

## EQUATORIAL GUINEA

### MEET A CHILD

Memaxi, an 11-year-old girl, from the tiny country of Benin is one of tens of thousands of children sold into near-slavery across West Africa; Equatorial Guinea in particular as in this case. She was taken from his home in the town of Za-kpota in central Benin by an uncle. She started by selling fruits in the market near Abeokuta in southern Nigeria for a lady. "One day, I failed to bring enough money to the home & was beaten. I ran away to cry behind the house. A man proposed that I spend the night with him and he will pay my auntie the money I owe. The following day, he brought me to a station where we took a bus for Equatorial Guinea. I worked a lot on a plantation & sometimes, was asked to break stones. He also abused me sexually", Says Maxime, who fled away through forests & was brought back to Benin.

**TOTAL POPULATION**                      **507,000**  
**CHILD POPULATION**                    **223,080**

Population Reference Bureau -  
2004

### TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

An estimated 27% of children aged 5-14 are involved in child labour

The State of World's Children  
2005, UNICEF

In 2001, the ILO estimated that 32 percent of children ages 10 to 14 years in Equatorial Guinea were working.

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

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, the estimated economically active population is 246,000. Of them 21,000 are from the age group 10-14 years representing 28.3% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,  
Economically Active Population

### GENDER RATIO

1041 females for 1000 males

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

### CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, there were 9,600 children in primary school age group of 7-11 who were out of school

UNESCO'S EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005

### PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

With an EDI of 0.697, the progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is low

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Report 2005.

**CHILD SLAVERY**  
No confirmed data

**CHILD TRAFFICKING**

Equatorial Guinea is a transit and destination country for women and children trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation, involuntary domestic servitude, and other forced labor.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

**CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY**

Children are trafficked within the country and from neighboring countries in West and Central Africa for commercial sexual exploitation and bonded labor as domestic servants, farmhands and street hawkers

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

**CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**  
No Confirmed Data

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

Information was not available on the use of under-18s in the armed forces or on the minimum age for conscription or voluntary recruitment.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

**CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

According to a 2001 child labor study by UNICEF, child labor existed primarily in the form of children working as farmhands and market vendors in family businesses.

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

Children work primarily on family farms, in street vending in bars and grocery stores.

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