

## CYPRUS

### MEET A CHILD

Marah, a 21-year-old Kenyan girl, worked as a domestic worker (at the age of 13) for the first four years. "The first word I learned when I came to Cyprus was "mavri", black, because that's what I was called every time I went anywhere. I could not find a job for few months, as I wore headscarf. However, I decided to remove it & got a job. Everything went right for two months but one day, my employer got hold of my photographs wearing a headscarf & I was fired. In the hospital, I was given cheap medicines but charged for expensive ones. I had to change my accent in English". After working from one place and another Rahma finally married to a Cypriot and helps many domestic workers who are facing problems like her in Cyprus.

**TOTAL POPULATION**                      **948,000**  
**CHILD POPULATION**                      **199,080**

Population Reference Bureau -  
2004

### TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

It was common in family-run shops for children to work after school and, according to press reports, children as young as age 11 worked in orchards during school holidays in the Turkish Cypriot community.

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

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, 427,000 economically active people are estimated in Cyprus with no child in the age group 10-14 being economically active

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 SCHOOL

In 2001, 2,700 children in 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 EDI for Cyprus is 0.976 suggesting that the progress towards achieving education for all is high

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### CHILD SLAVERY

The Government prohibits forced or compulsory labor, including by children; however, there were reports that it occurred.

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Traffickers who forced women into prostitution continued to fraudulently recruit victims for work as dancers in cabarets and nightclubs on short-term “artiste” visas, for work in pubs and bars on employment visas, or for illegal work on tourist or student visas.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

**CHILD TRAFFICKING**

Cyprus is a destination country for women trafficked from Eastern and Central Europe for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

**CHILD PROSTITUTION**

There was increasing evidence of Chinese women being trafficked for sexual exploitation in Cyprus.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

**CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

No Confirmed Data

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

The minimum voluntary recruitment age was believed to be 17, but it was not known whether under-18s were serving in the armed forces.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

**CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

No Confirmed Data