

For the 2012 reporting period, no assessment has been made regarding Tokelau'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 Tokelau are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.(1)

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

New Zealand legislation does not apply to Tokelau, unless it is extended with Tokelauan consent. No evidence was obtained to indicate that New Zealand laws against the worst forms of child labor have been extended to Tokelau. No information was found on whether the law establishes a minimum age for employment or engagement in hazardous work in Tokelau.(1)

The Tokelau Crimes, Procedures, and Evidence Rules Act of 2003 prohibits prostitution and the possession, sale, or exhibition of pornography.(2) No information was found on whether laws exist regarding forced labor and trafficking in persons. No information was found on whether laws exist regarding the use of children for drug trafficking or other illicit activities.

Defense is the responsibility of New Zealand. No information was found on whether laws exist regarding military conscription of children in Tokelau. The minimum age for voluntary military recruitment is 17.(3) Children under age 18 are completely protected from engagement in combat.(3, 4)

Public education is free and compulsory to age 16.(1, 5, 6)

Institutional Mechanisms for Coordination and Enforcement

Since 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

Since 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

Since 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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