

Do Social Labeling NGOs have any Influence on Child Labor?

Empirical Evidence from Nepal¹

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This study links social labeling to child labor supply by the different welfare and rehabilitation activities of NGOs like Rugmark and Care&Fair, and try to identify whether social labeling NGOs have any influence to curb child labor. The NGOs which are established in 1994-95 are trying to improve working conditions and welfare for carpet weavers' family and target to remove child laborers. The finding of this study suggests a previously undocumented role of social labeling NGOs in the amelioration of child labor problem. This study concentrates on the households working in hand knotted carpet industries at Kathmandu valley. Testing and estimating the hypothesis shows that besides the other key factors that affect child labor, most notably the probability of child labor decreases if the household is living under the umbrella of a labeling NGO.

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