

Wallis and Futuna

NO ASSESSMENT

NON-INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

For the 2013 reporting period, no assessment has been made regarding Wallis and Futuna's efforts to advance the prevention 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.




I. PREVALENCE AND SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD LABOR

Research found no evidence that child labor exists in Wallis and Futuna.(1)

II. LEGAL FRAMEWORK ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

Wallis and Futuna is considered a French "Overseas Collectivity." As such, Wallis and Futuna cannot ratify international conventions; however, ratifications of such conventions by France apply to Wallis and Futuna.(2) (Table 1).

Table 1. Ratification of International Conventions on Child Labor

Convention		Ratification
	ILO C. 138, Minimum Age	✓
	ILO C. 182, Worst Forms of Child Labor	✓
	UN CRC	✓
	UN CRC Optional Protocol on Armed Conflict	✓
	UN CRC Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography	✓
	Palermo Protocol on Trafficking in Persons	✓

French law applies in Wallis and Futuna.(1, 3) The Government has established relevant laws and regulations related to child labor, including its worst forms (Table 2).

Table 2. Laws and Regulations Related to Child Labor

Standard	Yes/No	Age	Related Legislation
Minimum Age for Work	Yes	16	Labor Code (1, 4)
Minimum Age for Hazardous Work	Yes	18	Labor Code (4, 5)
List of Hazardous Occupations Prohibited for Children	Yes		Labor Code (5); Decree No. 2013-915, Relative to work that is prohibited and regulated for young people less than 18 years (6)
Prohibition of Forced Labor	Yes		Penal Code (7)
Prohibition of Child Trafficking	Yes		Penal Code (4, 7)
Prohibition of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Yes		Penal Code (7)
Prohibition of Using Children in Illicit Activities	Yes		Penal Code (7)
Minimum Age for Compulsory Military Recruitment	N/A*		
Minimum Age for Voluntary Military Service	Combat:	18	Defense Code (8, 9)
	Yes		
	Non-Combat: Yes	17	
Compulsory Education Age	Yes	16	Education Code (4, 10)
Free Public Education	Yes		Education Code (4, 10)

* No conscription or no standing military.

III. ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

Even though there is no evidence of a problem, the Government has established institutional mechanisms for the enforcement of laws and regulations on child labor, including its worst forms (Table 3).

Table 3. Agencies Responsible for Child Labor Law Enforcement

Organization/Agency	Role
Ministry of Labor Inspectors	Enforce labor laws and report violations involving children to local social assistance personnel. Nominated to serve 2-year terms in Wallis and Futuna.(1)
Defender of Rights	Promote children's rights, including through the prohibition of child labor.(1)

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for enforcement actions to address child labor, including its worst forms.

IV. COORDINATION OF GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for coordinating mechanisms to address child labor, including its worst forms.

V. 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 child labor, including its worst forms, in Wallis and Futuna.

VI. SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

As there is no evidence of a problem, there appears to be no need for social programs to address child labor, including its worst forms, in Wallis and Futuna.

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