

Defined as work that is inappropriate for a child's age, it affects children's education, or is likely to harm their health, safety or morals. Worldwide, it remains predominantly a rural poverty issue.



This is the typical story of

a child labourer in agriculture, increasingly involved in work and obliged to leave school too early This is the typical story of a child living and learning in a rural area, whose rights are respected thanks to what FAO promotes





From a young age, the child is required to combine school with work that is too long and too heavy for their body.

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Over time, **the child is underachieving at school**, too tired, and unable to attend school regularly because of work.

12-14 yrs

The child is obliged to leave school early and **now only works.**

15-17_{yrs}

The child **has reached the minimum age for employment**, but is engaged in hazardous tasks that mean he/she is still in child labour. The child is also **deprived of the opportunity to benefit from education and vocational training.**



The child is now a young adult and has not had the chance to develop the skills needed to obtain decent work. He/she is **trapped in unskilled employment**, **receives low wages**, and has weak social security and limited bargaining capacity.



6-8 yrs

The child attends school and **benefits from free, compulsory and quality education.**



With the support of cash transfers and free school meals, **the child is encouraged to continue attending school.**

1**2-14** yrs

The child engages in **safe agricultural tasks**, for limited hours, out of school time. The child makes important contributions to their family's livelihood and **acquires useful agricultural and life skills for the future.**



15-17_{yrs}

The child **attends secondary school and/or vocational training** adapted to rural and agricultural settings. He/she **learns agribusiness and life skills** that can lead to decent rural employment.

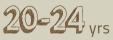


As a young adult, their employability has increased, and they are able to access either farm or non-farm decent employment.

20-24 yrs

The child is now a young adult in good health and a productive and skilled producer or worker.





Due to years of performing hazardous tasks as a child, the young adult **may now be disabled or suffer from the chronic effects of occupational disease.**

The child is now an adult

and an agricultural producer. Without education, he/she is less likely to: adopt new technologies and practices, adapt to shocks, allocate resource efficiently, or safely manage the use of agrochemicals. The working conditions are also precarious; this perpetuates the vicious cycle of rural poverty within their rural community.

The child is now an adult

with decent working conditions and contributes to the agricultural and economic growth of their rural community where their family is free from hunger.

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