

Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha

(formerly called Saint Helena)

For the 2012 reporting period, no assessment has been made regarding Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha's efforts to advance the elimination of the worst forms of child labor because this 2012 report is the first year suggested actions are included for Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha. While there is no evidence of a problem, the Government may lack legislation prescribing a minimum age for non-hazardous employment.

Prevalence and Sectoral Distribution of the Worst Forms of Child Labor

There is no evidence that children in Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha, are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.(1, 2)

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

It is unclear whether the law sets a minimum age for work. The Education Ordinance prohibits children of compulsory school age from working during school hours.(3) The Welfare of Children Ordinance sets the minimum age for hazardous work at 18 years of age. It prohibits children from being employed in activities that may be detrimental to their health, education, or development.(2, 4) It also prohibits children under age 15 from employment on vessels other than those that employ family members only.(4) No information was found on whether the Government has developed a list of hazardous occupations prohibited to children.

The Constitution prohibits slavery and forced labor.(1) No information was found on whether laws exist regarding the use of children for drug trafficking or other illicit activities.

Based on the reporting above, the following action would advance the prevention of the worst forms of child labor in Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha (formerly called Saint Helena):

Area	Suggested Actions	Year(s) Action Recommended
Laws and Regulations	Clarify a legal minimum age for work.	2012

Defense in Saint Helena is the responsibility of the United Kingdom (UK). There is no military conscription, and the minimum age for voluntary military recruitment is 16.(5, 6) In Saint Helena and Tristan da Cunha, the Education Ordinance makes education free and compulsory to age 15.(7) In Ascension, education is free and compulsory to age 16.(7, 8)

Institutional Mechanisms of 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 Department for Employment and Social Security is responsible for employment issues.(9)

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

During the reporting period, the Government continued to participate in the Safeguarding Children in the Overseas Territories (SCOT) Program, which concluded at the end of 2012. The Program was sponsored by the UK's Department for International Development.(2) Through the SCOT Program, participating governments received capacity building and advisory support to implement policies, procedures, and best practices to ensure children's health and safety.(10)

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