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Western Sahara

Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Some evidence suggests that children in Western Sahara are engaged in the worst forms of child labor in agriculture.⁶⁵³² Children’s work in agriculture may involve dangerous activities, such as using dangerous machinery and tools, carrying heavy loads and applying harmful chemicals. Information about the nature and prevalence of the problem remains limited.

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

The Moroccan-controlled territory of Western Sahara is subject to Moroccan laws.⁶⁵³³ Part of the country is controlled by the Popular Front for the Liberation of the Saguia el Hamra and Rio de Oro (Polisario Front), a Sahrawi national liberation movement, and information on the laws applicable in this area is unavailable.

In the Moroccan-controlled territory, the minimum age for employment is 15, as established by the Labor Code of 2004. The Labor Code also limits the number of hours that children younger than age 16 can work.⁶⁵³⁴ However, agricultural or seasonal activities may be exempt from these restrictions for children ages 15 to 16.⁶⁵³⁵ Also, the Labor Code prohibits hazardous activities for children younger than age 18, although children working on family farms are not protected by the provisions of the Labor Code.⁶⁵³⁶ During the reporting period, the Ministry of Employment and Professional Training began to update its list of occupations that qualify as “hazardous work” for children.⁶⁵³⁷ The Labor Code does not apply to all businesses.⁶⁵³⁸