

## EGYPT

### MEET A CHILD

**Ammon**, aged 13, works in the cotton field in Egypt. "We are in cotton pest control & sometimes operate motorized pumps that saturate cotton plants with pesticides. We had to help carry the pump's long hose, becoming heavily contaminated with pesticides in the process. We routinely worked twelve-hour days, and during peak harvest season, sometimes worked fourteen hours or more. Children may begin working as early as 4 a.m., and may spend two hours or more each morning and evening traveling to the fields where they work. We were forced to drink from canals that drain excess water from the fields" says Ammon.

**TOTAL POPULATION** 73,390,000  
**CHILD POPULATION** 26,420,400

Population Reference Bureau - 2004

### TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

In 2001, the ILO estimated that 8.8 percent of children ages 10 to 14 years in Egypt were working

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

As per UNICEF estimates, 6% of children in the age group 5-14 are involved in child labour

The State of World's Children 2005, UNICEF

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, the estimated economically active population is 6,483,000. Of them 356,000 are of the age group 10-14 years representing 4.5% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population

### GENDER RATIO

980 females for 1000 males

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

### CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, there were 786,200 children in primary school age group of 6-10 who were out of school

UNESCO'S EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

### PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

Egypt has an EDI of 0.822 suggesting that the progress towards education for all by 2015 is medium

UNESCO'S EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

**CHILD SLAVERY**

No confirmed data

**CHILD TRAFFICKING**

Egypt is a transit country for women and girls trafficked from Eastern Europe and Russia into Israel for sexual exploitation.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

**CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY**

More than 80% of the estimated 93,000 street children in Egypt are exploited sexually, mainly through prostitution and pornography.

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)

**CHILDREN USED IN CRIMES**

No Confirmed data

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

There were reports of 16 year olds being recruited by the armed forces for support tasks that did not involve combat or military training.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

**CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

Rural children are largely found working in the agricultural sector, particularly on cotton-farming cooperatives.

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

Children in urban areas work in leather tanneries, pottery kilns, glassworks, blacksmith, metal and copper workshops, battery and carpentry shops, auto repair workshops, and textile and plastics factories.