

For thousands of children forced to work in South Asia's hand-made rug industry, RugMark provides an education and a better future.



YUBARAJ GHALAN

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“My name is Yubaraj Ghalan. I am 17 years old and I am from Hadiya village in the Makawanpur district - a remote hilly region in the Central Development Region about 300 km from Kathmandu.

I am working at the Motorcycle Workshop in Kathmandu, - this is thanks to RugMark. My family is very poor and when I was much younger I had to work in a rug factory as a child labourer. I was illiterate and in a terrible condition. The RugMark Foundation found me, then gave me my education and training, got me my job here and sorted out my accommodation.

My life now is very good. I am independent and work at the repair shop servicing and repairing motorcycles - I work hard to support my family. My working day runs from 9 am to 7pm, with a 3 hour break at lunchtime. My food and board is provided by my employer and when I get home, I can do whatever I like - shop, cook or watch TV - it is my time.

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Former child worker, Yubaraj Ghalan, 17, now works at the Motorcycle Workshop in Kathmandu