

What can be done to end child labour?



1. The longer children can stay in school the greater their income-earning potential as adults, making it less likely their own children would need to work as child labourers.

Child labourers often need support in order to return to school, and flexible hours if they still need to keep working. This is one of World Vision's non-formal education centres in Bangladesh.

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3. Lima is a World Vision child protection officer in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Child protection officers work with families and communities to help them access projects and support to end child labour and enable children to return to school.

Children at children's and youth clubs, started by World Vision, discuss social problems and solutions to them. They learn about children's rights, and often seek to educate others about these rights.

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5. Chelafu used to be a manual labourer, but the income wasn't steady. As part of a World Vision economic development program he received training and support to set up a barber shop. He now earns enough that his children don't need to work.

Tesfaye and Martha picking red coffee beans at their farm in Kochore, Ethiopia. World Vision has worked with the community since 2006, helping them to increase the income from their coffee crops. The coffee has Fairtrade certification, which ensures a fair price is paid to farmers for their produce and prohibits the use of child labour.

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7. Ending child labour requires the cooperation and support of communities, non-government organisations (NGOs), businesses and governments. This meeting in Vietnam included district police, justice, and education department officers, together with NGOs.

Consumers in countries like Australia can help contribute to ending child labour through ethical consumerism – purchasing, and creating demand for, goods that are certified as not using child or exploited labour.

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9. Australians can act as advocates for ending child labour. World Vision's #EndChildLabour and Don't Trade Lives campaigns seek to raise awareness about the use of child labour in our region, and include calling on Australian businesses to work on addressing child labour in their supply chains, and to stock ethical products in their stores.