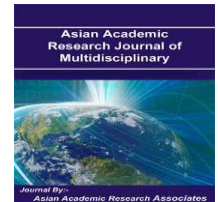




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**MITIGAGATION STRATEGY FOR THE INVOLVEMENT OF SCHOOL-AGE
CHILDREN AS AGRICULTURAL LABORER (THE CASE OF VIRGINIA
TOBACCO FARMING IN LOMBOK ISLAND)**

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Abstract

The involvement of school-age children as laborers in farming activities is a sensitive issue because it contradicts the principle of Agricultural Labor Practices (ALP) Codes. In general, the purpose of this study is to examine the involvement of school-age children as agricultural laborers and formulate their mitigation or anticipation strategies. The research was conducted in 14 districts, where Virginia Tobacco farming are being developed in Lombok Island. Data for this study were collected through several methods, including: secondary data collection; interviews to 500 farmers; direct observation; monitoring the level of attendance of school children; and Focus Group Discussion (FGD). Data collected covered the involvement of school-age children in Virginia Tobacco farming activities; motivation of children involvement as workers in Virginia Tobacco farming activities; causes of children involvement; voluntary or enforced involvement; kind of activities; and parent understanding about child labor. Data are analysed using descriptive statistics. The results showed that the involvement of school-age children as laborers in virginia tobacco farming activities was only 2.82%, only in the activity of air drying (*gelantang*). Mitigation strategies for preventing the involvement of school-age children as workers in virginia tobacco farming are: (1) dissemination information on the negative impact of child labor both through direct extension and through posters, leaflets or other media; (2) producing regulations (at village level) and dissemination of regulations regarding the prohibition of employing school-age children; (3) making agreements between partner companies and farmers not to use child labor; (4) developing extra school programs with action programs appropriate to children's education; and (5) developing fullday school program.

Key words: Strategy, Mitigation, Child labor, Agricultural labor practice codes, Tobacco farm

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