

GEORGIA

MEET A CHILD

Namana, four years old & her two elder brothers were found begging for food and taking scraps out of the dumpster at the Varsity Drive-In. Social Services placed them in foster care with an aunt and uncle. When Namana was ten years old, she had her first abortion. No one asked how she got pregnant. When she was twelve, she had her first child. No one asked about the father of the child. She tried to kill herself in the bathroom at school at the age of 16. She finally told authorities that her uncle had been sexually abusing her since she was five. A social worker took Namana to the Georgia Center for Children where she received intensive psychotherapy by counselors. Today she is married, has a family, and works full-time at a hospital.

TOTAL POPULATION **4,526,000**
CHILD POPULATION **905,200**

Population Reference Bureau -
2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

In 1999, UNICEF estimated that 30 percent of children ages 5 to 14 years in Georgia were working.

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

An estimated 2,684,000 would be economically active in 2010. With no child between 10-14 being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,
Economically Active Population.

GENDER RATIO

1098 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 25,600 children of primary school age group of 6-9 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005.

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

An EDI of 0.954 suggests that level of progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is high

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005.

CHILD SLAVERY

No confirmed data

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Georgia is a source and transit country for women and men trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

Incidents of the commercial sexual exploitation of children, particularly for prostitution and pornography, are reported to be increasing, especially among girls.

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CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No confirmed data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Military departments in secondary schools are integrated into the structure of the armed forces. The minimum age for voluntary enlistment in the armed forces and participation in military actions is 18 years.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers 2004.

CHILD LABOUR IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

There are reports of significant numbers of children, some as young as 5 years old, engaged in begging or working on the streets. Children as young as 9 years old are found working in markets, sometimes at night, and involved in carrying or loading wares. They also work in cafes, bistros, gas stations, and for street photographers.

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