

GABON

MEET A CHILD

Ceila, a fifteen-year-old Gabonese girl, was handed over to her aunt to continue her education. However, the aunt packed her off to Gabon to sell ice water on the streets of the capital, Libreville. "On the days when I sold lots of water, everything was fine. When I did not sell enough, they would beat me. Usually it was the husband with an electric cable. I wasn't allowed to keep any of the money for myself. Nine months working in the streets have given me a tough air. I want to go back to my mother", said Ciela. She managed to escape and Gabonese authorities forced her 'employers' to pay for her return ticket to Lome.

TOTAL POPULATION 1,351,000
CHILD POPULATION 567,420

Population Reference Bureau - 2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

In 2001, the ILO estimated that 13.2 percent of children in the age group of 10 to 14 years in Gabon were working

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

An estimated 672,000 would be economically active in 2010. Of them 10,000 children aged 10-14yrs would also be economically active constituting 5.4% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population.

GENDER RATIO

1010 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 44,800 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

In 2000, the gross primary enrollment rate was 143.8 percent, and the net primary enrollment rate was 87.6 percent

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CHILD SLAVERY

It has been reported that girls are employed in forced domestic servitude, market vending, and roadside restaurants and boys are forcibly employed in small workshops and as street vendors.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

There was a high media publicity of a boat that capsized in September 2000 off the coast of Cameroon carrying an estimated 140-suspected child slaves who were to be taken to Gabon

ECPAT CSEC Database,
http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Gabon is a destination country for children trafficked from Benin, Nigeria, Togo, and Guinea for the purposes of forced labor.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), a significant number of children forced to work as domestic servants is often sexually abused or forced into prostitution.

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CHILDREN USED IN CRIMES

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

There were no indications of under-18s in government armed forces.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers 2004

CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

Studies conducted in 1999 by WAO-Afrique confirmed that Togolese children are trafficked to Gabon for use as domestic child servants, market traders, child beggars and prostitutes.

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