

For the 2012 reporting period, no assessment has been made regarding Wallis and Futuna'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 the Wallis and Futuna Islands are engaged in the worst forms of child labor.(1, 2)

Laws and Regulations on the Worst Forms of Child Labor

French law applies in the Wallis and Futuna Islands.(3, 4)

The French Labor Code prohibits employment for persons younger than age 16, with some exceptions for apprenticeships and other alternative education programs, light work during holidays, and work within the entertainment industry.(5-7) Minors younger than age 18 are prohibited from certain dangerous jobs and from working more than 7 hours a day or 35 hours a week. Prohibited dangerous jobs include working in plants, factories, construction sites, and workshops.(6, 7)

The French Penal Code prohibits slavery, forced labor, and the use of children in illicit activities such as transporting or selling drugs.(8) The Penal Code prohibits trafficking in children and provides for appropriate penalties for offenders.(6) Procuring and prostituting a child is also prohibited under France's Penal Code and such offenses carry appropriate penalties.(6)

Under the French Penal Code, it is unlawful to take, record, or send a pornographic image of a minor with the intention of circulation. Such a crime carries appropriate penalties, as does the crime of distributing a pornographic image of a minor through import or export.(8)

The minimum age for admittance into the French Armed Forces is 17.(9, 10) There is no mandatory conscription.(11)

Education is free and compulsory through age 16.(2, 12)

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. French officials report that no violations of child labor were found or investigated during the reporting period.(2)

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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