



## Concept Note

### Roundtable Discussion on Preparing and Creating Decent Employment for Vulnerable Youth through Practicing CSR for Children

5 March 2015 (3:00 pm-5:00 pm)

(Publish supplementary in the Daily Prothom-Alo)

#### Background:

Save the Children implements a project funded by the European Union (EU) titled 'Partnerships to combat child labour through corporate social responsibility (CSR) in Bangladesh' with the goal of improving lives and livelihoods of child labourers and youth in both the formal and informal private sectors. The project has reached 12,500 vulnerable children and youth in urban areas engaged in hazardous works of which 1,500 children and youth of 14-18 years have received age appropriate decent employment opportunities, 10,000 children have enjoyed improved working conditions in the informal sector and 1,000 children have built capacity to carry out advocacy for establishing rights as well as improving working conditions.

To prepare and create decent employment for vulnerable children and youth, Save the Children and its two local partner NGOs identified 300 work places in the informal sector employing 7,188 (1375 girls, 5813 boys) and 4,820 adults were assessed to determine the work place conditions, perception of the workers about safety measures, and their potential for working with Save the Children and its partner NGOs. Besides, project developed partnerships with 20 formal companies who provided technical assistance to the training institutions to update its vocational training curriculum and upgraded vocational training centre based on the industry requirement. These formal companies also created opportunities for apprenticeship and decent employment for the TVET graduates.

#### Objective

Share project learning on CSR practices for preparing and creating youth employment with the wider level audiences.

#### Specific objective

- Share project experience and challenges in supporting decent employment for vulnerable youth.
- Understand stakeholders' perspectives on CSR practices for preparing and creating youth employment.
- Build national level awareness on importance of National CSR Policy for decent employment.

#### Key questions

- 1) Why CSR is important to create decent employment opportunities for youth?
- 2) Why do we need to incorporate CSR in the informal and formal sector economy?
- 3) How does CSR contribute to children and youth development, education and employment?
- 4) How can we introduce work places improvement plan in the informal sector as part of CSR?
- 5) How can child rights and business principles be reflected in a National Corporate Social Responsibility Policy for Children?



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#### Deliverables:

- ✓ Discussion findings and recommendations from the roundtable
- ✓ A one page supplementary published in the Daily Prothom-Alo for mass awareness

#### Tentative discussants:




SL	Name/Designation of Participants
01	Minister and Secretary from Ministry of Labor and Employment (MoLE)
02	Chairman, Bangladesh Technical Education Board
03	Chairman, NSDC
04	Employers Federation-Subrina Islam
05	Representative, Chamber of Commerce-German
06	Representative, Chamber of Commerce-Nordic
07	Representative, Chamber of Commerce-Canada
08	Representative from civil society-Sultana Kamal/ Rasheda K Chowdhury
09	EU Delegation- Laila BAQEE
10	Representative from ILO
11	Representative from Together With Working Children (TWC)
12	Academician-Prof. Farhat Anwar, IBA, Dhaka University
13	Representative from Training provider (e.g. UCEP)
14	Elizabeth Pearce, Education Director or M. Habibur Rahman, Save the Children
15	Shahida Begum, Programme Director – EYE, Save the Children

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