

CENTRAL AFRICA REPUBLIC

MEET A CHILD

14 year-old Hassan's life was changed in a day when armed rebellions charged into his village and killed the parents who didn't give their children for armed recruitment. Hassan's parents were one of them. He was forcibly recruited to their army. He is however determined to run away.

TOTAL POPULATION **3,742,000**
CHILD POPULATION **1,646,480**

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

As per UNICEF estimates, 56% of children between 5-14 years are involved in child labour

State of World's Children 2005,
UNICEF

An international agency reported that children worked in the diamond fields alongside adult relatives

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

In 2010, the economically active population is estimated to be 559,000 of which 131,000 would be children in the age group 10-14 years representing 23.4% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population

Economically active population is 1752000 of which 132000 is in the age group 10-14yrs.

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

1020 females for 1000 males

CIA, factbook-2005 (Fig is an
estimate for 2005)

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

Data Not Available

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

Data Not Available

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

CHILD SLAVERY

The Labor Code specifically prohibits forced or compulsory labor; however, there were reports that such practices occurred.

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

Pygmies, including children, often were coerced into labor within the country and often treated as slaves.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

The law does not prohibit trafficking in persons, and there were reports that persons, particularly children, were trafficked.

Trafficking was confined primarily to children who were brought in by the foreign Muslim community from Nigeria, Sudan, and Chad to be used as domestic servants, shop helpers, and agricultural workers.

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

CHILD PROSTITUTION

Child prostitution remained a problem. Some girls entered prostitution to earn money for their families.

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

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Child soldiers were reportedly used by government and opposition forces during armed conflict from 2001 to 2003. Armed groups from neighbouring countries operating in the Central African Republic (CAR) made extensive use of child soldiers until early 2003. Even now, there is no way to prevent armed vigilante groups from recruiting children

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

The minimum age for conscription or voluntary recruitment into the armed forces is 18.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

There were approximately 5,000 street children between the ages of 5 and 18 residing in Bangui. Many children begged and stole.

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

There were a few anecdotal reports of children being trafficked to Nigeria and several other nearby countries for use as agricultural workers.

In some rural areas, teachers or principals used school children as labor on farms, ostensibly to teach them how to work the land since many students did not further their education beyond primary school.