The Declaration Action Agenda 2018-23

State Level consultation to End Child Labour
Ashavari, Ballygunge, Kolkata, WB
February 27-28, 2018
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.

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!