**Child Labour**

The children, often underfed, work from “dawn to dusk”, squatting for long hours o n low benches in front of their looms, breathing dust and lint. In Bangladesh, more than 30% of the people are living in extreme poverty. Their families are not able to give the basic needs of their children which actually forced them to engage their children to child labour. We all need to do something to help stop the ill effects of child labour.

According to the International Labour Organization, about 246 million children between the ages of 5 and 17 are engaged in child labour. Seventy Three million of these children suffer from the cruelest human rights violation on daily basis. There are still many children working in bonded labour nowadays. These have to stop!

Ali goes to school on weekday, and he did not have time to do his homework but instead he works on a local restaurant to pay his father’s medicine. He did not have time to hang out with his friends because he works longer. He feels lonely when he left out by his friends playing soccer while he is working. Ali almost cut his hand by working the meat grinder; this shows us that the child labour is not safe. Ali’s story teaches us about child labour. It is not safe, it makes the children sad and they don’t get to go to school.

We could raise awareness in advertisements about child labour. Advertisements will tell you about child labour. We could support ad campaigns “such as Rugmark and Fairtrade Mark. These types of labels provide a guarantee that children were not involved in the production of the item.” We need to start raising awareness about child labour by reaching out to teenagers through the media. I learned about the media that will tell them about to stop child labour and start raising awareness by start reaching out to teenagers through the media.

The worst forms of child labour are those situations were children work for more than 9 hours a day with no wages at all. They work in hazardous conditions, no access to education and they usually work without their families. Therefore as concern citizens we should all join hands together and do something for these underprivileged children. We can not just close our eyes and pretend that these things did not happen. Let us all stand together and make a difference.