

**Small Hands in Silicon City- Bangalore: Some Facts and
Experiences at Grass Root Level**

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ABSTRACT The problem of child labour in India has of late assumed the proportion of a social menace threatening the very fabrics of a social milieu. It has remained both an economic and a social problem for a long time. According to the latest ILO report more than 100 million children below the age of 14 years are toiling in different corners of India. As different cultures and societies define childhood in different ways Government policies and programmes should be culturally and geographically specific. Recent studies have revealed that there are many reasons other than economic compulsion to perpetuate child labour. In this paper here is an attempt has been made to examine the different causes of child labour emphasizing, on the factors other than poverty at grass root level, in Bangalore city and community perceptions about child labour and government efforts to eradicate this problem. Also this paper adding the general knowledge base of how community evaluates the risk and age associated with the child labour, an understand crucial to advancing global efforts to immediately remove children from the most hazardous forms of work.