

## DJIBOUTI

### MEET A CHILD

**Tamina** from Mali, a refugee woman from Somalia staying in Djibouti says, "My parents wanted to force me to be circumcised. I was happy as I was, and I opposed them. I understood when listening to my friends and my sisters who were already circumcised, that there was too much horrible pain, too much suffering. I was beaten, tortured, pointed at by the whole village, rejected everywhere as nobody had ever seen a girl who refused to be circumcised. So, I decided to escape", She arrived from a two-week trek through the Danakil Desert, physically exhausted, badly dehydrated, and with blistering sores from exposure on her feet and body. But the most terrible part of her ordeal was the three-day stay in the border jail, where she was raped repeatedly.

**TOTAL POPULATION**                      **712,000**  
**CHILD POPULATION**                      **306,160**

Population Reference Bureau -  
2004

### TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

Statistics on the number of working children under the age of 15 in Djibouti are unavailable

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

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

Data Not Available

### GENDER RATIO

952 females for 1000 males

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

### CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 72,700 children of the primary school age group of 6-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report, 2005

### PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

An EDI of 0.647 suggests that the progress towards achieving education for all is low

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report, 2005

### CHILD SLAVERY

In Djibouti's most famous commercial sex venue, Rue d'Éthiopie, children aged 11 to 16 are forced to sell themselves.

ECPAT CSEC Database,  
[http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat\\_inter/projects/monitoring/online\\_database/index.asp](http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp)

**CHILD TRAFFICKING**

Insufficient or non-existent monitoring of migration and labor statistics makes it difficult at this time to substantiate the magnitude of trafficking occurring within the country's borders.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

**CHILD PROSTITUTION & PORNOGRAPHY**

Child prostitution reportedly is increasing, particularly among refugee street children in the capital city.

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In-depth report conducted by the Djibouti Ministry of Youth and UNICEF draws attention to the numerous girls who go from domestic servitude to exploitation in the sex industry.

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**CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

No Confirmed Data

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

There were no reports of under-18s serving in the armed forces. Over-16s could volunteer for military training.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

**CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

In rural areas, children perform unpaid labor on family farms; in urban areas, children often work in small-scale family businesses, trade, catering or craft sectors, or as domestic servants.

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