



CHILDREN AT WORK



One does not have to go far in this metropolis to see children toiling for a living. Mostly unprotected from hazards at workplaces, children in their thousands every day face the grim reality of life in poverty. Deprived of schooling and an acceptable living condition, most children at work grow up sick and malnourished to be part of the society at large. The seemingly unending cycle of child exploitation rolls on in the name of poverty.

At intersections many children are forced to beg, many to sell different items. At the city's garbage sites children do the painstaking primary task of picking metals, plastic, paper and polythene bags to keep our informal recycling sector moving. Yet a child earns between Tk 50 and 100 for the day's work.

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