

Wallis and Futuna

No Assessment

Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor

There is no evidence that children in the Wallis and Futuna Islands are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.(1)

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

French law applies in the Wallis and Futuna Islands.(2) As such, the French Labor and Penal Codes detailed herein extend to its territory of Wallis and Futuna.

The French Labor Code prohibits employment for persons younger than age 16, with some exceptions for apprenticeships and other alternative education programs, light work during holidays and work within the entertainment industry.(3-5) Minors younger than age 18 are prohibited from certain dangerous jobs and from working more than 7 hours a day or 35 hours a week. These jobs include working in plants, factories, construction sites, and workshops.(4, 5)

The French Penal Code prohibits slavery, forced labor, and the use of children in illicit activities such as transporting or selling drugs.(6) The Penal Code prohibits trafficking in children and provides for appropriate penalties for offenders.(5) Procuring and prostituting a child is also prohibited under France's Penal Code and such offenses carry appropriate penalties.(5, 7)

Under the French Penal Code, it is unlawful to take, record or send a pornographic image of a minor with the intention of circulation. Such a crime carries appropriate penalties, as does the crime of distributing a pornographic image of a minor through import or export.(6)

Persons younger than age 17.5 years are prohibited from admittance into the French Armed Forces.(8)

Education is free and compulsory to age 16.(9)

Institutional Mechanisms for Coordination and Enforcement

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for a coordinating mechanism to address the worst forms of child labor.

Government Policies on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for policies to address the worst forms of child labor.

Social Programs to Eliminate or Prevent the Worst Forms of Child Labor

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for programs to address the worst forms of child labor.

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West Bank and the Gaza Strip

During 2011, the Palestinian Authority (PA) made no advancement in efforts to eliminate the worst forms of child labor in the 18 percent of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip under PA control. Although the PA solicited donor support to hire additional inspectors and expand vocational programs for youth, it did not receive the funding necessary to implement these goals. The PA did not initiate any programs for children working on the streets or in dangerous activities in agriculture. Although the PA reassigned one inspector to specialize in child labor issues, it continued to lack an adequate number of inspectors and child protections officers to enforce child labor laws. Children continue to engage in the worst forms

NON-INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES – LAWS AND RATIFICATIONS

		Niue	Norfolk Island	St. Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha	Tokelau	Turks and Caicos	Wallis and Futuna	West Bank	Western Sahara
	C138, Minimum Age	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	C182, Worst Forms of Child Labor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	X	N/A	X	N/A	X	N/A	N/A	N/A
	CRC Optional Protocol on Armed Conflict	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Minimum Age for Work	Unclear	None	Unclear	Unclear	16	16	15	15
	Minimum Age for Hazardous Work	Unclear	None	Unclear	Unclear	None	18	18	18
	Compulsory Education Age	16	15	15, 16, 15	16	16	16	15	15
	Free Public Education	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes