

KOHL GILL

LaborVoices, Inc.

2013 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Transform labor conditions globally by crowd-sourcing worksite information to empower workers and allow companies to make informed sourcing decisions.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

LaborVoices envisions a world without human trafficking, where all workers have access to fair working conditions. LaborVoices is a scalable, worker-centered alternative to conventional factory inspections and certifications, drawing information directly from workers' mobile phones in real time. LaborVoices taps worker intelligence, helping brands detect emerging risks and choose the best suppliers, helping factories attract and keep the best workers, and helping workers to help each other make better decisions, avoiding abusive situations.

PERSONAL BIO

Kohl Gill is the president and founder of LaborVoices, Inc., a start-up company providing information services to global workers and supply-chain managers. Founded in 2010, LaborVoices connects directly with workers in supply chain factories via their mobile phones, helping drive workers and multinational buyers to best-in-class factories. Kohl was named one of America's Most Promising Social Entrepreneurs by Bloomberg BusinessWeek. Kohl served as an AAAS Science Policy Fellow for the U.S. Departments of Energy and State, most recently as the South Asia and Middle East Labor Affairs Officer for the Office of International Labor and Corporate Social Responsibility in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. Prior to federal service, Kohl was an Indicorps Fellow in the slum areas of Delhi, India, serving as a volunteer paralegal with local residents, using transparency legislation to fight both petty and grand corruption at the local level. Kohl is a graduate of the California Institute of Technology and received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, for his work in quantum computing and semiconductor physics.

Issue area

Civil and Human Rights

Organization/Fellow Location

Sunnyvale, United States

Impact Location

Asia

China

India

Bangladesh

Organization Structure

For-profit

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