



Group Development Pakistan

A Glance at Child Domestic Labour in Pakistan

As per Labour Force Survey 2020-21, the estimated working age population 10-14 years is 26.32 million children (13.85 million boys; 12.47 million girls)¹



Every fourth household in Pakistan engages a **domestic worker**²

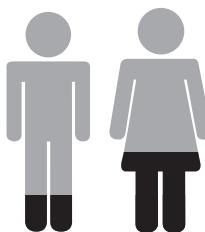
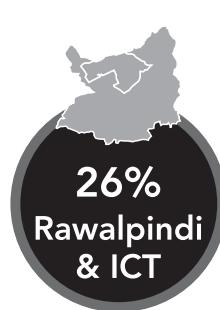


264,000 children are involved in child domestic work across Pakistan³



8% of all children engaged in child labour are involved in domestic work in Pakistan⁴

Percentage of Child Domestic Labour at Household Level⁵



13.4% children aged 5 to 14 years are engaged in child labour in Punjab (16.8% boys; 9.7% girls)⁶



In Punjab, 40 percent of households in the poorest wealth quintile have a child in child labour⁷

¹Labour Force Survey 2020-21

²51 Paycheck.pk, "Domestic Workers in Pakistan"

³4 Shakeeb Asrar, "Are We Not Humans? Pakistan's Domestic Workers Confront Abuse", in Christian Science Monitor, 31 August 2021.

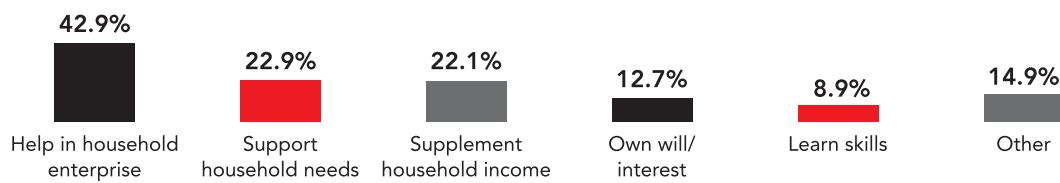
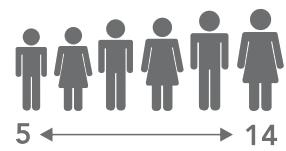
⁴52 Sajjad Akhtar and Saadiya Razzaq, Child Domestic Labour in Pakistan: Overview, Issues and Testable Hypothesis (CRPRID, 2005).

⁵Commonwealth Foundation, Need Gap Analysis of Child Domestic Labour in Pakistan, 2017

⁶Punjab Child Labour Survey 2019-20

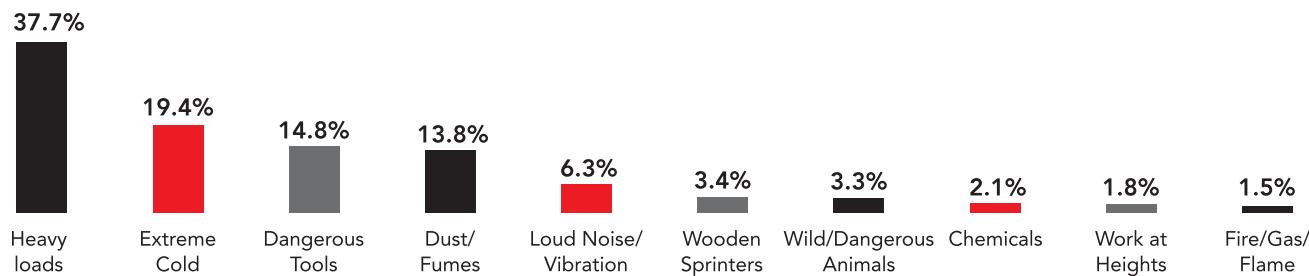
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Reasons for letting children aged 5-14 years work⁸:

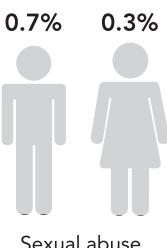
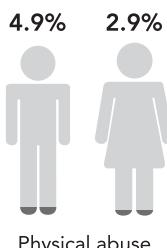
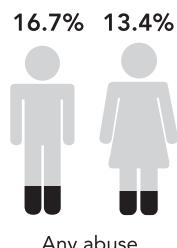


79.8% children aged 5-14 years give their income to parents/guardians⁹

Most prevalent hazardous conditions among children in child labour¹⁰



Percentage of children 5-14 years in child labour that experienced abuse at work¹¹



⁸Punjab Child Labour Survey 2019-20

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