

CHAD

MEET A CHILD

Samson, aged 10, was sold by his parents in southern Chad to a herdsman. He would take his master's animals out to graze in the evening and watch them throughout the night. There was a risk of being bitten by a snake or attacked by wild animals that roam the savannah woodland. By the day, other household chores were to be attended to leaving little time to sleep. He was not fed properly and often felt weak. Samson was rescued by a local church and his ordeal as a slave ended.

TOTAL POPULATION **9,539,000**
CHILD POPULATION **4,578,720**

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

As per UNICEF estimates 57% of children between 5-14 years are working

State of World's Children 2005,
UNICEF

In 2000, UNICEF estimated that 65.5 percent of children ages 5 to 14 years in Chad were working.

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

In 2010, the economically active population is estimated to be 1,359,000 of which 452,000 would be children in the age group 10-14 years representing 33.2% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

1052 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 578,300 children between the primary school age group of 6-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

The country has an EDI of 0.507, suggesting that its progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is low

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

CHILD SLAVERY

Children were trafficked for forced labor, primarily as herders or domestic workers.

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

According to a U.N. news service, during the year, aid workers in the country estimated that families have sold as many as 2,000 children--some as young as 8--into a system of slavery in which they worked as "child cattle herders."

Children also work for little compensation as domestic servants in the households of relatives.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Chad is a country of origin for children trafficked for the purposes of forced labor and sexual exploitation.

Chadian boys are trafficked internally for use as herders in the south; girls are trafficked for exploitation as prostitutes in the oil-producing area of Doba and into involuntary domestic servitude in urban areas.

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

There were reports of child prostitution, primarily in the southern oil-producing region.

In Chadian urban areas, there are reports of cinemas and video parlours showing pornographic and indecent films to children.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Up to 600 child soldiers were reportedly serving in government and opposition forces but no further recruitment of children was reported.

A 1991 ordinance on the reorganization of the armed forces establishes 18 as the minimum age for voluntary recruitment and 20 for conscription.

However, the 1992 General Statute of the Army provides that a person under the age of 18 can be enrolled with the consent of a parent or guardian.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANIZED SECTOR

In 2002, UNICEF estimated that there were approximately 10,000 street children, and according to press reports, their numbers were increasing.

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

Trafficking in Person's Report 2005 (US Dept.of State)

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

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

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

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

According to a research conducted in 2003 in Chad by ECPAT, more than 11,000 children are estimated to live in the streets.

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