

## GERMANY

### MEET A CHILD

Lavpa was a sixteen-year-old girl who “ran away from a children’s home and could not go back to her family. A male friend brought her into contact with a trafficking group. She first traveled from her native Nigeria to the UK by bus and was picked up by German contacts, who brought her by car to the Germany. She was voluntarily sold to a brothel where there were other girls from Central and Eastern Europe. She was indebted for the cost of the trip and forced to work very long hours – as many as 20 hours a day. One time, a client broke her leg. She managed to get to a hospital where – using false papers--she was put in a cast. When she returned to the brothel, the owner removed the cast because it prevented her from working. After this, she managed to run away. Now she is under psychiatric care and said that she went into prostitution as a protest against the breakdown of her family.

**TOTAL POPULATION**                      **82,558,000**  
**CHILD POPULATION**                    **12,383,700**

Population Reference Bureau -  
2004

**TOTAL CHILD LABOUR**  
No confirmed data

**ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION**  
An estimated 39,898,000 would be economically active in 2010  
with no child between 10-14 being economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,  
Economically Active Population.

**GENDER RATIO**  
1041 females for 1000 males

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

**CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL**  
No confirmed data

**PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG**  
No confirmed data

**CHILD SLAVERY**  
No Confirmed Data

**CHILD TRAFFICKING**  
Germany is a transit and destination country for persons,  
primarily women, trafficked mainly from Central and Eastern  
Europe for the purpose of sexual exploitation

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in  
Persons Report 2005

**CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY**

Most trafficking victims were women and girls between the ages of 16 and 25 who were forced to work as prostitutes

The number of cases of possession or distribution of child pornography increased from 2,002 in 2002 to 2,868 in 2003 according to an analysis of the issue conducted by the Federal Office of Criminal Investigation.

**CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

No confirmed data

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

The minimum voluntary recruitment age was 17. According to the Defence Ministry, the number of 17 year olds undergoing basic training in the armed forces was 73 in 2001 and 27 in 2002. And no figures were available for 2003. Recruits received no training with weapons until they reached 18 years of age

**CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

No confirmed data

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

CSUCS Global Report on Child Soldiers 2004.