

GUINEA

MEET A CHILD

Haya was kidnapped by the Guinean soldiers at the border. "They frightened us & said 'if you try to hide, we will beat you'. I was not happy. I was forced to pound rice for them, to cook. I got these blisters on my hands. The boss said any time we heard gunfire; we should go get guns and go towards the fighting. But we were never trained how to use the guns. They tried to teach us, but we refused. . . . So the boss gave me ten lashes for disobeying him".

TOTAL POPULATION 9,246,000

CHILD POPULATION 4,160,700

Population Reference Bureau - 2004

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

In 2001, the ILO estimated that 30.5 percent of children aged 10 to 14 years in Guinea were working

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

An estimated 4,938,000 would be economically active in 2010. Of them would be 312,000 children between 10-14 representing 25.2% 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, there were 498,300 children in the primary school age group of 7-12 who were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

In 2001, the gross primary enrollment rate was 61.4 percent, and in 2000 the net primary enrollment rate was 47.0 percent

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CHILD SLAVERY

Guinean girls are trafficked internally for forced labor as domestic servants and boys for shoe shining and street vending. Children are also trafficked for forced labor in agriculture and diamond mining camps.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

Guinea is a destination country for forced child labor from Mali, Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, and Senegal.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Guinea is a source, transit, and destination country for women and children trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labor.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

Women and girls are trafficked to Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Senegal, Nigeria, South Africa, Spain, and Greece for sexual exploitation.

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CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Children as young as 15 were recruited to government militias in 2001 and 2002. But by 2004 most members were over 18. Guinea provided support to a Liberian armed political group, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD), which recruited children in Guinea, often forcibly. And the Sierra Leonean armed group, the Revolutionary United Front (RUF), reportedly abducted Guinean children.

CSUCS, Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

Majority of the children are found in the domestic or informal sectors, subsistence farming, petty commerce, fishing, small scale mining, gold ,diamond mines, granite, sand quarries and as apprentencises to mechanics, electricians and plumbers. Children are also found working on the streets selling cheap goods for traders, carrying baggage or shining shoes.

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