

# Children Human Rights And Temporary Labour Migration: Breaking the Silence on an Invisible Struggle

In a rapidly globalized world, temporary labour migration has become increasingly prevalent, often promising better economic opportunities for families and individuals alike. However, this mobility can come at a hidden cost for children left behind or brought along during parental migration.

This comprehensive guide, "Children Human Rights and Temporary Labour Migration," sheds light on this often-overlooked issue, delving deep into the challenges and opportunities faced by migrant children and their families.



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## Understanding the Impact on Children

Temporary labour migration can have a profound impact on children's lives, affecting their:

- **Education:** Children may experience disruptions in schooling, leading to educational setbacks and diminished future prospects.
- **Health and Well-being:** Migrant children often face inadequate healthcare, poor nutrition, and lack of access to essential services, compromising their overall well-being.
- **Emotional and Psychological Development:** Separation from parents, cultural differences, and social isolation can take a toll on children's emotional and psychological health.
- **Protection:** Migrant children may be vulnerable to exploitation, child labour, and other forms of abuse due to their legal status and lack of social support.

## Protecting Children's Rights

International law and human rights frameworks provide a solid foundation for protecting children's rights in the context of temporary labour migration. These include:

- **Convention on the Rights of the Child:** This treaty establishes the rights of all children to education, healthcare, protection, and a voice in decisions that affect their lives.
- **International Labour Organization Convention 97:** This convention prohibits child labour and sets standards for the protection of migrant workers.

- **United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights:** These principles outline the responsibilities of businesses to respect, protect, and remedy human rights impacts.

## **Case Studies and Evidence**

The book presents compelling case studies from around the world, illustrating the challenges and best practices in protecting migrant children's rights:

- **Thailand:** An examination of the exploitation of migrant children in fisheries exposes the risks and vulnerabilities faced by young workers.
- **South Africa:** A case study on the impact of temporary labour migration on children left behind explores the emotional and psychological consequences.
- **Canada:** An analysis of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program highlights the need for comprehensive policies and support services for migrant families.

## **Policy Recommendations and Practical Solutions**

Drawing on the evidence and case studies, the book proposes practical and evidence-based policy recommendations to improve the protection of migrant children's rights:

- **Regularization and Legal Pathways:** Providing secure legal status for migrant workers and their families reduces vulnerabilities and improves access to services.
- **Family Reunification and Integration:** Facilitating family reunification and supporting migrants' integration into host communities enhances

children's well-being and development.

- **Education and Healthcare:** Ensuring equal access to education, healthcare, and other essential services for migrant children safeguards their fundamental rights.
- **Child Protection Mechanisms:** Strengthening child protection systems and implementing targeted measures to address child exploitation and abuse.

"Children Human Rights and Temporary Labour Migration" is a powerful call to action, urging policymakers, practitioners, and the public to recognize and address the invisible struggle faced by migrant children. By shedding light on the challenges and providing evidence-based solutions, this book empowers us to create a more just and equitable world where all children, regardless of their migration status, can enjoy their fundamental human rights.

This comprehensive guide is an essential resource for:

- Policymakers and government officials
- Non-profit organizations and human rights advocates
- Researchers and academics
- Educators and social workers
- Parents and families affected by temporary labour migration

Together, we can ensure that the rights of migrant children are no longer forgotten or overlooked. Let us work towards a future where every child has

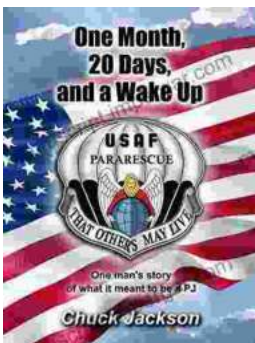
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