# O Degrees

Thousands of children work in India's cotton seed industry. Many of them are trafficked or trapped in debt bondage.

Uzbekistan is currently the world's fourth largest exporter of cotton globally.

Hundreds of thousands of children are forced out of school by the nation's regime, to pick cotton under threats of abuse and expulsion. Conditions are dreadful with wide reports of injuries, poisoning and illness.

India is a global hub for textiles manufacturing. There is reportedly widespread incidence of **child and forced labour** in this industry.

Textiles leave one of the largest environmental footprints on the planet. It can take more than 20,000 litres of water to produce 1kg of cotton – (that's one T-shirt and a pair of jeans!)

Unsafe use of agricultural chemicals has severe health impacts on workers in the field and run-off from farms ruins local ecosystems.

Bangladesh attracts garment producers because the costs of production are so cheap - Bangladesh has the lowest manufacturing wage in the world, and reports of child labour are widespread.

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Everday thousands of Australians, including you and I, buy clothing at a bargain price!