

ANGOLA

MEET A CHILD

Fifteen-year-old Jose, ex Unita soldier at Capembe in south-eastern Angola says "I served as a radio operator during a battle and was in charge of communication; I underwent military training at Unita's former headquarters in Jarranene. I was given an AK-47 that I used in battle. The first time I was in battle I was

Population Reference Bureau - 2004

TOTAL POPULATION 13,294,000
CHILD POPULATION 5,849,360

Population Reference Bureau - 2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

According to UNICEF 22% of children between 5-14 years are child labourers

State of World's Children 2005, UNICEF

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, the total economically active population is estimated to be 7,840,000. Of them 558,000 are estimated to be children in the age group of 10-14 years representing 24% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

980 females for 1000 males

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

No confirmed data

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

No confirmed data

CHILD SLAVERY

No confirmed data

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Angola is a source country for children trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

Angolan girls move back and forth across Angola's border with Namibia to engage in prostitution with truck drivers. There are unconfirmed anecdotal reports of trafficking for the purpose of child commercial sexual exploitation in Angola's cities.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

According to Defence for Children International (DCI), 22 % of children in the capital are without proper protection and are highly vulnerable to exploitation. About 800,000 children

ECPAT CSEC Database, http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp

under 15 years of age are displaced and are dependent on humanitarian aid and 3000 children under the age of 18 are involved in prostitution for survival.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

Using information collected during the Government's first child registration campaign, it was estimated that there are approximately 1,500 street children in Luanda. Conditions in government youth centers were poor; most homeless children slept on city streets. They shined shoes, washed cars, and carried water, and many resorted to petty crime, begging, and prostitution to survive.

CHILD SOLDIERS

Child soldiers were used extensively during the civil war by both government armed forces and the armed opposition group, UNITA (União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola), National Union for the Total Independence of Angola.

In March 2003 the government estimated that under-18s had composed 10 per cent of the armed forces at the end of the war. As many as 30,000 girls were estimated to have been abducted by fighting forces during the war.

CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

In 2000, it was estimated that there were approximately 24,000 predominantly male homeless street children living in Angola as a result of the civil conflict.

Children also work in subsistence agriculture, as domestic servants, as street vendors, and as beggars

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US Dept. of State, Country Reports on Human Rights Practices- 2004, February 2005

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

The US Dept.of Labor's 2003 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

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