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Title: Facteurs explicatifs du travail des enfants dans les plantations du village de Tchecou à M' Batto (République de la Côte d' Ivoire)

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is.....**YES**.....
- Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	√			
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity		√		
Significance			√	

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Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

Reviewer's Comment / Report

Introduction: The research provides an in-depth analysis of the factors contributing to child labor in the plantations of Tchecou, a village in M'Batto, Côte d'Ivoire. The study highlights the prevalence of child labor in the region and its association with socio-cultural and socio-economic determinants. Through structured interviews and surveys with 51 children and 31 household heads, the study presents a detailed understanding of the reasons behind this phenomenon.

Methodology: The study employs a qualitative and quantitative research approach, incorporating interviews and surveys as primary data collection techniques. The chosen sample size ensures a representative understanding of the factors driving child labor within the community. The research methodology aligns well with the study's objective, providing empirical evidence on the issue.

Key Findings:

1. Socio-cultural Factors:

- The persistence of traditional beliefs plays a crucial role in the continuation of child labor.
- Lack of awareness and non-compliance with existing child labor laws contribute to the issue.

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- Social perception among local actors sees child labor as a means of sustaining plantations and family businesses.
- 2. **Socio-economic Factors:**
 - Economic challenges and low household incomes force children to work.
 - High schooling costs hinder access to education, making labor a viable alternative.
 - The financial burden of hiring adult laborers or sharecroppers increases reliance on child labor.
- 3. **Perception of Child Labor:**
 - Child labor is often viewed as an income-generating activity beneficial to the family.
 - It is also perceived as a form of informal education, preparing children for future responsibilities in plantation work.

Conclusion: The study effectively highlights the multi-faceted nature of child labor in Tchecou's plantations. By combining socio-cultural and economic perspectives, it provides a comprehensive understanding of the phenomenon. The findings contribute valuable insights into the socio-economic realities faced by affected households and inform discussions on policy interventions to address child labor in the region.

General Assessment: The research is well-structured, with a clear problem statement, methodological rigor, and relevant findings. It provides a significant contribution to the understanding of child labor dynamics in Côte d'Ivoire. The use of empirical data enhances the credibility of the conclusions drawn. Overall, the study offers a thorough and insightful examination of the factors influencing child labor in the plantations of Tchecou.