

KENYA

MEET A CHILD

Somon, 12-year-old, now at the Shangilia Mtoto Center, spent years on the streets and witnessed sexual abuse, again and again. "Sexual abuse is a fact of life for me and my sister. We were sent by my mother on streets for begging & earn a living. But when children are new on the streets, they are raped in order to be accepted as a member of the street gang. If a big guy (wants) sex, he (goes) to get some little ones on streets like us & when money is no excuse for them. We, street children, can't avoid sexual abuse because when we sleep, wherever we sleep, it's on the streets. Men can always get their own way there. And the abuse is not restricted to girls only; the abusers often turn to boys, when the girls are in short supply".

TOTAL POPULATION 32,420,000
CHILD POPULATION 14,264,800

Population Reference Bureau.

TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

25% of children between 5-14 years are child labourers

State of World's Children 2005,
UNICEF

ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION

For the year 2010, 19,648,000 are estimated to be economically active. Of them, 1,572,000 children between 10-14 years representing 34.9% of children in that age group are 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 SCHOOL

In 2001, 1,826,000 children in the primary school age group of 6-12 were out of school

UNESCO's EFA Global Monitoring
Report 2005

PROGRESS ON PRIMARY EDUCATION MDG

In 2000, the gross primary enrollment rate was 94.0 percent, and the net primary enrollment rate was 68.5 percent.

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

CHILD SLAVERY

Kenyan children are internally trafficked for forced domestic servitude, street vending, agricultural labor, and sexual exploitation.

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in
Persons Report 2005

Burundian and Rwandan children are trafficked to Kenya for sexual exploitation and unpaid domestic labor.

Cases of forced labor, in which children are loaned out to creditors to pay off family debt, have also been documented, primarily in rural areas.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Kenya is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children trafficked for the purposes of forced labor and sexual exploitation.. Children are also trafficked to Kenya's coastal area, where they are sexually exploited in a nascent coastal sex tourism industry catering to foreigners.

CHILD PROSTITUTION AND PORNOGRAPHY

Child prostitution has grown considerably due both to economic contraction and to the increase in the number of children orphaned because of the spread of HIV/AIDS.

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO), approximately 30,000 girls under the age of 19 years were engaged in prostitution in the country.

Child prostitution is extensive in Nanyuki, a town that is home to a training base for foreign military forces.

There are unconfirmed reports of women and children being enticed, with drugs and alcohol, into participating in pornographic and bestiality videos.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

There is an estimated 250,000 children living on the streets in urban areas--primarily Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu and Nakuru. These children often were involved in theft; drug trafficking, assault, trespassing, and property damage

CHILD SOLDIERS

No children were reported to be serving in the armed forces.

But Youths, including under-18s, were members of gangs involved in political and criminal violence.

CHILDREN IN UNORGANISED SECTOR

The commercial or subsistence agriculture and fishing sectors employ the largest number of working children (57.6 percent), followed by the domestic service sector (17.9 percent).

Children also work in construction, wholesale and retail trade, mining, and manufacturing.

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

US Dept. of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2005

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

ECPAT CSEC Database, http://www.ecpat.net/eng/Ecpat_inter/projects/monitoring/online_database/index.asp

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CSUCS Global Report on Child Soldiers, 2004.

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