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### VARIOUS ENACTMENTS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE CONTEXT OF CHILD LABOUR

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#### ABSTRACT

Millions of children worldwide are subjected to violence, exploitation and abuse including the worst forms of child labor in communities, schools and institutions; during armed conflict; and to harmful practices such as female genital mutilation/cutting and child marriage. Millions more, not yet victims, also remain without adequate protection.

While progress has been made, many children in South Asia continue to suffer from discrimination, violence, abuse and sexual and economic exploitation. Many more children face protection risks. Violations of the child's right to protection take place in every South Asian country and are often invisible, under-recognized and underreported. Such violations may occur by acts of omission or commission and occur across all sectors of society regardless of wealth quintile or other determinants. From the evidence available, it is clear that the consequences of child maltreatment can result in lifelong inequities for those children who experience any form of maltreatment and, sometimes, even in their death.