justice and Restorative Care for child survivors of sexual abuse was conducted by InteGRAL Asia Team. This was part of a requirement under the project supported by the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPi) [now Azim Premji Foundation (APF) before renewal of the next grant.

The agency was selected on the basis of suggestions received from staff of APF during their monitoring visits and after screening of their proposal.

The evaluation not only showcases the impact of HAQ's work in the last five years, but also helps reflect on previous years to chart a way forward, for the next five years.



Fund Raising & Proposals in the Pipeline

- 1. CRC Alternate Report - National Process and Research (UNICEF India Country Office)**
- 2. Improving Access to Justice for Children - A proposal for mentoring Legal Fellows who will represent children's cases in two States - Bihar and Rajasthan (UNICEF India Country Office)**
- 3. Interventions in the Union territories of Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir - A proposal to support the Child Protection system in the UT of Ladakh, improving access to justice for children in UT of J&K (UNICEF J&K and department of Social Welfare, UT of Ladakh)**
- 4. Workshops for children HAQ is associated with - Different workshops have been held in the past and some are continuing in association with Essai Education (a consulting firm). Young students conduct these workshops with children who are associated with HAQ on different topics of their interest such as English writing and speaking, Theatre, Reproductive health and hygiene, Art & Craft. These students raise funds for HAQ through individual donations for the workshops. The proceeds go into HAQ's kitty, while the service provide by the students is free of cost.**

Memberships to various Forums

- * NHRC Core Group on Child Rights
- * Advisory Committee, Center of Excellence for Child Protection, 2021, Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- * State Inspection Committee
- * State Legal Services Authority
- * High Level Committee under Section 16 of JJ Act
- * WGHR

Changes in HAQ Team

People who have Left

Ms. Sana Sud

Mr. Mukund Madhav Jha

Mr. Shreyans Raniwala

Ms. Richa Saini

Ms. Tamanna Basu

Ms. Aadhya Kaul

Ms. Shivangi Shikhar

Mr. Ashish Kumar

New Joinees

Ms. Shubhangi Sharma

Ms. Monika Shailesh

Ms. Sidra Khan

Ms. Harshita Nayyar

Ms. Anupama Bhardwaj Kalra