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CHILD LABOR

Children working in the tobacco fields is a tragedy.

- A 1993 study found that of children living on tobacco estates, 78 percent of 10-14 year olds and 55 percent of 7-9 year olds worked full or part-time. (1)
- In India an estimated 325,000 children work rolling "bidis," thin cigarettes wrapped in the flavorful tendu leaf. Up to 50% of these children are bonded laborers, sold as slaves to their employers. (2)

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