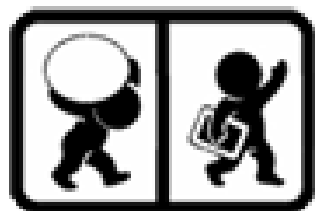
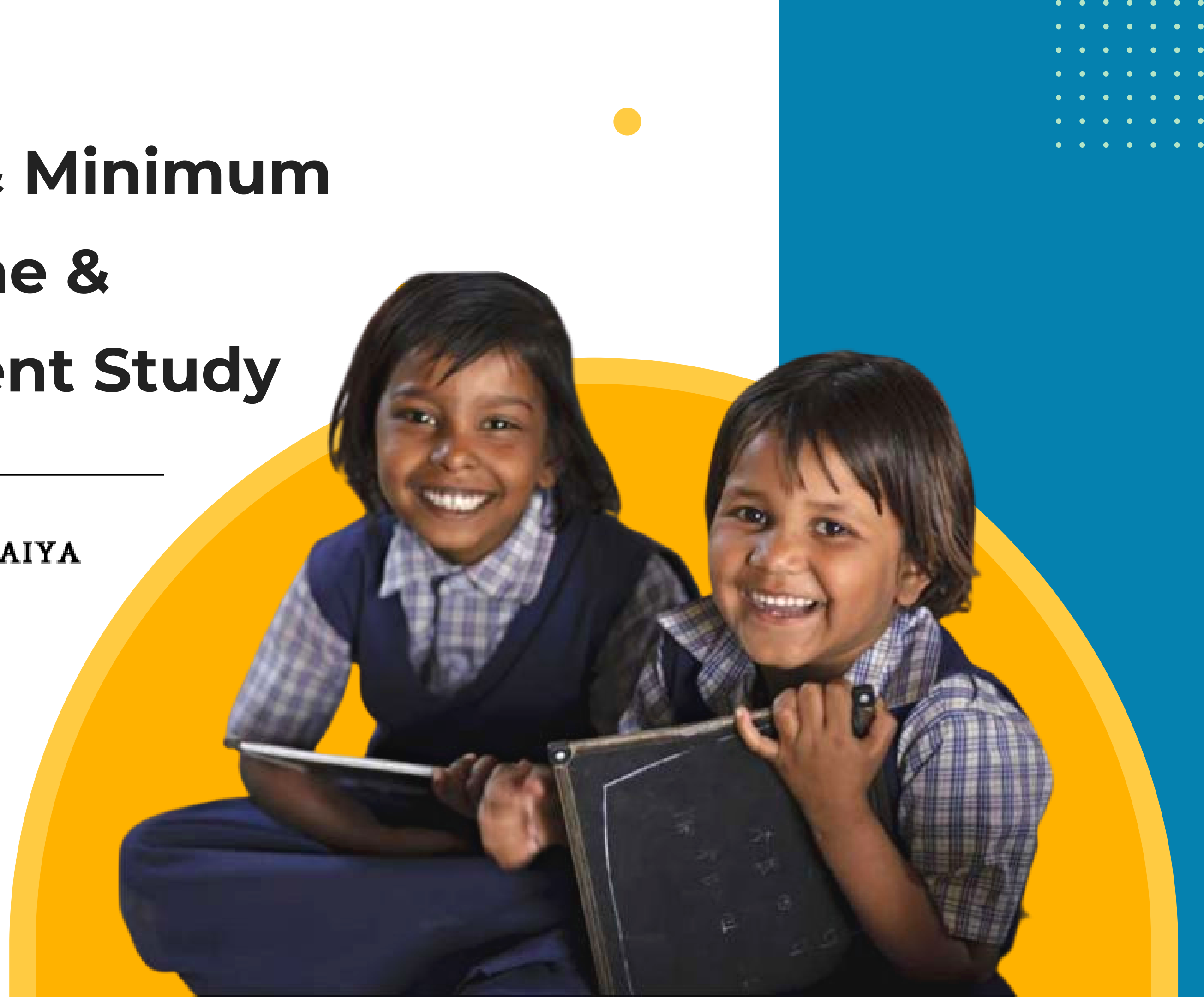


# Child Labour & Minimum Wages Baseline & Risk Assessment Study



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## SECTION 1

# Profile of the Survey Location

Places of Study: Karnataka, Maharashtra. 80% of vegetable seed production in India. All major national and international seed companies have production facilities in the project location. Multinational companies include Syngenta, BASF, Bayer, Limagrain, UPL-Advanta east-west seeds, and Sakata. National companies include Nuziveedu, Rasi, and Namdhari.

**42%**

*of the farming households are primarily involved in seed production.*

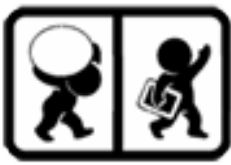
**4800**

*families living in 28 sample villages in both states, out of which 30% deal with seed production*

**38%**

*of the seed production is responsible by Syngenta and BASF together*





## SECTION 2

# Status of School & Non-School going Children

*Right to Education Act 2009*

*The Child and Adolescent Labour Act 1986*



## SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN

Karnataka - 86.6% (6-14yrs) & 61.2% (15-18yrs)

Maharashtra - 93.5% (6-14yrs) and 90% (15-18yrs)

### Gender Breakdown

**BOYS**



**GIRLS**



## NON-SCHOOL GOING

Karnataka - 9.1% of total children (6-18yrs)

Maharashtra - 3.7% of total children (6-18yrs)

**420  
Children**

Boys (208 - 49.5%)  
Girls (212 - 50.5%)



## POTENTIAL DROPOUTS

Karnataka - 12% of children (6-18yrs)

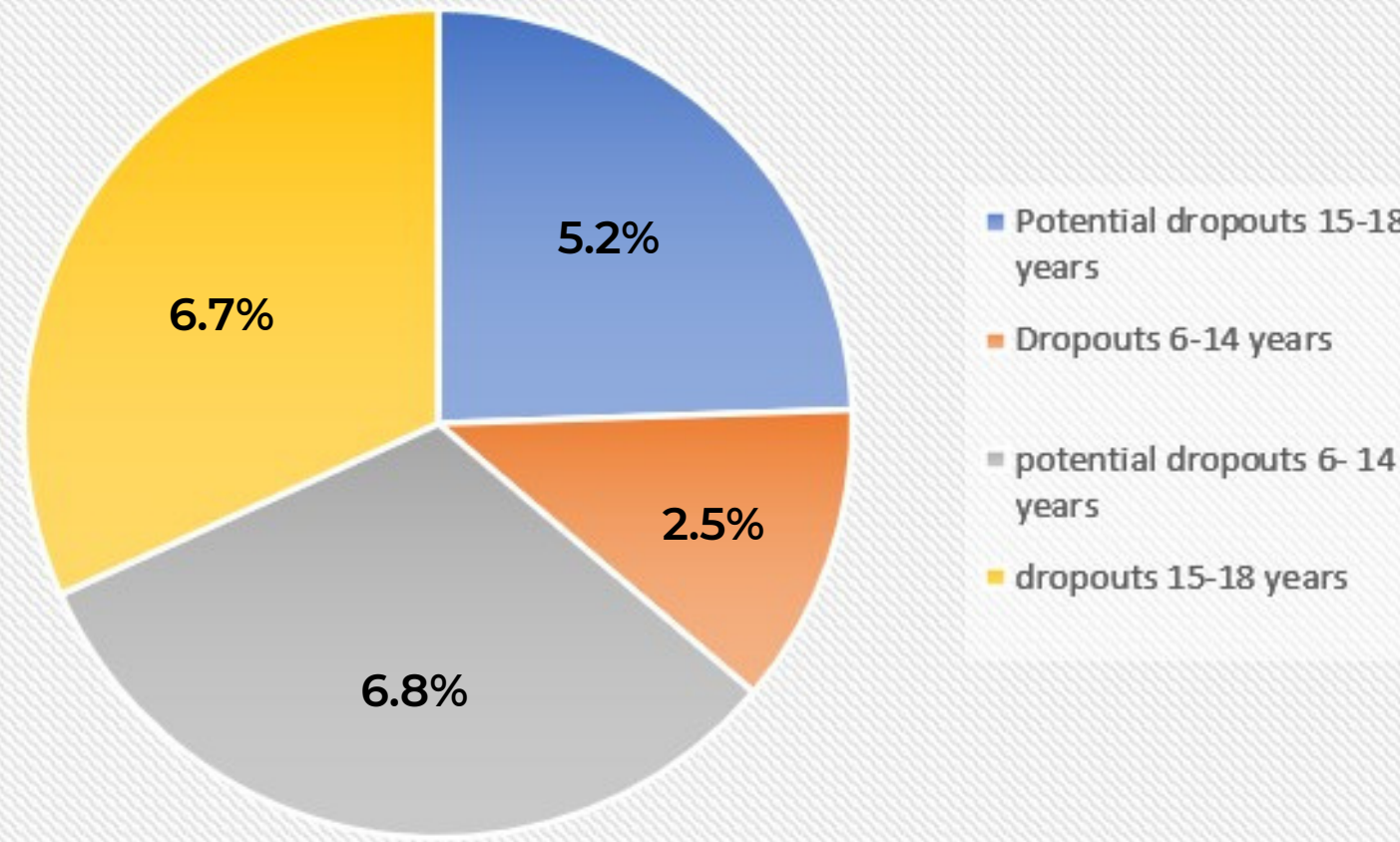
Maharashtra - 6% of children (6-18yrs)

More than 80% of the children who are irregular school going are from government schools.

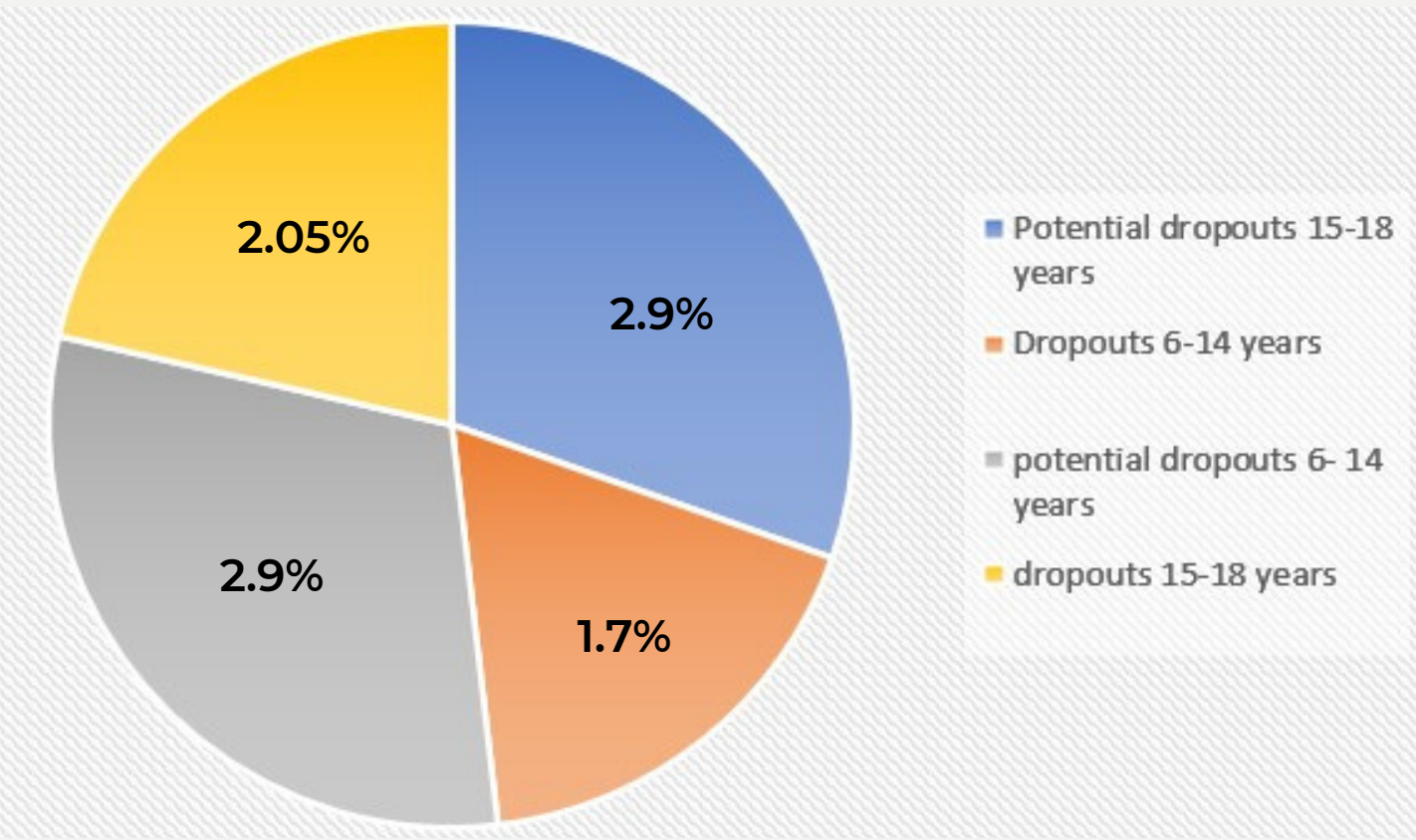
# Age and gender details of 6-18 children in sample village

Sl.no	Location	6-14 Years			15-18 years			Total 6-18 years		
		Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1	Karnataka	1730	1483	3213	749	655	1404	2479	2138	4617
	%	54%	46%	100%	53%	47%	100%	54%	46%	100%
2	Maharashtra	934	722	1656	392	255	647	1326	977	2303
	%	56%	44%	100%	61%	39%	100%	58%	42%	100%
3	total	2664	2205	4869	1141	910	1404	3805	3115	6920
	%	55%	45%	100%	56%	44%	100%	55%	45%	100%

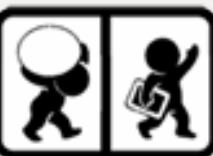
# Age-wise dropouts and potential dropouts



**Karnataka**



**Maharashtra**





## SECTION 3

# Nature, Magnitude & Profile of the Working Children

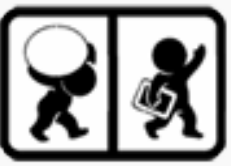
**53%** of non-school-going children and children at risk of dropping out are engaged in hybrid vegetable seed production.

**638** total children are involved in seed production.  
424 (66.4%) are girls. Girls outnumbered boys

**55%** of the children working on farms are hired for wages

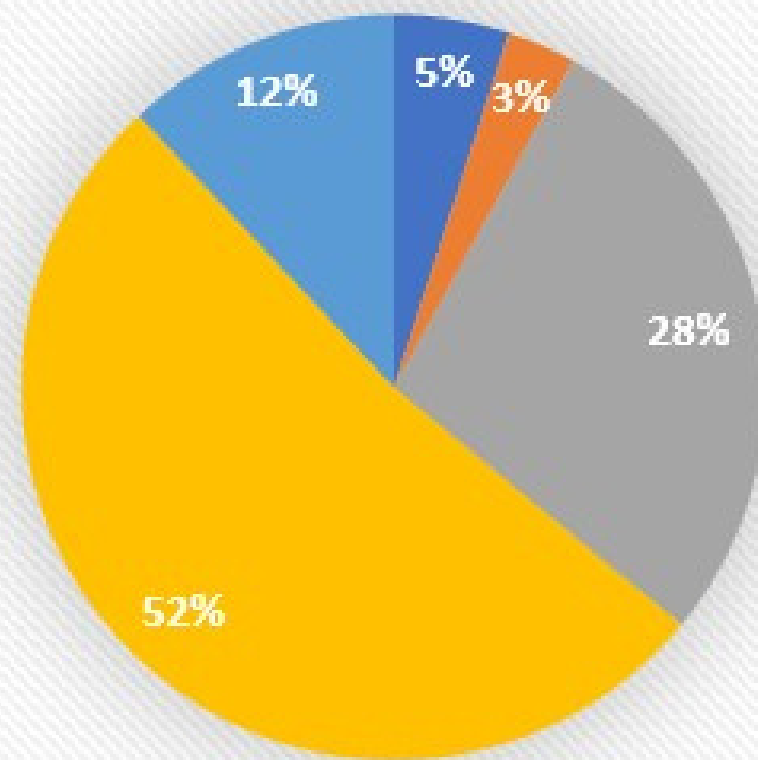
**16%** of cases where children dropped out due to Covid-19





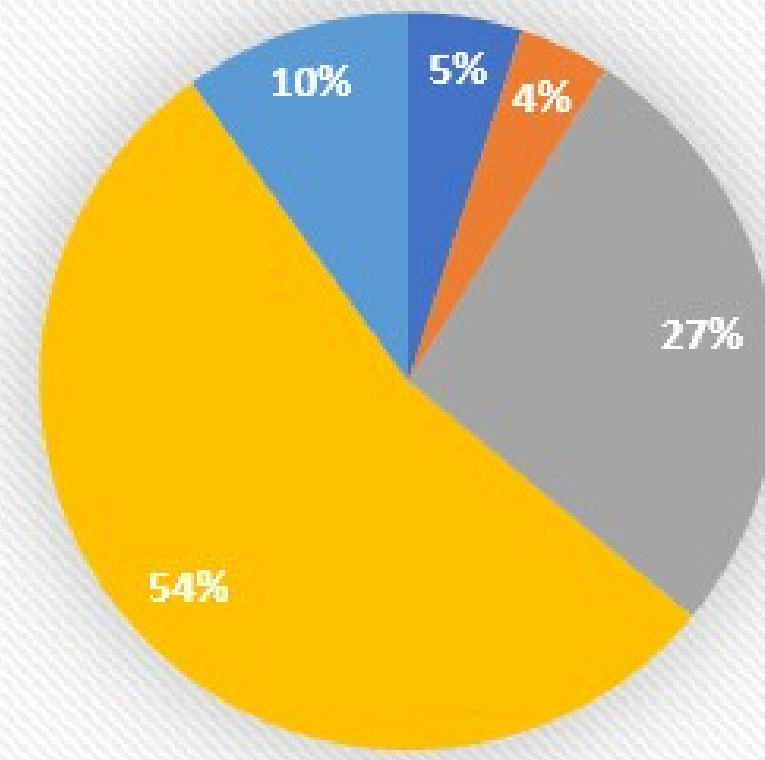
## Primary activity of working children involved

### Maharashtra



■ Domestic ■ Live stock rearing ■ Commercial agriculture ■ Seed production ■ Others

### Karnataka



■ Domestic ■ Live stock rearing ■ Commercial agriculture ■ Seed production ■ Others

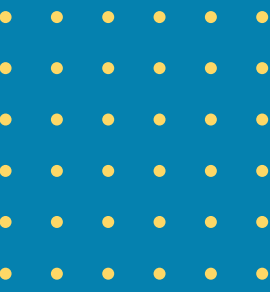




## SECTION IV

# Root Causes of Child Labour

- Lack of education infrastructure and poor access to high school and senior secondary education.
- The enforcement of laws related to child labour and education is very weak.
- The number of child labour increased during the time of COVID
- Poverty and financial compulsions of the families of the children.
- Market demand for child labour.
- The practice of child marriage.





# Our Strategy

## *Area-based Approach*







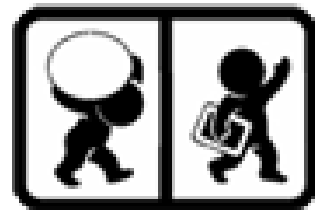
## Proposed phase B activities

- Attendance tracking by mobilisers through headcount exercises and follow-up on children through door-to-door visits along with community support groups.
- Assessment of children's Learning Outcomes in Languages and Mathematics and sharing of results with teachers and government officials
- Meetings with community groups, parents, youth associations and Jeevika women's groups at the Tola, ward, village, Gram Panchayat and Block levels, on gender equality and child rights violation issues.
- Special enrolment drives to enrol children aged 6-18 in age-appropriate classes and facilitate transition of children from Primary and Upper Primary Schools to Upper Primary and High Schools.
- Orient youth on child rights, Right to Education Act, children's legislation, gender equality and their social responsibilities

LET THEM GROW!

There's nothing more satisfying  
than seeing a

*happy & smiling child*



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