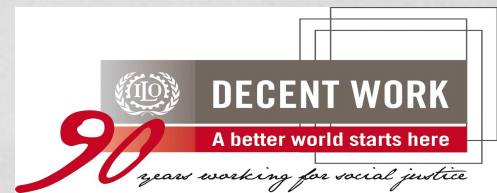


World Day Against Child Labour



World day Against Child Labour, June 12, 2009, Uganda.

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The WDACL was celebrated on the 12th of June 2009. The day this year marked the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Landmark ILO convention No. 182, which addresses the need for action to tackle the worst forms of Child labor. Whilst celebrating the progress made during the past ten years, the world day was also intended to highlight the continuing challenges with a focus on exploitation of girls in child labor.

Around the world, an estimated 100 million girls are involved in child labor. In Uganda (UBOS-understanding children's work in Uganda) over 1.76 million 5-17 year olds which is 17% of all the children in Uganda are involved in child labor and 798,451 are girls. Many of these girls undertake similar types of work as boys but often also endure additional hardships and face extra risks. Moreover, girls are all too often exposed to some of the worst forms of child labor often in hidden work situations.

The day this year was held at Kyambogo University and it was preceded by a series of events. Amongst the events was an ***art competition, educational talks and music dance and drama trainings***. The M.D.D trainings were done in preparation for the launch of the national child labor song. The SCREAM clubs of KIN and UYDEL were brought on board for this.



The rehearsals at KIN mengo Kisenyi



The launching performance of the song on 12th June





The chief guest is joined by children to launch the national child labor song

The art competition attracted art pieces from all over the country but like in other competitions only five children could walk away with the awards. The awards were provided curtesy of the International Rescue Committee. The winning pieces were selected in respect of a set criteria developed by the panel of judges.



Miss Susan Ayoo receives her award for Best art piece.



The chief guest shows off an art piece while artist Looks on.

The educational talks involve activities such as discussions, debates and quizzes. All these were centered on the theme “give girls a chance end child labor.” All the activities encouraged a participatory approach and whoever desired to share his or her views was given a chance to do so.

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The power of a microphone! Participants share ideas during the discussions



Well, as the common saying goes; work without play.....participants enjoy a music interlude.



And then the cross fire, the great debaters try to convince the house that their arguments are better.

Then came the big day! This was characterized by enormous child participation. With such colorful presentations, there was no chance for boredom. The children spear-headed the ceremony straight from the MC, to the reading of the declaration and chairing of the press conference. All this was meant to highlight the significance of the role of young people in the fight against child labor



The CTA, ILO-IPEC SNAP, Ms. Akky de Kort. The Hon. Minister MGLSD, Dr. Emmanuel Otaala addresses the gathering



The Hon. Minister MGLSD, Dr. Emmanuel Otaala gives his statement.



A child reads out the declaration while another child on the right welcomes the chief guest to address the gathering.



Ready for the press conference. Children representatives get ready for the press conference while on the right, the panel selected to respond to the children's concerns in the press conference.

Appreciation goes to all partners who made this possible. It's very obvious that more still needs to be done and therefore a combined effort is needed. The children this year exhibited their capabilities and at the end of the day we all realized that children should

not be passive during this effort against child labour, but like other stakeholders should join the fore front because their voices are of great significance to the struggle!

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