

Introduction

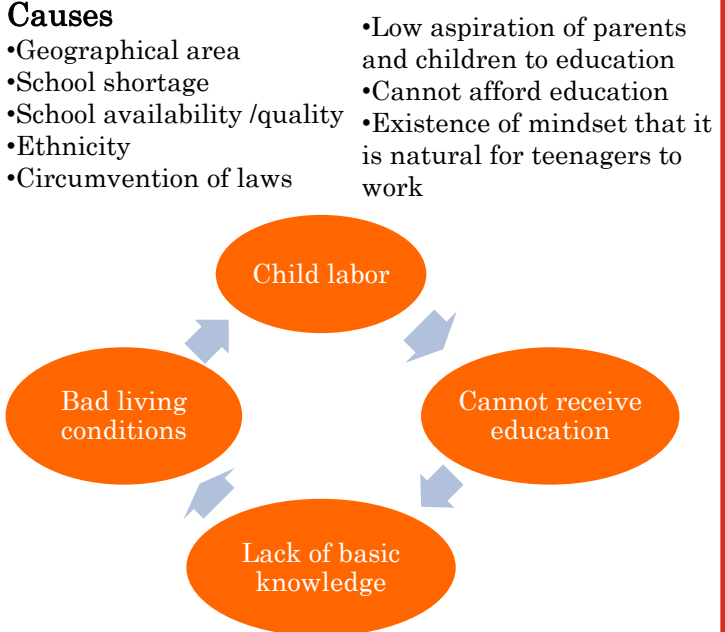
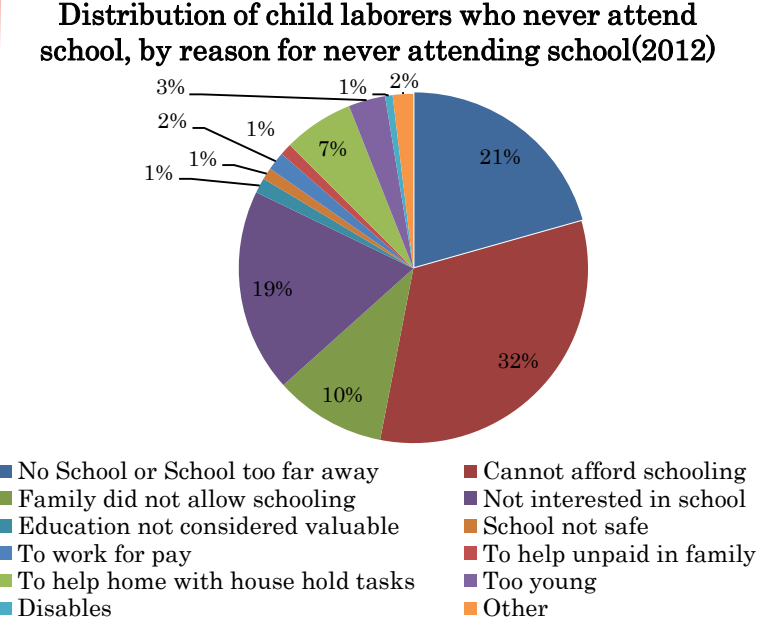
Education is a key to help people escape from poverty. Child labor, one of the serious issues in this world deprives children of time and opportunities to attend school. It also harms them physically and mentally. Education is a key to foster people in this world to make a great progress toward solving the huge issue of poverty. There is a vicious cycle of poverty and its cause is the lack of education during childhood. One of the worse outcomes caused by lack of education is illiteracy. When people become adults without literacy skills, they won't be able to get a steady job. In other words, lack of basic education takes away children's future by stealing their time to learn essential knowledge. Last week, we held a forum "RSGF" and we invited students from 10 countries and areas and discussed the issue and we also went to a field work, and we came up with ideas what we should do as high school students.

Current situation

Number of child laborers
 218 million employed children (5~17 year-olds)
 152 million child laborers work in hazardous environment
 72.1 million is to be found in Africa
 62.1 million in the Asia (Highest)

Resulting Effects of Child Labor

- Daily absence from school
- Drop out of school
- Enter into full-time employment
- Health issues
- Mental trauma
- Illiteracy



Solutions/Action Plans

Students

- Share our ideas in public and let more people know and think about issues.
- Submit our ideas to organizations or governments
- Visit places where child labor actually occurs
- Donations to organizations after raising funds
- Utilize ICT and connect with students overseas

People

- Understand the negative effects of child labor
- Understand the importance and benefits of education
- Spread the information to the public
- Understand the supply chains of products you buy

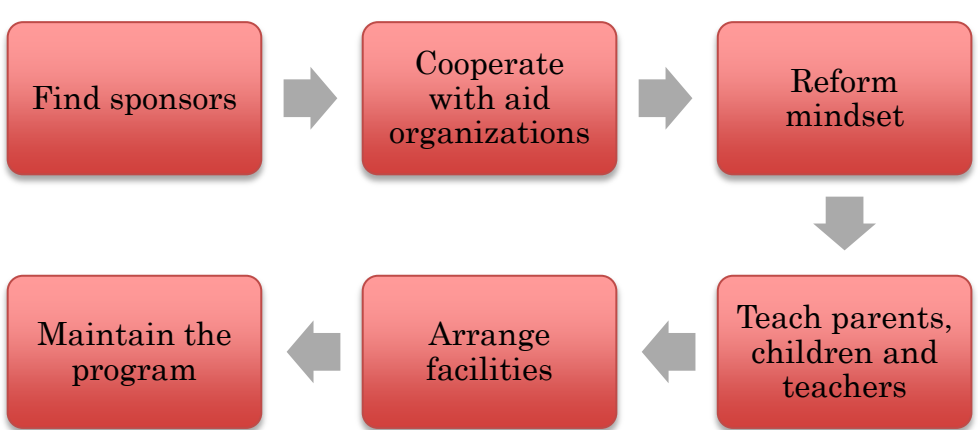
Companies

- **CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility)**
 - Offer information of products to consumers
 - Respect human rights
 - Approach to regional issues
- **ICT (Information and Communication Technology)**
 - Offer devices to communities or schools
 - Offer access to the internet
 - Introduce ICT to education

National Laws

- The government should use punishment. Ex. Fines, Arrests
- Investigations to companies
- Economic sanctions
- Laws to force companies to state supply chains
- Make partnership between countries

Steps



Conclusion

- Child labor is caused by **lack of awareness of parents, children, community, companies and government.**
- Key to send more children to schools is to convince people who are related to the issue by **teaching them the negative impacts of child labor and benefits and positive outcome of education.**
- We, the **students can also contribute** to solve the issue by taking actions and stimulating people, companies or government.

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