

ETHIOPIA

MEET A CHILD

Ten-year-old Naeda works as a shepherd, looking after livestock in Ethiopia. His job is unpaid, but he receives food from his employer. "There are three people in my family. Myself, my older brother, Juma, who is 17, and my older sister Faizah, who is 20. My father died when I was a baby. So, my mother raised us. She worked as a dishwasher at a hotel until she became too sick from HIV/AIDS. She passed away three years ago. We have some land for crops, but it gets dry from the sun; and when the rain is heavy it washes the seeds away. My sister works hard on the land to support Juma and me. We go to school from September to June, and work in the 'kremt' [rainy season]. But sometimes I miss school because I have to work" says Naeda.

TOTAL POPULATION **72,420,000**
CHILD POPULATION **31,864,800**

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

As per UNICEF estimates 45% of children in the age group 5-14 are involved in child labour

The State of World's Children
2005, UNICEF

The Ethiopia Child Labor Survey Report reported that approximately 85 percent of children aged 5 to 17 were engaged in some form of productive or housekeeping activities in 2001.

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 34,651,000. Of them 3970,000 are children in the age group 10-14 years representing 38.7% of children in that age group?

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 OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 6,076,100 children in the primary school age group of 7-12 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005.

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

Ethiopia has an EDI of 0.541 suggesting that its progress towards education for all is low

CHILD SLAVERY

Children are trafficked internally in Ethiopia for forced labor and displaced persons are vulnerable and sometimes must exchange sexual services for food.

There are also reports that Ethiopian girls travel to the Middle East for work as domestic servants, where they are sometimes beaten and sexually exploited.

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

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Ethiopia is a source country for men, women, and children trafficked for forced labor and sexual exploitation.

Children and adults are trafficked internally from rural to urban areas for domestic labor and, to a lesser extent, for commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor, such as street vending.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

Girls as young as 11 years old have been reportedly recruited to work in brothels. They also work as hotel workers, barmaids, and prostitutes in resort towns and rural truck stops.

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

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

UNICEF estimated that there were probably close to 600,000 street children in the country and over 100,000 in Addis Ababa. These children begged, sometimes as part of a gang, or worked in the informal sector.

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

CHILD SOLDIERS

There was no evidence of under-18s being used by government forces. And the possibility of under-18s being recruited could not be ruled out, given the lack of a functioning birth registration system.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

Due to the lack of birth registrations, recruitment of children into the armed forces occurred, sometimes forcibly, during the 1998-2000 border conflict with Eritrea.

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

Children as young as 14 years old were reportedly allowed to join local militias.

CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

Children work on commercial cotton, sugarcane, coffee, and tea farms.

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