

JORDAN

MEET A CHILD

Fatima was 12 years old when she was married off to a 30 year old man in Amman. She suffered from domestic violence at that young age. After 2 years of bearing the torture, she decided to run away from her husband. Far from protecting her, her parents killed her in the name of 'honour' killing because she had dishonoured them by leaving her husband...

TOTAL POPULATION 5,635,000

CHILD POPULATION 2,141,300

Population Reference Bureau.

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

In 2001, the ILO estimated that less than one percent of children ages 10 to 14 years in Jordan were working

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

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, 2,239,000 are estimated to be economically active in Jordan. No child in the age group 10-14 is expected to be economically active

ILO, Bureau of Statistics, Economically Active Population

GENDER RATIO

990 females for 1000 males

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

CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In 2001, 67,800 children in the primary school age of 6-11 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005.

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

An EDI of 0.940 suggests that the level of progress towards achieving education for all by 2015 is medium

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring Report 2005.

CHILD SLAVERY

According to the Jordanian Ministry of Labor, 218,000 permits were issued for foreign workers in 2004. Of this, 20,000 represent foreign domestic workers, a small number of whom might end up victims of involuntary servitude

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Jordan may be a destination country for women and girls trafficked from South Asia and South East Asia, primarily from the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia, for the purpose of labor exploitation

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CHILD PROSTITUTION

No Confirmed Data

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

No Confirmed Data

CHILD SOLDIERS

Volunteers under the age of 18 were recruited to the armed forces but were reportedly not deployed. There were no reports of armed political groups recruiting children.

CSUCS Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

An MOL study, published in 2002, stated that children are employed in automobile repair, carpentry, sales, blacksmith shops, tailoring, construction, and food services

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Child vendors on the streets of Amman work selling newspapers, food, and gum.