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## **DCI Goodwill Ambassador, legendary Actress BABITA celebrates World Day Against Child Labor with children**

### **Commitment to end hazardous labor**

**CHESHIRE, CT, USA (June 20, 2011):** DCI observed the 10th World Day Against Child Labor with DCI Goodwill Ambassador and internationally famous actress Babita, and a vow to eliminate the worst forms of child labor within the next five years.

In this year DCI's celebration of the World Day against Child labor, the legendary film actress Babita spent the day with underprivileged children and their families in the village of Manipur, Gazipur. She learned that many children in that area do not go to school but instead have to help supplement their parents income or leave for Dhaka city to work as servants or in factories, or do other types of menial labor.

"DCI is determined to address this year's theme: Warning! Children in hazardous work: End child labor." said Babita, adding, "DCI has been working to prevent child labor for some time but now we will increase our efforts against stopping child labor, especially its hazardous forms. We hope to achieve the goal by 2016."

Babita will be attending DCI's 3rd Conference on Child Rights and Sight on Sept 10, 2011 at Yale University, USA, where she will deliver the keynote address appealing to the world community to unite against child labor. Following the conference, she will visit several US states and Canada to campaign for child rights and eyesight issues.

DCI Executive Director, Dr. Ehsan Hoque, in a separate message to BSS (Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha) on the occasion, requested all stakeholders to combine their efforts to create a strong network, ensuring all policies regarding workplace safety are being implemented and laws against hazardous child labor are strictly enforced.

Please join us in our fight against poverty, child labor, and preventable blindness in Bangladesh. If you are working on child rights issues and want to contact Ms. Babita Akhter or Dr. Ehsan Hoque, please use the following address:

**About DCI:** Distressed Children and Infants International (DCI) is a U.S. based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, established in 2003 to help underprivileged children lift themselves out of poverty by providing them with basic life necessities, education, and health care. For more information, or if you have any questions or comments, please contact Dr. Barbara Pannone at dci@distressedchildren.org, or visit our website at [www.DistressedChildren.org](http://www.DistressedChildren.org).

**DCI VISION:** The vision of DCI is a society where underprivileged and disadvantaged children have equal access to basic human amenities, including education, healthcare, food, shelter and opportunities for a secure and prosperous life. DCI hopes for the day when child labor will be eliminated globally. DCI also has a clear vision of a world where privileged children are responsible young citizens and compassionate givers, leading the world to peace.

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