

In 2011, Grenada made no advancement in efforts to eliminate the worst forms of child labor. While the worst forms of child labor do not appear to be a problem in Grenada, the Government's ability to prevent children from becoming engaged in exploitative work is limited due to a lack of express prohibitions against children's involvement in hazardous work, the sale and trafficking of boys for prostitution, and the sale and trafficking of children for forced labor.

Statistics on Working Children and Education

Children	Age	Percent
Working	5-14 yrs.	Unavailable
Attending School	5-14 yrs.	Unavailable
Combining Work and School	7-14 yrs.	Unavailable
Primary Completion Rate		121.2

Sources:

Primary completion rate: Data from 2009, published by UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 2012.(1)

All other data: Understanding Children's Work Project's analysis.(2)

Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Research has not identified evidence of the worst forms of child labor in Grenada.(3)

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

The Employment Act sets the minimum age for employment at 16 and prohibits forced labor.(4) Provisions prohibiting the employment of children in hazardous work do not exist.(5)

The Criminal Code prohibits the sale and trafficking of girls for prostitution as well as the production of pornography or pornographic performances involving girls, but does not include similar prohibitions for boys. Although the Constitution prohibits slavery and forced labor, the Criminal Code does not specifically prohibit the sale and trafficking of children for forced labor.(3, 5-7) Research did not find evidence of laws prohibiting the use of children in illicit activities.

Grenada has no regular military force and thus no military recruitment.(8, 9)

Under the Education Act, schooling is compulsory and free until age 16.(3, 10, 11)



	C138, Minimum Age	✓
	C182, Worst Forms of Child Labor	✓
	CRC	✓
	CRC Optional Protocol on Armed Conflict	No
	CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	No
	Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons	✓
	Minimum Age for Work	16
	Minimum Age for Hazardous Work	No
	Compulsory Education Age	15
	Free Public Education	Yes

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 in Grenada.

The Ministry of Labor (MOL), Child Welfare Authority, Royal Grenada Police Force and Ministry of Education (through its truancy officers) are the government agencies responsible for

enforcing laws related to child labor and school attendance.(3) The MOL has seven labor inspectors.(3) Although labor inspectors are authorized to act on possible child labor law violations that they encounter during their normal duties, child labor inspections are complaint-driven. No inspections were carried out during the reporting period because there were no complaints.(3)

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 in Grenada. Although the worst forms of child labor may not be a problem in Grenada, no government-funded or government-conducted studies on child work activities were identified to determine if any of the worst forms of child labor exist.

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

There appears to be no need for programs to address the worst forms of child labor in Grenada in the absence of a demonstrated problem. The Government does implement programs to promote education, however, which may contribute to the prevention of child labor. The Government has a School Feeding Program in its primary schools, which provides free breakfasts and subsidized lunches to students. Eleven secondary schools also participate.(12) The lunch fee is waived for students who cannot afford to pay.(10) The Government also participates in World Bank-funded projects designed to increase children's access to and improve the quality of secondary education, and to protect vulnerable populations by strengthening social safety nets.(13, 14)

Based on the reporting above, the following actions would advance the prevention of the worst forms of child labor in Grenada:

Area	Suggested Actions	Year(s) Action Recommended
Laws and Regulations	Establish specific provisions prohibiting hazardous work for children.	2009, 2010, 2011
	Extend existing prohibitions on sale and trafficking for prostitution, the production of pornography or pornographic performances to boys.	2010, 2011
	Establish prohibitions on the sale and trafficking of children for forced labor.	2009, 2010, 2011
	Prohibit the use of children in illicit activities.	2011
Policies	Conduct research to determine if any of the worst forms of child labor exist in Grenada.	2009, 2010, 2011

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