

COTE D'IVOIRE

MEET A CHILD

Laabu, 12-year-old boy worked in a coffee plantation in Bouafle, Côte d'Ivoire. "We had to work 18 hours a day. For any mistake, they would tie your hands behind your back. Then one person would beat your front, and someone else your back" he said. Abula, was rescued scarred from head to foot from brutal beatings by their captors, as he attempted to escape earlier. "The world enjoys the chocolate I suffered to make; I worked hard for them, but saw no benefit. They are eating my flesh."

TOTAL POPULATION **16,897,000**
CHILD POPULATION **7,265,710**

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

35% of children between 5-14 years are involved in child labour

State of World's Children 2005,
UNICEF

In 2000, UNICEF estimated that 40.3 percent of children ages 5 to 14 years in Côte d'Ivoire were working.

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, 8,262,000 economically active people are estimated in Croatia. Of them 356,000 children between 10-14 are estimated to be economically active representing 15.6% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

1000 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 985,200 primary school aged children between 6-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

The EDI is 0.631 and the progress towards achieving education for all is low

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

CHILD SLAVERY

The law prohibits forced or compulsory labor, including by children; however, there were reports such practices occurred.

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

Children were often recruited forcibly and used in combat.

Armed political groups abducted girls into sexual slavery.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Cote d'Ivoire is a source, transit, and destination country for women and children trafficked for the purposes of forced labor and sexual exploitation.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION

Ivoirian girls are trafficked within the country for exploitation as domestic servants, street vendors, and prostitutes, and occasionally are lured to Europe where they are forced into commercial sexual exploitation after being deceived by false marriage proposals.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Ivorian government and allied forces recruited children, including Liberian refugees, as soldiers. And forces opposed to the government, including Liberian-dominated Ivorian armed political groups and Liberian armed political groups with bases in Côte d'Ivoire, also used child soldiers.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

Ivorian child soldiers fought alongside Liberian armed political groups in Liberia.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

Approximately 109,000 child laborers worked in hazardous conditions on cocoa farms in what has been described as the worst forms of child labor; some of these children were forced or indentured workers but 70 percent worked on family farms or with their parents.

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

The controversy over child labor in the cocoa sector in the country continued, and the ILO, the Institute of Tropical Agriculture, and the Chocolate Manufacturers' Association financed studies to document the problem. The survey research, released in 2002, revealed that most children who were working

in the cocoa sector worked on the family's farm (approximately 70 percent) or beside their parents.

Children from Mali, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, and Benin are trafficked to Cote d'Ivoire for agricultural and domestic labor exploitation.

Majority of the working children are found in the informal sector, including on family farms, in family-operated artisanal gold and diamond mines, in fishing, in small trading, and in domestic work. They also shine shoes, run errands, wash and wash cars, prepare and serve food in street restaurants, and work as vendors or in sweatshop conditions in small workshops.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

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