

CUBA

MEET A CHILD

Anna, aged 14, is the eldest of five children and had been working as a prostitute in Varadero (Cuba's most established tourist resort) for three months. Her father could earn as much income as to meet out their beyond the bare minimum necessary for survival. But did not feel fortunate. She wanted a pair of shoes that belonged to her and her alone, she wanted to see something different, do something different. She wanted something to happen. Her cousin, told her that in Varedero all the things they longed for were readily available telling her 'All you have to do is go with tourists and they give you dollars and clothes and everything'. Anna had no real idea what 'going with a tourist' would involve. She left the village without informing her parents & was locked into prostitution for survival. Back in her village after three months, she still does not own a pair of shoes...

TOTAL POPULATION **11,267,000**
CHILD POPULATION **2,366,070**

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

The Government prohibits forced and compulsory labor by children; however, the Government required children to work in various situations. Students at rural boarding schools were expected to participate in several hours of manual labor per day

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, 5,929,000 economically active people are estimated in Cuba with no child in the age group 10-14 being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

1010 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 41,700 children of primary school age 6-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.965, the country's progress towards education for all is high

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

CHILD SLAVERY

Children are coerced into working in conditions of involuntary servitude in commercial agriculture.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in
Persons Report 2005

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Cuba is a source country for children trafficked internally for the purposes of sexual exploitation and forced child labor.

Trafficking victims from all over Cuba are exploited in major cities and tourist resorts

CHILD PROSTITUTION

There are no reliable estimates available on the extent of trafficking in the country; however, children in prostitution is widely apparent, even to casual observers.

There were incidents of trafficking within the country for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor, which were not reported in the official media.

The country was also a destination for sex tourists, including foreigners searching for underage prostitutes

Victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation generally were teenage girls age 14 to 17 who are abused in prostitution.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No confirmed data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Compulsory military service exists from the age of 17 and can be performed in the armed forces or in the police force. Military education is compulsory for secondary students. Some 15 educational institutes are run by the armed forces, which take students from the age of 15.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

No confirmed data

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

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CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004