

"OBSERVATION OF WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR"



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Faith Foundation and District Child Protection Unit

"Theme: Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour"

Date: 13th June 2022

Venue: Iew Mawlong & Police Bazar

INTRODUCTION

World Day against Child Labour is marked every year on the 12th of June. This day aims to create awareness against the exploitation of children engaged in child labour. The theme for this year's World Day against Child Labour is "**Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour**"

In commemorating the World Day against Child Labour, an awareness programme was organized by



distribution of pamphlets.



Child Friendly Shillong (Bosco Integrated Development Society) in collaboration with The Department of Social Work-PG (MSW), St. Edmund's College, District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Faith foundation and ChildLine Shillong. On this day, the MSW 4th Semester students of the Department of Social Work participated in the program at 11:30 am in Iew Mawlong and 1:30 pm in Police Bazar, Shillong, by participating in the Poster Campaign, the Street Ply, Flashmob and

OBJECTIVES

1. To raise an awareness on the problem and challenges of Child Labour.
2. To make the public understand about Child's Rights and Education and its importance policies
3. To disseminate the message on the delinquency of Domestic Child Labour through a Street Play
4. To propagate the message of Stopping Child Labour through Posters Campaign.
5. To promote the effectiveness and reach out of services provided by ChildLine to the children in need of care and protection.

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Poster Campaign:** A poster campaign is an exceptional way to promote awareness to the public through posters. The MSW 2nd student worked on the posters a week before the programme. They created the posters on “World Day Against Child Labour”, with messages and pictures to raise awareness to the public. The students displayed the posters in Iew Mawlong and Police Bazar on the 13th of June 2022. The purpose of this is to capture a moving audience with messages.



- 2. Flash Mob:** A flash mob is when a group of people come together to perform a dance or other activity at a public place. The MSW 2nd student practiced a dance routine as a group one week before the programme. They gathered at Iew Mawlong and performed as a group at 12:30 pm, then at Police Bazar at 1:50 pm at the start of the programme to attract the attention of the crowd.



- 3. Street Play:** A Street Play is a form of performance and presentation in outdoor public spaces without a specific audience. After the flash mob, the MSW 2nd student performed a street play on “Child Labour”. The street play portrays a poor family from rural area where the father is unable to earn enough to feed his family and send his children to school. Eventually, they decided to send their two children, age 13 and 18 to work in one of the people’s houses in the city. Since the couple could not accommodate both the children in their house, they took only one of the siblings called “Thei” (age 18) and promised their parents to feed her with good

food and proper education. The other sibling called “Nah” (age 13) was taken to work in a different house. However, the couple in the other house mistreated Nah just because she missed sweeping a spot. They abused and yelled at her. One day as she was washing the dishes, she by mistakenly broke a cup into pieces. Upon hearing the broken pieces, the couple refusing to accept her apology and they yelled at her and hit her till she was wounded and bruised. When her older sister Thei came to visit and check up on her, she started to break down and cry. The elder sister was shocked and questioned what had happened. She saw the wounds and bruises on her younger sister. Nah answered that the



couple were cruel and ill-treated her. She begged for her sister Thei, to take her along but, her sister told her to bear the situation for a few more days while she complains to the couple that she works under. When Thei had returned to the couple's house, she came crying. The couple were wondering what had happened and were worried. She told them the situation about how her younger sister Nah was ill-treated and bruised. The couple were concerned and decided to talk to the girl's parents and to call the Child Line number which is 1098. When the couple had met up with the girl's parents, they raised their concern about the situation. The parents were



very taken aback upon hearing this. They called up the ChildLine number and filed a complain against the couple who ill-treated Nah. When the staffs and members of the Child Line had arrived at the girl's parent's house, they discussed about the incident and without any delay, they left to interrogate the couple ill-treating Nah. Upon arriving the house, they confronted the couple and saw the bruises on Nah. The couple denied hitting her but her parent's refused to listen and were very furious. The members of Child Line spoke about their services and on Child Welfare Committee. Since the couple denied her right to education and mistreating her, they had to face consequences and imprisonment for two years.



4. Distribution of Pamphlets:

Pamphlets were distributed to the public in Police Bazaar and Iew Mawlong with the help of the student social of St. Edmund's College, MSW department 4th Semester. The pamphlets were distributed with an aim to create awareness among the general public about the various Acts in the Constitution of India on Child Labour. Pamphlets on the Child Line services in Shillong were also distributed. This mainly highlighted the toll free number 1098 available to take calls and complaints against the exploitation of Child Labour. These Pamphlets were written in English, Khasi and Hindi .



Towards the end of the program, Mr Wanpynhunlang Nongpluh a student from the Department of Social Work facilitates the public in these two places i.e Mawlonghat and Police Bazar. The topics which were facilitated on this particular day are mention in the following:



- **Child Line**

Child Line is India's first 24 hour, free, emergency phone service for children in need of aid and assistance. It works under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The toll free number 1098 can be used to access to services concerning child related issues and long-term care and rehabilitation.

- ❖ **Objectives of Child Line?**

- To reach out to every child in need of care and protection by responding to emergencies on 1098 and by physically reaching out to children.
- To adapt and integrate telecommunication technology, linking all districts to the service of 1098, and making it available to all children in need of care and protection.
- To provide a platform of networking amongst organizations and to provide linkages to support systems that facilitates the rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection.
- To work together with the Allied Systems (Police, Health Care, Juvenile Justice, Transport, Legal, Education, Communication, Media, Political and the Community) to create child friendly systems.
- To advocate for services for children that are inaccessible, non-existent or inadequate.
- To create a body of NGOs and Government organizations working within the national framework and policy for children.
- To be a nodal child protection agency in the country, providing child protection services to children in need of care and protection.



protection issue.

- To set up innovative child protection services leveraging technological advancements in areas where such services are inaccessible, non-existent or inadequate.
- To undertake research with the objectives of strengthening the Child Line 1098 service, and studying new and emerging trends in child protection issue.
- To contribute and work towards strengthening and participating in a global movement that addresses issues related to child protection and ensures that children's voices are heard.

- **Child Welfare Committee**

For the Children in need and care of protection, State Government may, by notification in Official Gazette, constitute for every district or group of districts, specified in the notification, one or more Child Welfare Committees for exercising the powers in relation to child in need of care and protection under this Act. The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and four other members, of whom at least one shall be a woman and another, an expert on matters concerning children. The Committee shall function as a Bench of Magistrates. A child in need of care and protection is produced before CWC for being placed in safe. The Committee has the final authority to dispose of cases for the care, protection, treatment, development and rehabilitation of the children as well as to provide for their basic needs and protection of human rights.



- ❖ **Powers and Functions of Child Welfare Committee**

- i). The Committee has complete responsibility for situations involving the care, protection, and treatment of children.
- ii). The Committee may also hear matters concerning the development, rehabilitation, and safety of needy children and providing basic needs and security for the children.
- iii). When a Committee is formed for a specific area, it has the authority to solely deal with all procedures filed under the provisions of this Act that are relevant to children in need of care and protection.
- iv). While exercising the powers granted to it by this Act, the Committee is prohibited from doing anything that would violate any other legislation in effect at the time.

- **Article 24 of the Constitution of India.**

Article 24 prohibits all children below the age of fourteen years to work.

- **Right to Education**

The Right to Education Act (RTE), is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted on 4 August 2009, which describes the modalities of the importance of free and compulsory education for children between 6 and 14 in India under Article 21a of the Indian Constitution.



Through the street play, the student social workers are hoping that the audience could grasp the message. Their goal is to create a sense of awareness and portray the theme well.