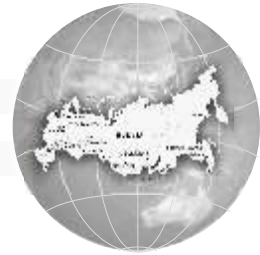


RUSSIAN FEDERATION



Total Population: 147,196,000

CRC

138

182

Child Population: 34,811,000

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TOTAL CHILD LABOUR

No confirmed data.

CHILD SLAVERY

No confirmed data.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

Reportedly 15,000 women and children were trafficked into "sex slavery" in China.

There is some evidence of trafficking for organs and body parts. In a much publicised case near Moscow, police set up an undercover operation which resulted in the arrest of a grandmother and uncle of an 8 year old boy, who had sold the child for \$90,000 to persons who admitted that they wanted the boy for the sale of his body parts.

There are reports of children being kidnapped or purchased from orphanages for sexual abuse, child pornography, and body parts.

CHILD PROSTITUTION

In 1998, a major survey was carried out in the Russian Federation by the Office of the Public Prosecutor which revealed that the commercial sexual exploitation of children has reached critical proportions.

CHILDREN USED IN CRIME

Children aged 14 and less are not considered criminally responsible in the eyes of the law and are used for a wide range of activities including drug distribution, prostitution, theft and begging.

CHILD SOLDIERS

Less than 1% of the government armed forces are child soldiers.

A press release by army counter-intelligence at the headquarters of the Combined Group of Federal forces in the North Caucasus reported the existence of 1,500 teenage suicide bombers who were being trained at a centre in the Leninsky District of Grozny. These 'kamikaze' fighters were between 15 and 20 years of age.

The minimum age for compulsory and voluntary recruitment is 18 years. Nobody below that age can be sent to military operations.

A recent report in Life Magazine claimed that orphans or street children have been recruited by the armed forces. "Russian Army officers all over the nation have set up units of 'youngsters', children between the ages of 11 and 18 who might otherwise live on the streets. No one is sure how many kids are there in these units because the programme is not official and gets no financial support". Allegedly, the first unit of 'youngsters' was created in 1997 at the headquarters of the elite Kantemirovskaya Tank Division.

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Armed groups in Chechnya are reported to use child soldiers extensively, some as young as 12, although there are no estimates of the number of children involved.

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DOMESTIC CHILD SERVANTS

No confirmed data.

OTHER HAZARDOUS CHILD LABOUR

Street children - The preliminary finding of the research carried out in the Russian Federation within the framework of ILO-IPEC (2000) estimated that there are between 10,000 and 16,000 working street children in St. Petersburg.

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