



■ Country Strategy Pakistan

Main Goal: To ensure that Children at Risk, especially child labourers and street children, are protected from punishment and abuse – with partners and communities lobbying for children’s rights.

In Pakistan children are extremely vulnerable to various types of exploitation. Many children have to work to earn a living, many of them, together with their whole families, are subject to bonded labour. There are thousands of street children in all of Pakistan’s major cities. These are often victims of abuse, slavery, corporal punishment and imprisonment. Many of them also take drugs. A lot of street children are mentally handicapped. Generally speaking, none of these children have any basic rights at all. While child labourers, as long as they work in rural areas, can be best supported through community interventions, child labourers working in industry and street children need overall protection and strong advocacy. While it is our goal to concentrate on these two target groups other target groups (e.g. disabled children) should not be ignored.