

*For the 2012 reporting period, no assessment has been made regarding Niue's efforts to advance the elimination of the worst forms of child labor because there is no evidence of a worst forms of child labor problem and the country has a good legal and enforcement framework on child labor.*

### **Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor**

There is no evidence that children in Niue are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.(1)

### **Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor**

The Niue Public Service Regulations 2004 prohibit the employment of children under the age of 16. Research did not reveal whether the law defines a minimum age for employment in hazardous work or establishes a list of hazardous activities prohibited to children.(1)

The Terrorism Suppression and Transnational Crimes Act makes trafficking in persons a crime.(1) No information was found on whether laws exist regarding the use of children for drug trafficking or for other illicit activities. The Niue Act prohibits brothels and prostitution.(1) Research did not reveal whether there are laws that specifically address child prostitution and other forms of commercial sexual exploitation of children, such as pornography.

There is no military in Niue, as defense is the responsibility of New Zealand. There is no military conscription, and the minimum age for voluntary military recruitment is 17.(1-3) Children under age 18 are completely protected from engagement in combat.(4)

Education in Niue is free, and the Education Act makes school compulsory through age 16.(1)

### **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. The National Coordinating Committee for the Convention on the Rights of the Child (NCCCRC) coordinates and monitors implementation of national policies related to children's rights and protections.(1) The NCCCRC is chaired by the Minister of Health and includes representatives from the Departments of Education, Crown Law, Community Affairs, Justice, Statistics, and Environment.(1)

### **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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