

## GUINEA-BISSAU

### MEET A CHILD

**Rose**, a 12-year-old girl, was working in the fields with her family when the government troops abducted her 20-year-old sister. She narrated, "Suddenly, some men in uniforms and with arms surrounded us. We ran and hid but they grabbed my sister. They accused her of seeking refuge here. They asked her to have sex with them. She resisted and said she would rather die than have relations with them. Seven soldiers raped her. After that they took a knife and put it to her neck and then made a long vertical incision down her chest and split her body open".

**TOTAL POPULATION 1,538,000**  
**CHILD POPULATION 722,860**

Population Reference Bureau -  
2004

### TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

54% of children between 5-14 were involved in child labour

State of World's Children 2005,  
UNICEF

In 2000, UNICEF estimated that 65.4 percent of children ages 5 to 14 years in Guinea-Bissau were working

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

### ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

An estimated 685,000 would be economically active in 2010. Of them would be 62,000 children between 10-14 representing 33% of children in that age group

ILO, Bureau of Statistics,  
Economically Active Population.

### GENDER RATIO

1063 females for 1000 males

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

### CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

Children out of school is 118000 in 2001

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005

### PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

The EDI for Guinea Bissau is 0.450 suggesting that its progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is low

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring  
Report 2005

### CHILD SLAVERY

No Confirmed Data

**CHILD TRAFFICKING**

The law does not prohibit trafficking in persons, and there were reports that children were trafficked from or within the country. The practice of buying and selling child brides also reportedly occurred on occasion.

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

**CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY**

Child prostitution is on the increase and it takes place mainly in clubs, bars and hotels and these places have no control over their activities. The local press often reports incidents of rape, paedophilia and pornography involving children.

ECPAT CSEC Database, [http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat\\_inter/projects/monitoring/online\\_database/index.asp](http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp)

**CHILDREN USED IN CRIME**

No Confirmed Data

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

There were no reports of child soldiers in government forces although by law children aged under 16 years could enlist with parental consent.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

**CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR**

Children work in street trading, farming, and domestic labor. And during the annual cashew harvest, children are withdrawn in part or completely from school in order to work in the fields.

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