

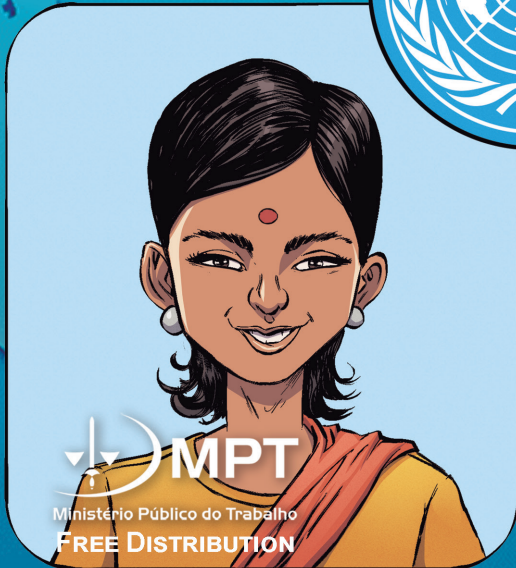
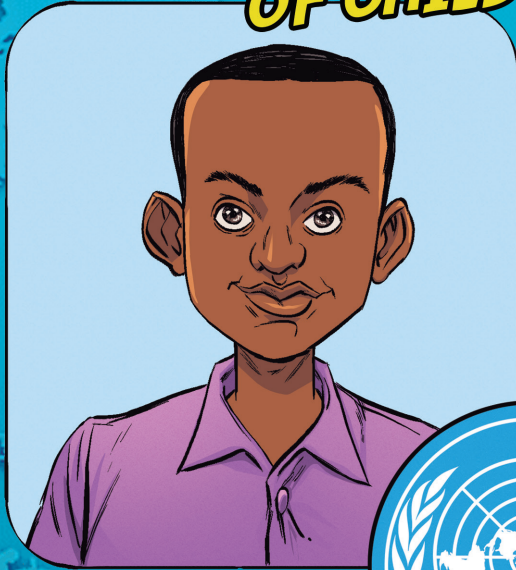


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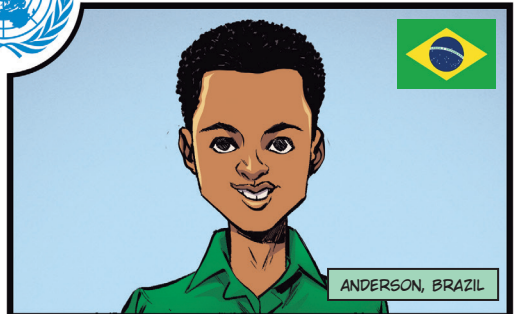
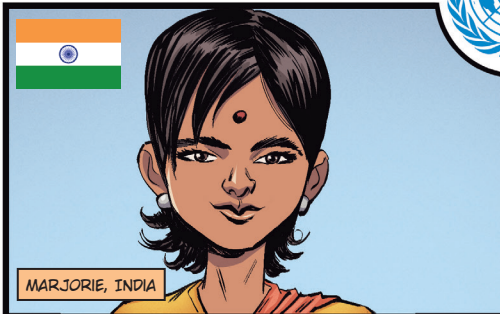
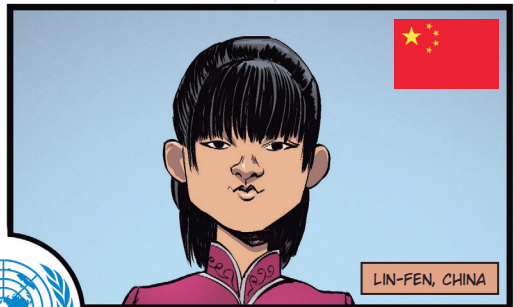
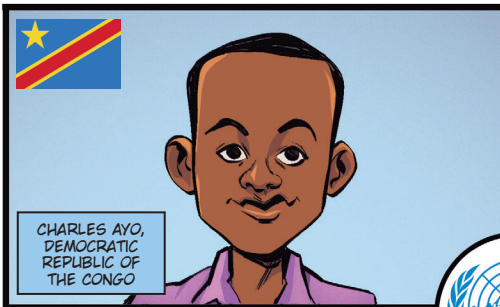
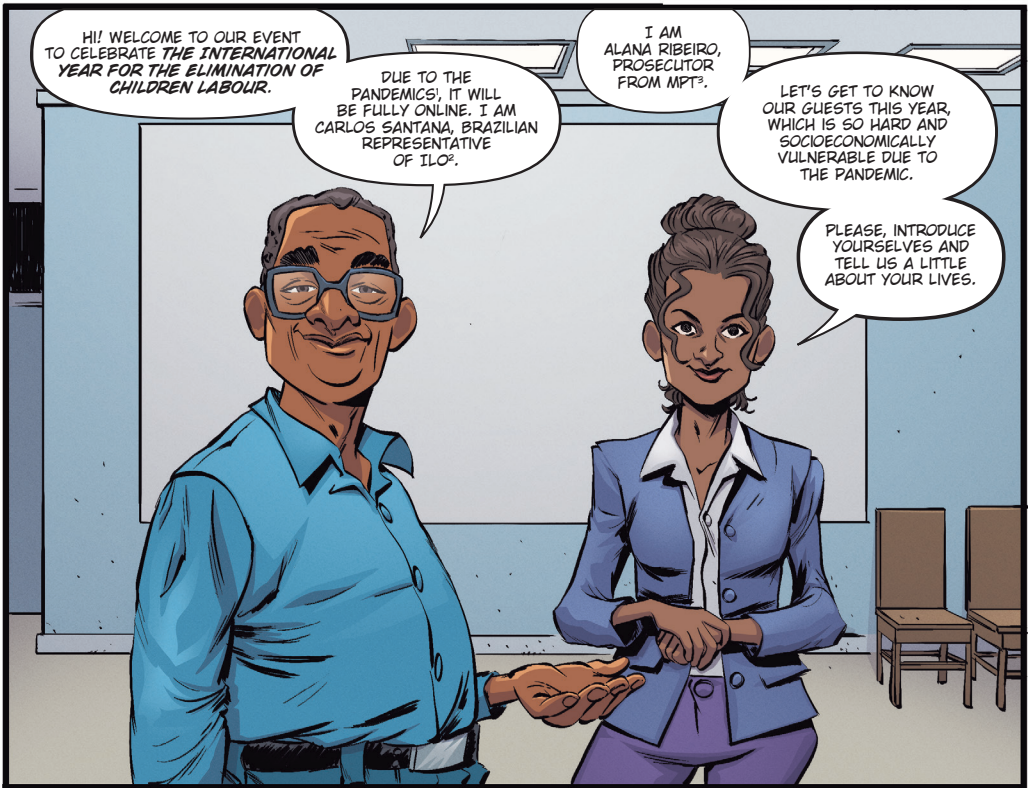
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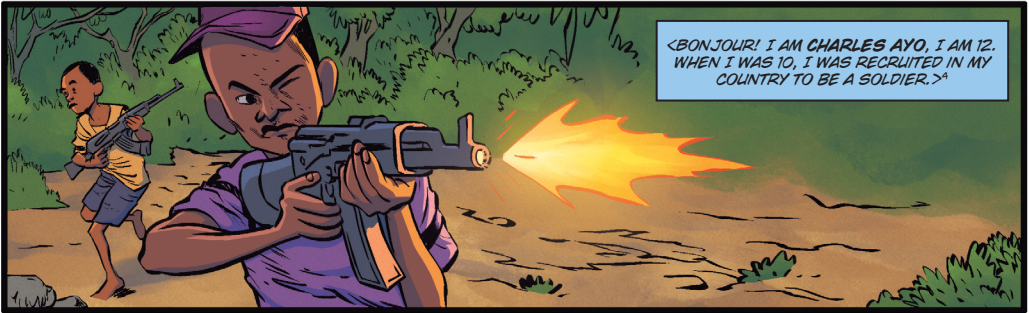
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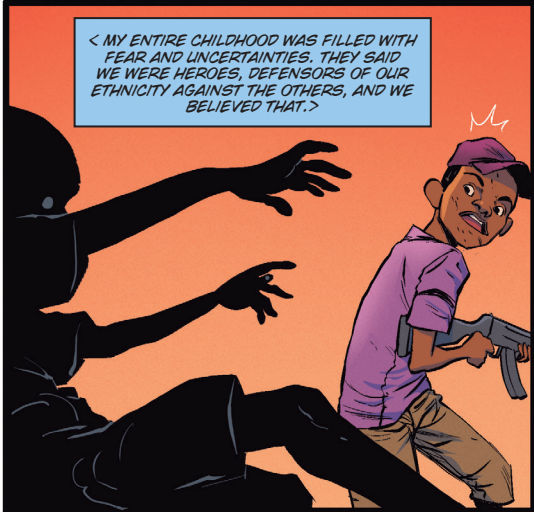
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- 1 - Covid-19 Pandemics.
- 2 - International Labour Organization.
- 3 - Ministério do Trabalho (MPT) - Labor Prosecution Office



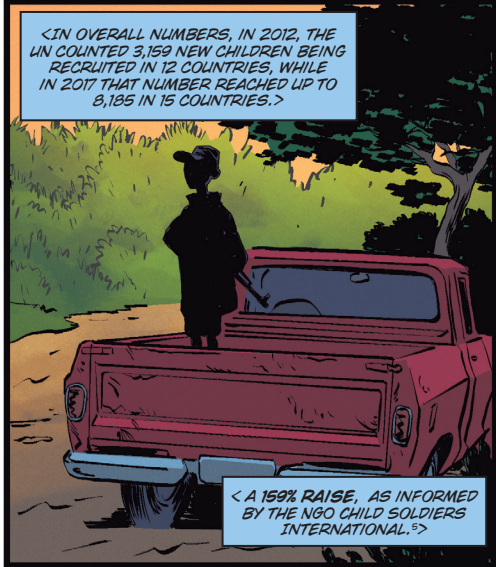
<BONJOUR! I AM CHARLES AYO, I AM 12. WHEN I WAS 10, I WAS RECRUITED IN MY COUNTRY TO BE A SOLDIER.>⁴



< MY ENTIRE CHILDHOOD WAS FILLED WITH FEAR AND UNCERTAINTIES. THEY SAID WE WERE HEROES, DEFENSORS OF OUR ETHNICITY AGAINST THE OTHERS, AND WE BELIEVED THAT.>

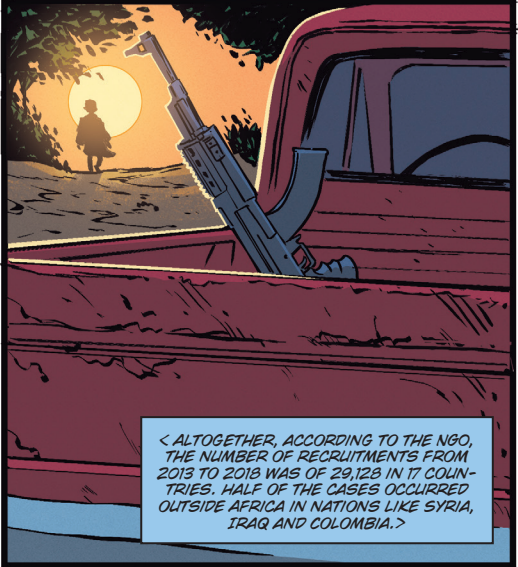


<IN THE SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, AT LEAST SEVEN COUNTRIES MAKE USE OF BOYS AND GIRLS AS SOLDIERS AND IN CHECKPOINTS, AS INFORMERS, TO LOOT VILLAGES, OR TO BE SLAVES, INCLUDING FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SEXUAL MATTERS.>



<IN OVERALL NUMBERS, IN 2012, THE UN COUNTED 3,159 NEW CHILDREN BEING RECRUITED IN 12 COUNTRIES, WHILE IN 2017 THAT NUMBER REACHED UP TO 8,185 IN 15 COUNTRIES.>

< A 159% RAISE, AS INFORMED BY THE NGO CHILD SOLDIERS INTERNATIONAL.⁵>

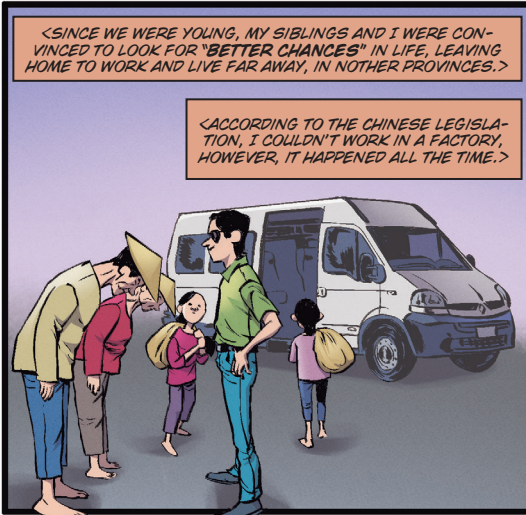


< ALTOGETHER, ACCORDING TO THE NGO, THE NUMBER OF RECRUITMENTS FROM 2013 TO 2018 WAS OF 29,128 IN 17 COUNTRIES. HALF OF THE CASES OCCURRED OUTSIDE AFRICA IN NATIONS LIKE SYRIA, IRAQ AND COLOMBIA.>

4 - Translated from French.
 5 - <http://bit.ly/HQ57a>

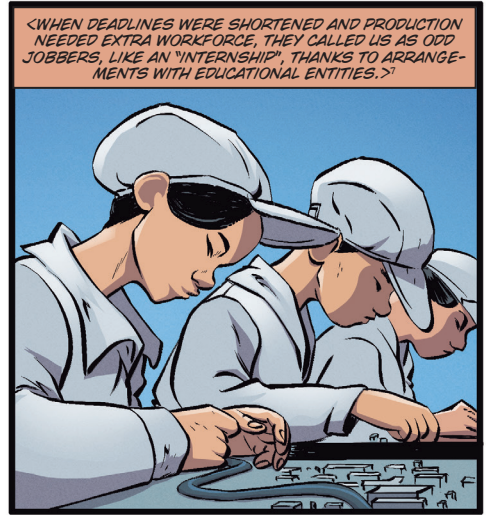


<NI HAO! MY NAME IS LIN-FEN, I AM 16. MY PARENTS LIVED IN A VERY POOR PROVINCE.>⁶

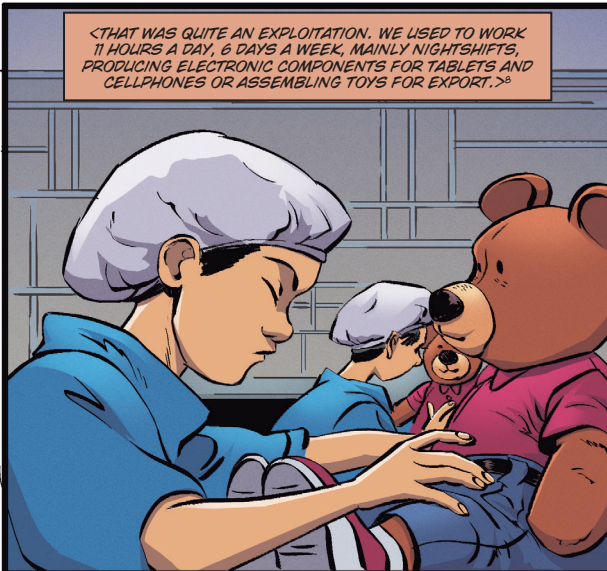


<SINCE WE WERE YOUNG, MY SIBLINGS AND I WERE CONVINCED TO LOOK FOR "BETTER CHANCES" IN LIFE, LEAVING HOME TO WORK AND LIVE FAR AWAY, IN OTHER PROVINCES.>

<ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE LEGISLATION, I COULDN'T WORK IN A FACTORY, HOWEVER, IT HAPPENED ALL THE TIME.>



<WHEN DEADLINES WERE SHORTENED AND PRODUCTION NEEDED EXTRA WORKFORCE, THEY CALLED US AS ODD JOBBERS, LIKE AN "INTERNSHIP", THANKS TO ARRANGEMENTS WITH EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES.>⁷



<THAT WAS QUITE AN EXPLOITATION. WE USED TO WORK 11 HOURS A DAY, 6 DAYS A WEEK, MAINLY NIGHTSHIFTS, PRODUCING ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS FOR TABLETS AND CELLPHONES OR ASSEMBLING TOYS FOR EXPORT.>⁸



<OF COURSE I RESENTED NOT BEING ABLE TO STUDY. I VALUED A LOT THE LITTLE I HAD LEARNT, BECAUSE I KNEW THAT EDUCATION TRANSFORMS AND SAVES LIVES.>



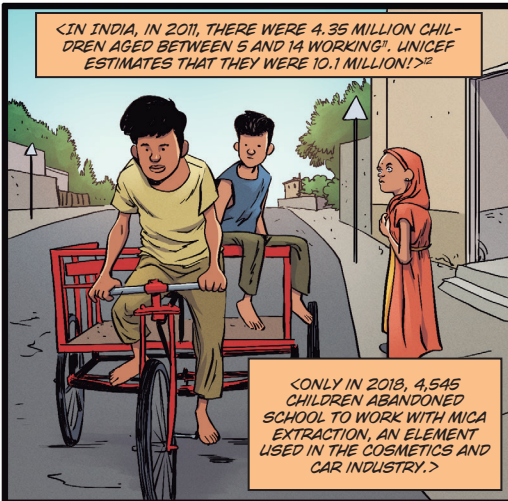
<NAMASTE, I AM MARJORIE, I AM 10. I ALWAYS HELPED MY MOTHER AT HOME WITH HER WORK. THAT'S WHY, I HAD NEVER BEEN TO SCHOOL. WE PRODUCED INK AND EMBROIDERIES FOR A TEXTILE FACTORY, SUPPLIER FOR SEVERAL FAMOUS BRANDS.>⁹



<WE WORKED BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, SIX TO EIGHT HOURS A DAY, BUT IT WAS NOT A SURPRISE TO SEE 14-HOUR WORKDAYS.>¹⁰



<WE EARNED AROUND \$0.15 AN HOUR, THAT WAS WAY LOWER THAN THE MINIMUM WAGE OF THE COUNTRY.>



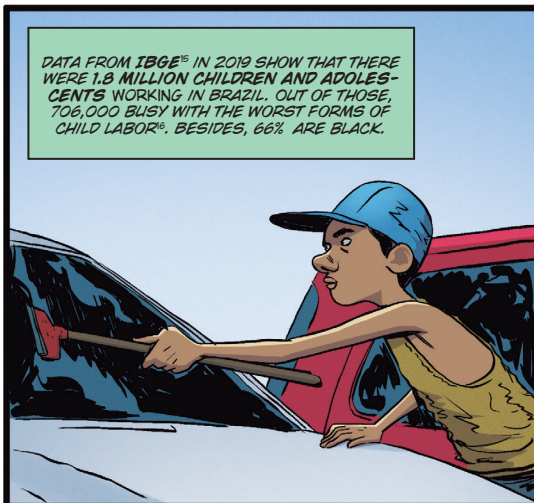
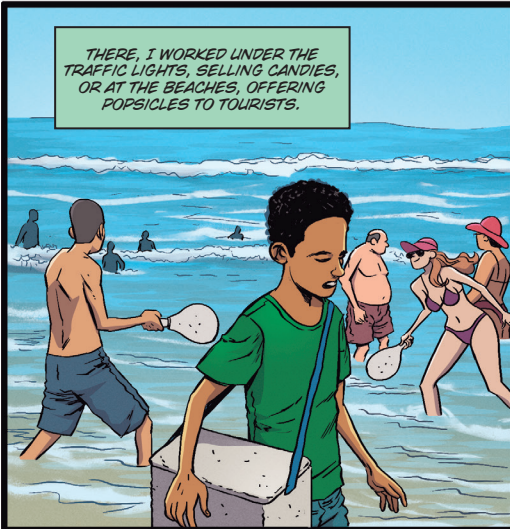
<IN INDIA, IN 2011, THERE WERE 4.35 MILLION CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 AND 14 WORKING*. UNICEF ESTIMATES THAT THEY WERE 10.1 MILLION!>¹¹

<ONLY IN 2018, 4,545 CHILDREN ABANDONED SCHOOL TO WORK WITH MICA EXTRACTION, AN ELEMENT USED IN THE COSMETICS AND CAR INDUSTRY.>



<MY BROTHER WORKED ON THESE MINES. HE PASSED AWAY IN AN EXPLOSION.>¹²

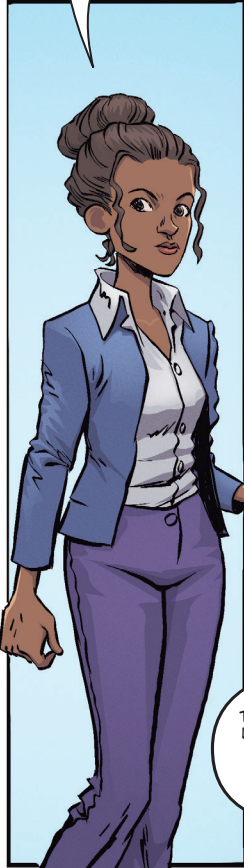
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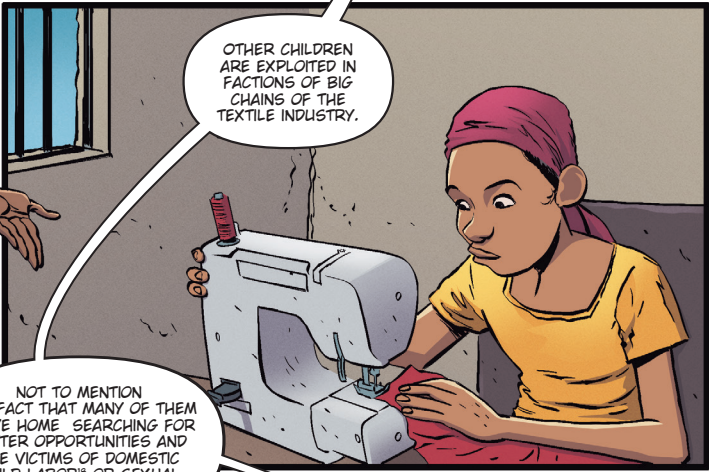
14 - <http://bit.ly/HQ571>
15 - National Household Sample Survey (Continuous PNAD).

16 - <http://bit.ly/HQ570>
17 - MPT series in Comics 28.

THE SITUATION OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES IS PRETTY MUCH SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN BRAZIL.

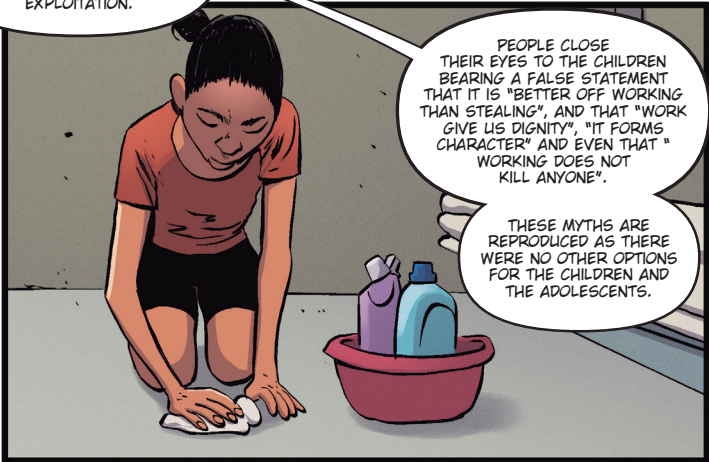


IN OUR COUNTRY, THERE ARE ALSO THESE KINDS OF SOLDIER-CHILDREN, BUT THEY ARE EXPLOITED BY THE DRUG DEALERS.



OTHER CHILDREN ARE EXPLOITED IN FACTIONS OF BIG CHAINS OF THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY.

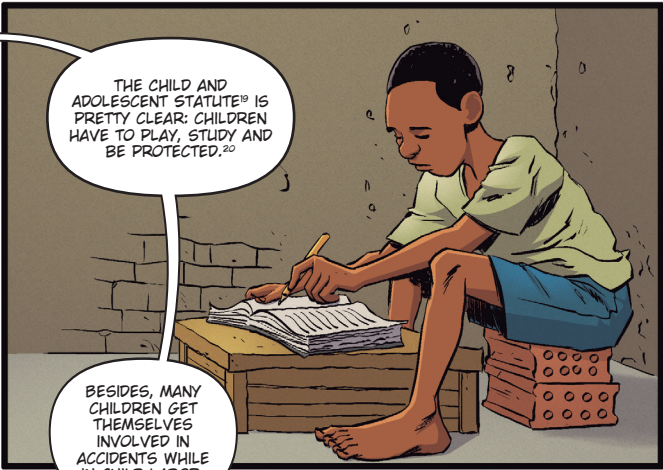
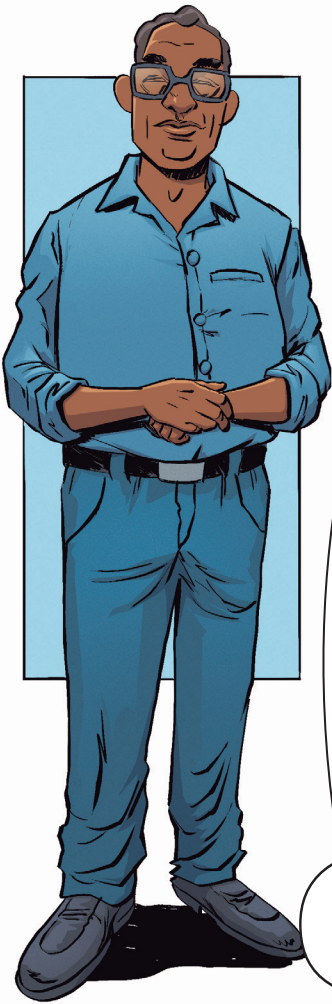
NOT TO MENTION THE FACT THAT MANY OF THEM LEAVE HOME SEARCHING FOR BETTER OPPORTUNITIES AND ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC CHILD LABOR¹⁶ OR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.



PEOPLE CLOSE THEIR EYES TO THE CHILDREN BEARING A FALSE STATEMENT THAT IT IS "BETTER OFF WORKING THAN STEALING", AND THAT "WORK GIVE US DIGNITY", "IT FORMS CHARACTER" AND EVEN THAT "WORKING DOES NOT KILL ANYONE".

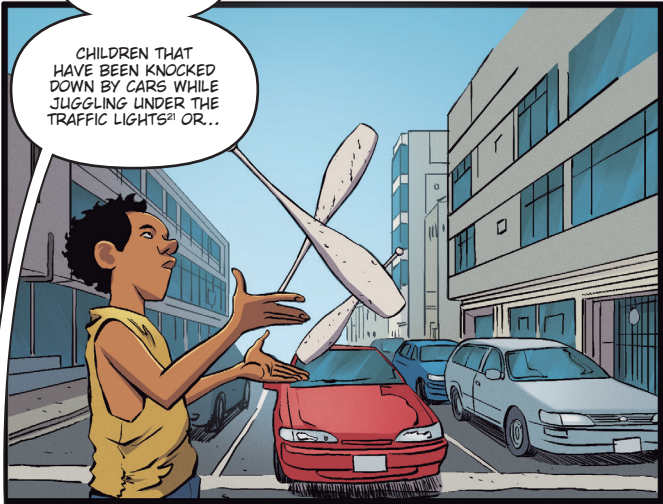
THESE MYTHS ARE REPRODUCED AS THERE WERE NO OTHER OPTIONS FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE ADOLESCENTS.

COME ON! NO! WORKING HAS TO START AT THE RIGHT TIME, YOU CANNOT HAVE ANOTHER CHILDHOOD LATER!

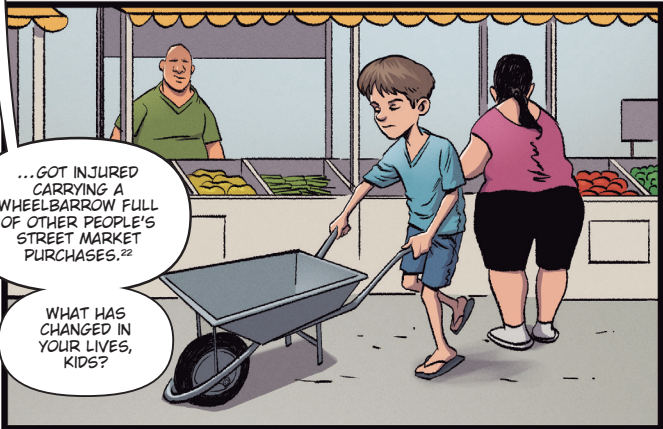


THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT STATUTE¹⁹ IS PRETTY CLEAR: CHILDREN HAVE TO PLAY, STUDY AND BE PROTECTED.²⁰

BESIDES, MANY CHILDREN GET THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS WHILE IN CHILD LABOR.



CHILDREN THAT HAVE BEEN KNOCKED DOWN BY CARS WHILE JUGGLING UNDER THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS²¹ OR...

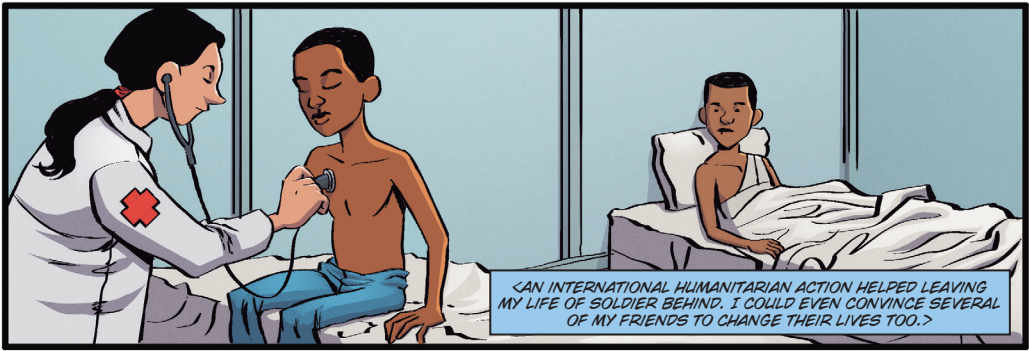


...GOT INJURED CARRYING A WHEELBARROW FULL OF OTHER PEOPLE'S STREET MARKET PURCHASES.²²

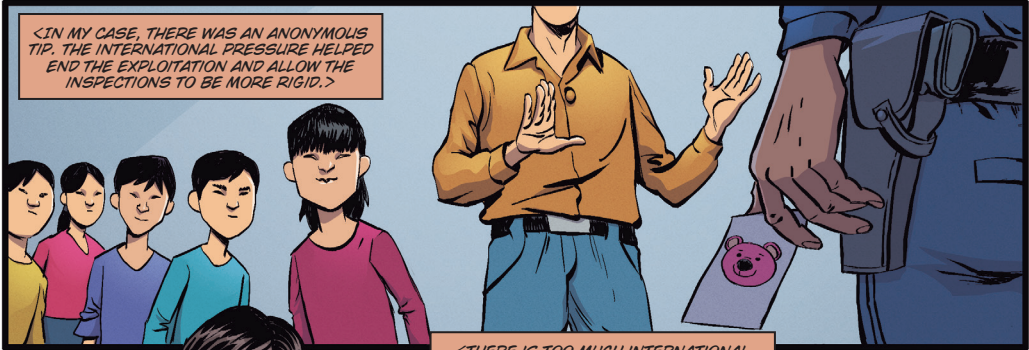
WHAT HAS CHANGED IN YOUR LIVES, KIDS?

19 - More information in MPT Series in Comics 21.
20 - More information about Child Protection Networks in MPT Series in Comics 14 and 15.

21 - <http://bit.ly/HQ57q>
22 - MPT Series in Comics 2.

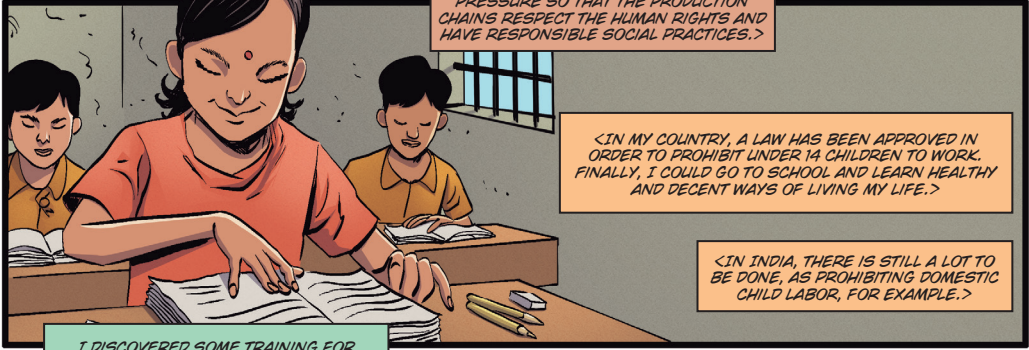


<AN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ACTION HELPED LEAVING MY LIFE OF SOLDIER BEHIND. I COULD EVEN CONVINCE SEVERAL OF MY FRIENDS TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES TOO.>



<IN MY CASE, THERE WAS AN ANONYMOUS TIP. THE INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE HELPED END THE EXPLOITATION AND ALLOW THE INSPECTIONS TO BE MORE RIGID.>

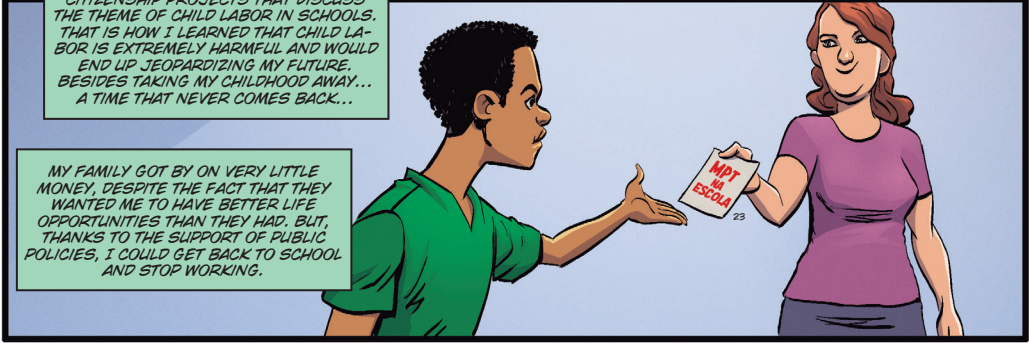
<THERE IS TOO MUCH INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE SO THAT THE PRODUCTION CHAINS RESPECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND HAVE RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL PRACTICES.>



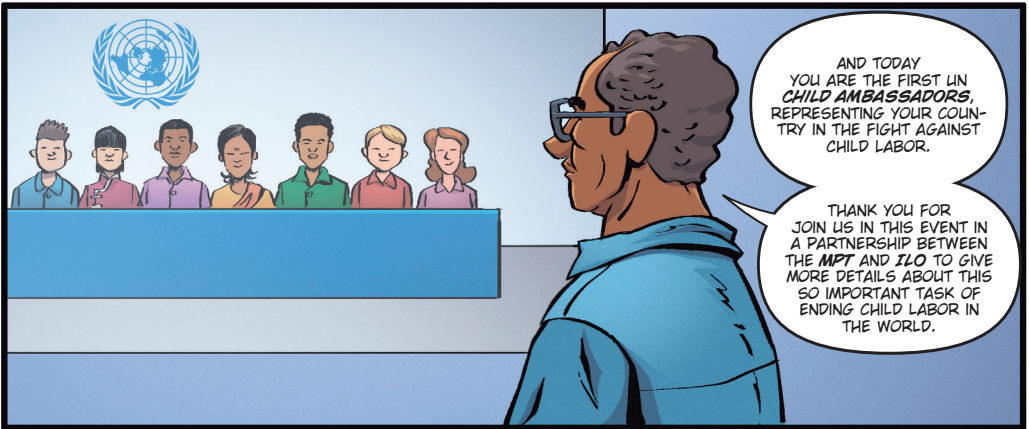
<IN MY COUNTRY, A LAW HAS BEEN APPROVED IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT UNDER 14 CHILDREN TO WORK. FINALLY, I COULD GO TO SCHOOL AND LEARN HEALTHY AND DECENT WAYS OF LIVING MY LIFE.>

<IN INDIA, THERE IS STILL A LOT TO BE DONE, AS PROHIBITING DOMESTIC CHILD LABOR, FOR EXAMPLE.>

I DISCOVERED SOME TRAINING FOR CITIZENSHIP PROJECTS THAT DISCUSS THE THEME OF CHILD LABOR IN SCHOOLS. THAT IS HOW I LEARNED THAT CHILD LABOR IS EXTREMELY HARMFUL AND WOULD END UP JEOPARDIZING MY FUTURE, BESIDES TAKING MY CHILDHOOD AWAY... A TIME THAT NEVER COMES BACK...

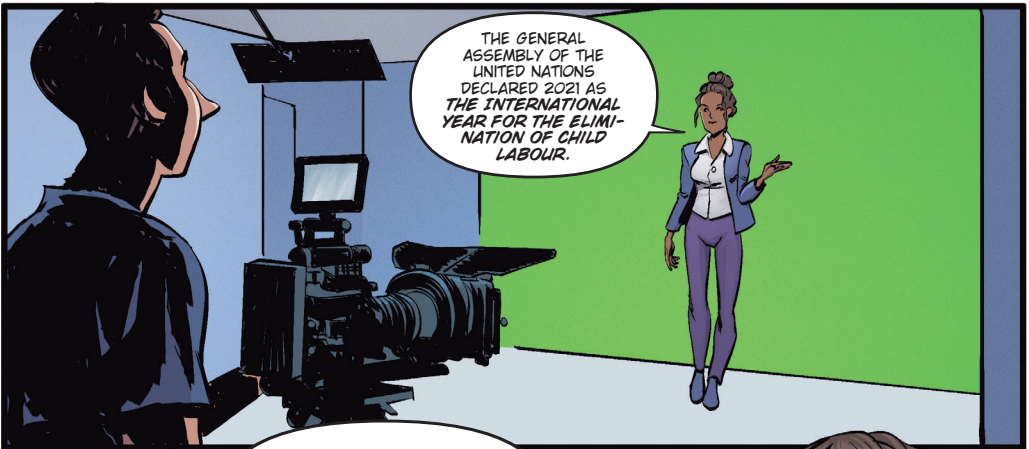


MY FAMILY GOT BY ON VERY LITTLE MONEY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY WANTED ME TO HAVE BETTER LIFE OPPORTUNITIES THAN THEY HAD. BUT, THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC POLICIES, I COULD GET BACK TO SCHOOL AND STOP WORKING.



AND TODAY YOU ARE THE FIRST UN **CHILD AMBASSADORS**, REPRESENTING YOUR COUNTRY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD LABOR.

THANK YOU FOR JOIN US IN THIS EVENT IN A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE **MPT** AND **ILO** TO GIVE MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS SO IMPORTANT TASK OF ENDING CHILD LABOR IN THE WORLD.

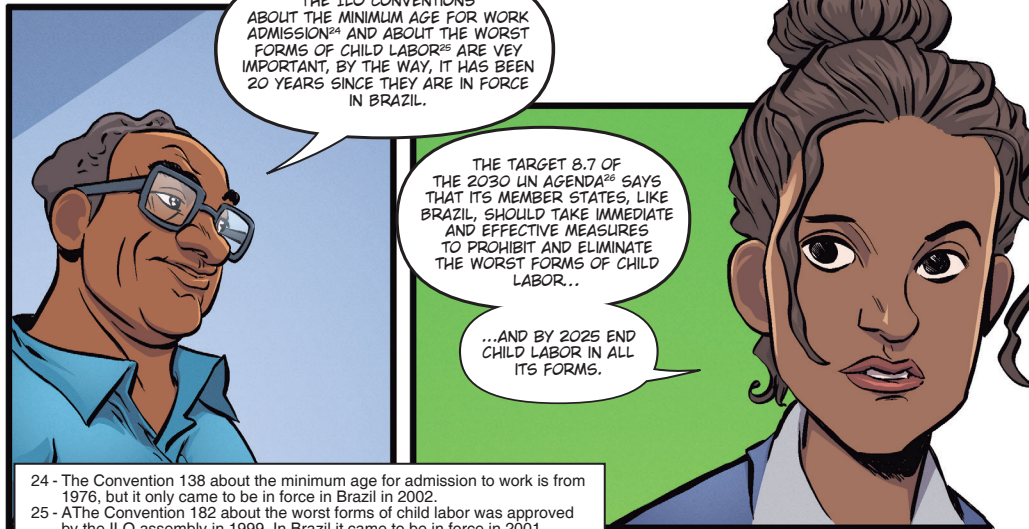


THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARED 2021 AS **THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR THE ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOUR**.

THE ILO CONVENTIONS ABOUT THE MINIMUM AGE FOR WORK ADMISSION²⁴ AND ABOUT THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR²⁵ ARE VEY IMPORTANT, BY THE WAY, IT HAS BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE THEY ARE IN FORCE IN BRAZIL.

THE TARGET 8.7 OF THE 2030 UN AGENDA²⁶ SAYS THAT ITS MEMBER STATES, LIKE BRAZIL, SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE AND EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PROHIBIT AND ELIMINATE THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR..

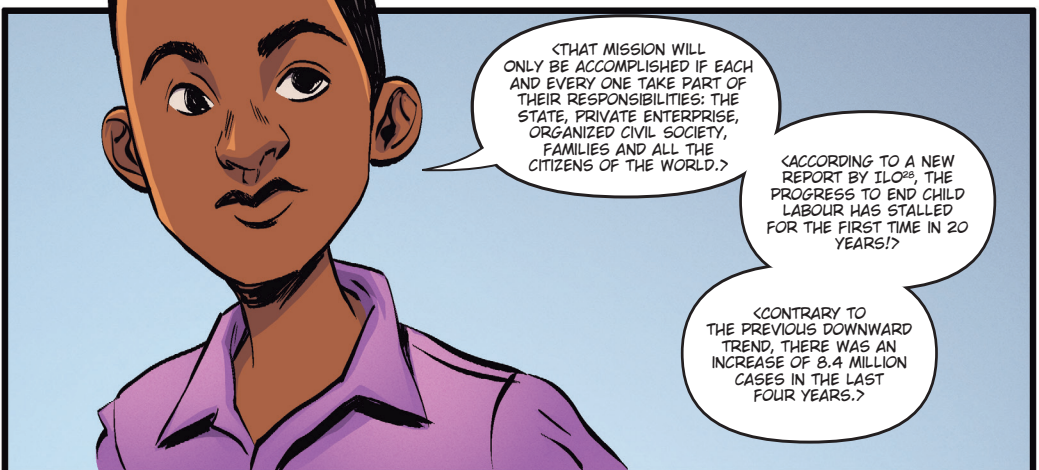
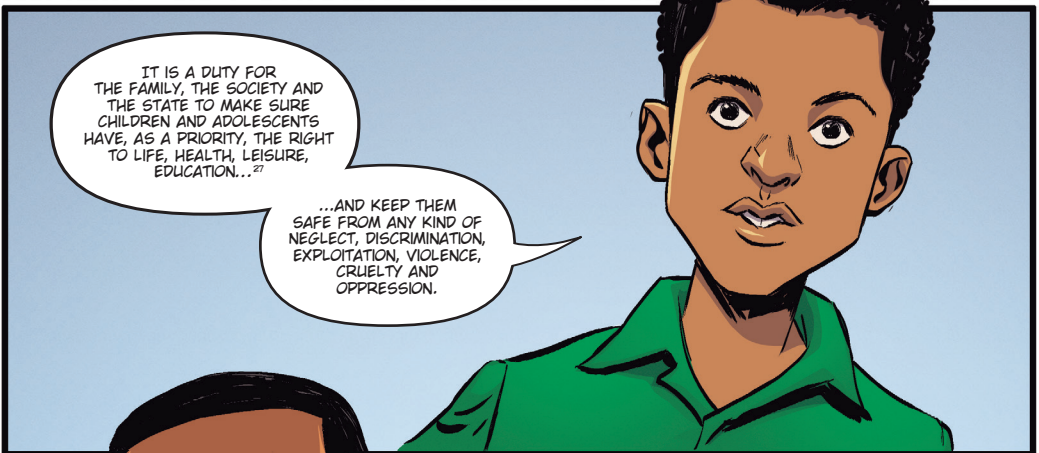
...AND BY 2025 END CHILD LABOR IN ALL ITS FORMS.



24 - The Convention 138 about the minimum age for admission to work is from 1976, but it only came to be in force in Brazil in 2002.

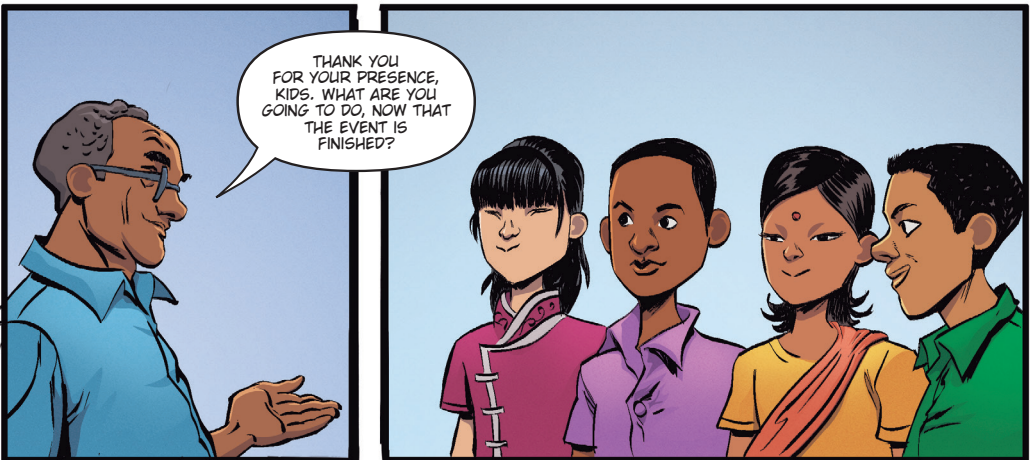
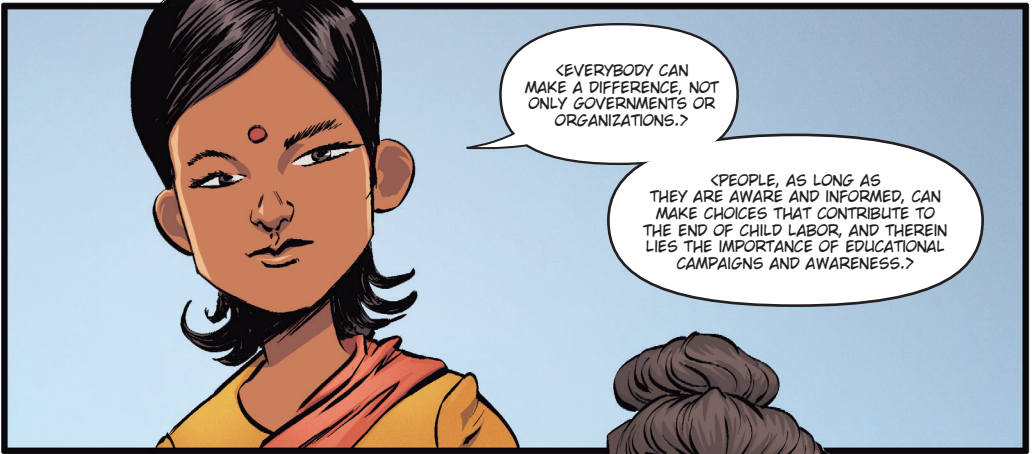
25 - AThe Convention 182 about the worst forms of child labor was approved by the ILO assembly in 1999. In Brazil it came to be in force in 2001. Learn more in MPT series in Comics 33.

26 - Sustainable development goals (SDGs)



27 - Brazilian Federal Constitution, art. 227

28 - Report "Child Labour: Global estimates 2020, trends and the road forward" - <http://bit.ly/HQ571>







International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour

We need to act now to end child labor. Everybody can help, making personal choices, consuming with responsibility e asking the governments and institutions for actions. Together we will eliminate child labor.

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