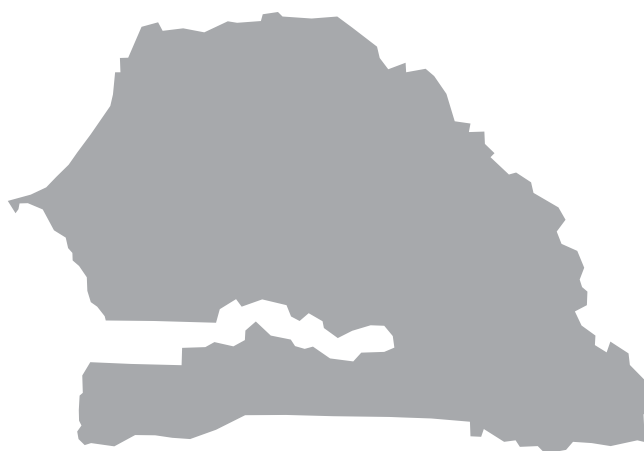


In 2015, Senegal made a moderate advancement in efforts to eliminate the worst forms of child labor. The Government amended its hazardous work legislation to prohibit all children under age 18 from engaging in hazardous activities and prosecuted and convicted a marabout under the Law Concerning the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons. In addition, the Government doubled the budget of the National Program of Family Assistance Bursaries social safety net program to \$32 million and provided support to 200,000 families. However, children in Senegal are engaged in child labor, including in gold mining, and also in the worst forms of child labor, including in forced begging. Criminal and labor law enforcement agencies lack adequate resources to effectively carry out their work, and redundancy among coordinating bodies to combat child labor hinders effective collaboration.



I. PREVALENCE AND SECTORAL DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD LABOR

Children in Senegal are engaged in child labor, including in gold mining. Children are also engaged in the worst forms of child labor, including in forced begging. (1-14) Table 1 provides key indicators on children's work and education in Senegal.

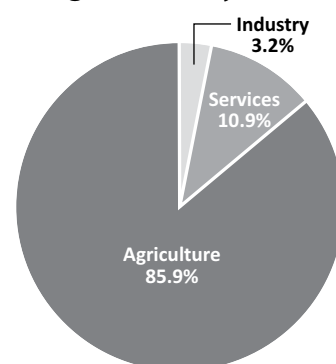
Table 1. Statistics on Children's Work and Education

Children	Age	Percent
Working (% and population)	5-14 yrs.	10.3 (377,148)
Attending School (%)	5-14 yrs.	54.8
Combining Work and School (%)	7-14 yrs.	5.2
Primary Completion Rate (%)		59.0

Source for primary completion rate: Data from 2014, published by UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 2015.(15)

Source for all other data: Understanding Children's Work Project's analysis of statistics from Deuxième Enquête de Suivi de la Pauvreté au Sénégal (ESPS-II) Survey, 2011.(16)

Figure 1. Working Children by Sector, Ages 5-14



Based on a review of available information, Table 2 provides an overview of children's work by sector and activity.

Table 2. Overview of Children's Work by Sector and Activity

Sector/Industry	Activity
Agriculture	Herding cattle* (17)
	Fishing,* activities unknown (17)
	Farming,* including the production of cotton,* rice,* and mangoes* (2, 8, 18)
Industry	Washing ore,* crushing rocks,* and carrying heavy loads*† while mining gold, iron,* and salt,* and quarrying rock* (4, 18-23)
	Welding* and auto repair* (18)
Services	Domestic work (2, 4, 12, 18, 24)
	Street work, including vending (2, 25)
Categorical Worst Forms of Child Labor‡	Domestic work, mining gold, fishing,* and farming, each sometimes as a result of human trafficking (8, 12, 14, 21, 26, 27)
	Commercial sexual exploitation, sometimes as a result of human trafficking* (2, 12, 14, 23, 28)
	Begging, sometimes as a result of human trafficking (1, 2, 4-14, 18, 26, 27, 29)
	Forced labor in garbage collection* (30)

* Evidence of this activity is limited and/or the extent of the problem is unknown.

† Determined by national law or regulation as hazardous and, as such, relevant to Article 3(d) of ILO C. 182.

‡ Child labor understood as the worst forms of child labor per se under Article 3(a)–(c) of ILO C. 182.

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Child trafficking to neighboring countries is not as prevalent as child trafficking within Senegal. As a result of being trafficked, boys are most commonly forced to beg and girls are forced into domestic work or to engage in commercial sexual exploitation.(12, 26, 27) In Senegal, it is a traditional practice to send boys to Koranic schools, called *daaras*, for education. However, instead of receiving an education, many students, known as *talibés*, are forced to beg by their teachers, known as *marabouts*.(7, 9, 10, 27, 31-35) The *marabouts* take the *talibés*' earnings and often beat those who fail to meet the daily quota.(4, 9, 11, 13, 32, 34-36) The *talibés* often live in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions; receive inadequate food and medical care; and are vulnerable to physical and sexual abuse.(7, 9, 13, 30, 31, 35) They typically come from rural areas within Senegal and from neighboring countries, sometimes as a result of human trafficking.(9, 10, 13, 31, 33, 35-37) A 2013 study of *daaras* in the Dakar region conducted by the National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons (CNLTP) found over 30,000 *talibés* who are forced to beg.(3, 13, 28, 38-41) However, there is little comprehensive data on the number and condition of *daaras* and *talibés* outside of Dakar, and some sources indicate that the problem is getting worse.(3, 13, 35)

Access to education in Senegal may be limited by the unavailability of schools and the lack of resources, particularly in rural areas.(2, 10, 31, 42) There are also not enough teachers in Senegal; moreover, both students and teachers are frequently absent, sometimes due to strikes.(2, 42-44) School-related fees and competing economic opportunities further undermine the incentives for poor families to send their children to school.(2, 10, 31) Additionally, students who do not have birth registration certificates are unable to take primary school exit exams.(43) Some girls reportedly leave school after being sexually harassed, including by teachers, or as a result of early pregnancy.(2, 14, 31)

II. LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

Senegal has ratified all key international conventions concerning child labor (Table 3).

Table 3. 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	✓

The Government has established laws and regulations related to child labor, including its worst forms (Table 4).

Table 4. Laws and Regulations Related to Child Labor

Standard	Yes/No	Age	Related Legislation
Minimum Age for Work	Yes	15	Article L. 145 of the Labor Code; Article 6 of the Decree Establishing the Scale of Penalties for Violations of the Labor Code and Associated Rules for Application (45, 46)
Minimum Age for Hazardous Work	Yes	18	Article 1 of the Ministerial Order Determining and Prohibiting the Worst Forms of Child Labor; Article 1 of the Ministerial Order Determining the Types of Hazardous Work Prohibited for Children and Youth; Article 1 of the Ministerial Order Determining the Categories of Business and Work Prohibited to Children and Youth (47-49)
Prohibition of Hazardous Occupations or Activities for Children	Yes		Article 2 of the Ministerial Order Determining and Prohibiting the Worst Forms of Child Labor; Article 2 of the Ministerial Order Determining the Types of Hazardous Work Prohibited to Children and Youth; Article 2 of the Ministerial Order Determining the Categories of Business and Work Prohibited to Children and Youth (47-49)

Table 4. Laws and Regulations Related to Child Labor (cont)

Standard	Yes/No	Age	Related Legislation
Prohibition of Forced Labor	Yes		Article L. 4 of the Labor Code; Article 2 of the Ministerial Order Determining and Prohibiting the Worst Forms of Child Labor; Article 1 of the Law Concerning the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons and Similar Practices and the Protection of Victims (45, 49, 50)
Prohibition of Child Trafficking	Yes		Article 1 of the Law Concerning the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons and Similar Practices and the Protection of Victims (50)
Prohibition of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Yes		Article 2 of the Ministerial Order Determining and Prohibiting the Worst Forms of Child Labor; Articles 323 and 324 of the Penal Code (47, 51)
Prohibition of Using Children in Illicit Activities	Yes		Article 2 of the Ministerial Order Determining and Prohibiting the Worst Forms of Child Labor (49)
Minimum Age for Compulsory Military Recruitment	N/A*		
Minimum Age for Voluntary Military Service	Yes	18	Article 19 of Law N° 2008-28 (52, 53)
Compulsory Education Age	Yes	16	Article 3 of Law N° 2004-37 (54)
Free Public Education	Yes		Article 3 of Law N° 2004-37; Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution (54, 55)

* No conscription (53)

In 2015, the Government adopted revisions to the Ministerial Orders Determining and Prohibiting the Worst Forms of Child Labor, Determining the Types of Hazardous Work Prohibited for Children and Youth, and Determining the Categories of Business and Work Prohibited to Children and Youth to prohibit all children under age 18 from engaging in hazardous work.(18, 41) A revision of the Labor Code that is also being considered by the National Assembly includes an amendment to raise the minimum age of work from age 15 to 16 and to establish harsher penalties for subjecting children to the worst forms of child labor.(53, 56)

A law was drafted in 2013 to improve the regulation of *daaras* as part of the Daara Modernization Program, which would require schools to submit to state inspections, adhere to a basic education curriculum, and formally halt the practice of forced begging. However, the law was withdrawn from consideration due to concerns expressed by some religious groups; the Ministry of Education is attempting to address those concerns.(12, 13, 30, 35, 41, 57) Furthermore, the Penal Code punishes begging with 3 to 6 months of imprisonment, and the Decree Establishing the Scale of Penalties for Violations of the Labor Code and Associated Rules for Application penalizes child labor violations with a fine of \$4 to \$31.(51) Government officials, the UNODC, UNICEF, and local NGOs have stated that these measures may not be severe enough to deter employers from exploiting children, particularly since the penalties are rarely enforced.(3, 58)

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

The Government has established institutional mechanisms for the enforcement of laws and regulations on child labor, including its worst forms (Table 5).

Table 5. Agencies Responsible for Child Labor Law Enforcement

Organization/Agency	Role
Ministry of Labor, Social Dialogue, Professional Organizations, and Institutional Relations (MOL)	Enforce child labor laws through the Labor Inspections Office and by using social security inspectors.(3, 31) In the case of the Directorate General of Labor and Social Security's Task Force for the Coordination of the Fight Against Child Labor, also known as the Child Labor Unit, monitor and evaluate child labor activities.(17, 59, 60)
Ministry of Justice (MOJ)	Enforce all laws, including those on child trafficking and forced labor, and prosecute violations.(18) Train police and judiciary on laws related to human trafficking and forced begging.(13) House the Department of Correctional Education and Social Protection (DESPS), which helps to develop draft texts in the field of social protection and juvenile delinquency; strengthens the capacity of stakeholders to care for children; and shares responsibility for providing social services to vulnerable children with the Ministry of Women, Family, and Children (MWFC).(29, 41, 58, 61, 62)

Table 5. Agencies Responsible for Child Labor Law Enforcement (cont)

Organization/Agency	Role
Ministry of the Interior and Public Security	Oversee all law enforcement agencies, including the local and national police officials who intervene in cases of human trafficking, and arrest perpetrators of the worst forms of child labor. Refer cases to social services providers.(18, 26, 53, 63) House the Children's Unit, located in Dakar, which employs three officers who specialize in child protection, victim identification, and reinsertion.(26, 29, 53) Through its Children's Unit, receive assistance from the Vice Squad in child protection cases.(44)
Ministry of Women, Family, and Children (MWFC)	Contribute to the creation and implementation of child protection policies, and provide services to victims of exploitative child labor.(64) Operate the GINDDI center for vulnerable children and a toll-free child protection hotline through which the public can report child labor abuses.(12, 29, 30) Share responsibility with the DESPS for providing social services to vulnerable children.(58)

Labor Law Enforcement

In 2015, labor law enforcement agencies in Senegal took actions to combat child labor, including its worst forms (Table 6).

Table 6. Labor Law Enforcement Efforts Related to Child Labor

Overview of Labor Law Enforcement	2014	2015
Labor Inspectorate Funding	\$180,000 (18)	\$90,000 (18)
Number of Labor Inspectors	80 (3)	90 (18)
Inspectorate Authorized to Assess Penalties	Yes (45, 53)	Yes (18)
Training for Labor Inspectors		
■ Initial Training for New Employees	Yes (3, 17)	Yes (18)
■ Training on New Laws Related to Child Labor	N/A	Yes (18)
■ Refresher Courses Provided	Yes (3)	Yes (18)
Number of Labor Inspections	Unknown	Unknown
■ Number Conducted at Worksite	Unknown	Unknown
■ Number Conducted by Desk Reviews	Unknown	Unknown
Number of Child Labor Violations Found	0 (3)	Unknown (18)
Number of Child Labor Violations for Which Penalties Were Imposed	N/A (3)	Unknown (18)
■ Number of Penalties Imposed That Were Collected	N/A (3)	Unknown (18)
Routine Inspections Conducted	No (3)	No (18)
■ Routine Inspections Targeted	N/A (3)	N/A (18)
Unannounced Inspections Permitted	Yes (3, 45)	Yes (18, 45)
Unannounced Inspections Conducted	Unknown (3)	Yes (18)
Complaint Mechanism Exists	Yes (12)	Yes (12)
Reciprocal Referral Mechanism Exists Between Labor Authorities and Social Services	Yes (62)	Yes (62)

*The Government does not make this information publicly available.

All new labor inspectors are trained at the National Administration School, which includes a module on the worst forms of child labor and a consultation with members of the National Committee Against Child Labor.(18, 26) Additionally, all regional inspectorates receive yearly refresher training from the MOL Directorate General of Labor and Social Security.(18) According to the ILO's recommendation of 1 inspector for every 40,000 workers in less developed economies, Senegal should employ approximately 158 inspectors in order to adequately enforce labor laws throughout the country. The MOL acknowledges that the current number of labor inspectors is insufficient; it also noted that a high turnover rate and significant reduction in its funding level had further hindered its ability to fulfill its mandate.(18, 65-67)

Research indicates that enforcement in the informal sector, in which most children are employed, is inadequate.(12, 18, 31) Although Article L. 241 of the Labor Code grants inspectors the authority to assess penalties for all offenses, they typically only do so for minor offenses and refer the more serious infractions to the courts for determination of penalties.(18, 45, 56) Courts may require violations to be resolved through conciliation at the Labor Inspectorate or refer cases to a tribunal for judgment.(18) In practice, however, child labor issues are primarily resolved at the community level and cases seldom rise to the attention of the

police.(58) Between April 1, 2014, and March 31, 2015, the MWFC's child protection hotline received 2,583 calls concerning children in exploitative situations or seeking additional information.(12) However, research indicates that this hotline is not always staffed, so some calls go unanswered.(44) It is not clear how many cases of child labor were identified as a result of these calls.

Criminal Law Enforcement

In 2015, criminal law enforcement agencies in Senegal took actions to combat child labor, including its worst forms (Table 7).

Table 7. Criminal Law Enforcement Efforts Related to the Worst Forms of Child Labor

Overview of Criminal Law Enforcement	2014	2015
Training for Investigators		
■ Initial Training for New Employees	Unknown (28)	Yes (18)
■ Training on New Laws Related to the Worst Forms of Child Labor	N/A	Yes (18)
■ Refresher Courses Provided	Yes (13, 28)	Yes (18, 26, 68)
Number of Investigations	Unknown (28)	Unknown (18)
Number of Violations Found	Unknown (28)	14 (18, 44)
Number of Prosecutions Initiated	3 (28)	1 (13)
Number of Convictions	5 (28, 44)	1 (13, 26)
Reciprocal Referral Mechanism Exists Between Criminal Authorities and Social Services	Yes (28, 58, 69)	Yes (18, 58)

In August 2015, judges, prosecutors, and police officials attended a training on human trafficking, which was organized in partnership with the UNODC. Two prosecutors also attended an ILEA-sponsored training on human trafficking in Gaborone, Botswana.(68) In addition to the Children's Unit and the Department of Correctional Education and Social Protection, the Ministry of Education's *daara* inspectorate employs two inspectors.(13, 30, 44) However, the entities responsible for enforcing laws against the worst forms of child labor are primarily concentrated in Dakar and Thiès, thus enforcement is limited outside of the capital.(13, 58) Although police stations in Senegal are expected to report cases involving children to the Children's Unit, research found no evidence that this occurs regularly.(44, 58) During the reporting period, the GINDDI center provided support to 142 boys who were victims of child trafficking.(26)

The Government reports that existing laws are sufficient to effectively prosecute and punish individuals who use *talibés* for personal profit.(1, 13, 26, 30, 70) However, the courts have had limited success in prosecuting cases related to forced begging, partly due to a perceived lack of political support, cultural norms, and pressure from influential Koranic teachers who support this practice, particularly in rural areas.(56, 68) Additionally, some courts and law enforcement officials are not aware that the Law Concerning the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons, which prohibits forced begging, does not conflict with the Penal Code, which permits begging for religious purposes on specific days.(51, 56, 68) Most *daaras* also are not subject to government regulation or inspection, since they are private institutions, and the Government has made little progress with the 2013 draft law to improve *daara* oversight.(10, 13, 18, 26, 30, 40, 70) A lack of coordination, resource constraints, and powerful Muslim leaders have further hindered the Government's efforts to prohibit forced begging.(26, 40) In an effort to better enforce the Law Concerning the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons, the MOJ released a directive instructing prosecutors to seek the maximum penalties for human trafficking violations during the reporting period.(26) In 2015, a *marabout* in Saint-Louis was prosecuted and convicted for shackling a student under the Anti-trafficking Law.(1, 13, 26) Although the Anti-trafficking Law punishes forced begging and related offenses by imprisonment of 2 to 5 years, the *marabout* received a sentence of 3 months.(26, 50)

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

The Government has established mechanisms to coordinate its efforts to address child labor, including its worst forms (Table 8).

Table 8. Mechanisms to Coordinate Government Efforts on Child Labor

Coordinating Body	Role & Description
National Committee Against Child Labor	Coordinate initiatives, policies, and partnerships with civil society organizations to address child labor, including the National Action Plan on the Prevention and Abolition of Child Labor in Senegal (PCNPETE). Chaired by the MOL and includes representatives from the MWFC, the MOJ, the Ministry of Education, the police, and elected officials.(26, 69, 71, 72) In 2015, assisted in amending the laws governing hazardous work to prohibit all children under age 18 from engaging in hazardous work as part of the National Action Plan on the Prevention and Abolition of Child Labor in Senegal.(18, 41)

Table 8. Mechanisms to Coordinate Government Efforts on Child Labor (cont)

Coordinating Body	Role & Description
Inter-Ministerial Commission	Coordinate implementation of the National Strategy on Child Protection and its related action plan.(3)
National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons (CNLTP)	Report on human trafficking in Senegal, with a focus on women and children; coordinate the implementation of the National Action Plan on Combating Trafficking in Persons and other efforts to prevent human trafficking, prosecute perpetrators, and protect victims.(41, 53, 73-75) Chaired by the MOJ and employs five staff members.(13, 26, 41) In 2015, screened a film on child begging for law enforcement and judicial officials, and continued to conduct training on the national trafficking database for law enforcement. Also convened donors and civil society organizations to validate a new National Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings and held two workshops to publicize the results of its daara mapping project.(26)
Senegalese Human Rights Committee	Coordinate human rights entities and submissions to the UN and the African Union and make recommendations on laws related to human rights.(76) Operates with an annual budget of approximately \$125,000.(75) Composed of 29 members, including government entities, private sector organizations, and NGOs.(76)
Office of the President's Childhood Protection Unit (CAPE)	Coordinate government efforts related to child protection, including through the implementation of the National Strategy on Child Protection.(41, 77) Reports directly to the President of Senegal.(44) Contribute to the creation and implementation of child protection policies; develop a national system for collecting and disseminating data about vulnerable children. Advocate on behalf of all entities working on issues related to child begging, violence against children, and child labor.(77)

Despite its activities in 2015, the CNLTP acknowledged that its efforts to coordinate anti-human trafficking activities were hindered by funding constraints and a lack of support from all levels of the Government.(26, 27, 63) Redundancy among the activities of the coordinating bodies also creates confusion and obstructs effective collaboration and implementation of efforts. (53, 63, 72)

V. GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

The Government of Senegal has established policies related to child labor, including its worst forms (Table 9).

Table 9. Policies Related to Child Labor

Policy	Description
National Action Plan on the Prevention and Abolition of Child Labor in Senegal (PCNPETE) (2012–2016)	Aims to raise awareness of child labor issues, reinforce the capacity of law enforcement officials and civil society organizations, increase educational and training opportunities for youth, and improve the legal framework on child labor, including its worst forms.(1, 17, 25, 75, 78-80) In 2015, implemented new identification requirements for miners to combat child labor in artisanal mines, and established internship and apprenticeship programs for youth.(18) Also aims to implement a pilot cash transfer program by 2016; includes a budget of approximately \$2.7 million.(20, 25, 78)
National Strategy on Child Protection (SNPE)	Aims to establish an integrated national social protection system and specifically identifies the issue of child begging.(17, 30) Implemented through Child Protection Committees (CPDE), currently established in 24 prefectures.(26, 29) CPDEs refer victims to social services and assist law enforcement with reintegrating child trafficking victims.(26) Includes an action plan with a recommended budget of \$18 million.(17) In 2015, prefects, parliament members, and local stakeholders were trained on SNPE's objectives and implementing instruments, and seven CPDEs were trained on the use of a trafficking database.(26)
National Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings (2015–2017)†	Aims to strengthen the legal framework to prevent human trafficking, build capacity by training enforcement officials and working with religious leaders, provide protection and judicial remediation for victims, and improve monitoring and evaluation of the National Action Plan.(26, 81) Implemented by the CNLTP.(28)
National Framework Plan for the Eradication of Child Begging (2013–2015)	Aimed to combat child begging by regulating daaras, providing services to children removed from the street, and enforcing penalties for individuals who force children to beg.(1, 17, 30, 75)
Roadmap to Combat Human Trafficking†	Created during a workshop organized by the CNLTP, this joint agreement to combat human trafficking was signed with the Government of Guinea-Bissau.(26)

Table 9. Policies Related to Child Labor (cont)

Policy	Description
National Strategy for Economic and Social Development (SNDES) (2013–2017)*	Includes goals such as promoting youth employment and entrepreneurship, increasing access to social services, and improving the quality of education. Establishes a 10-year education cycle and commits to increasing employment opportunities for youth.(42) Through the 10-Year Education and Training Program (2012–2025) included in the SNDES, aims to improve the education system by mobilizing human and financial resources to enhance educational quality, improve physical infrastructure, and promote vocational training.(2, 42)
Program to Improve the Quality, Equality, and Transparency of the Education Sector (2013–2025)*	Led by the Directorate of Planning and Education Reform, incorporates the objectives of EFA, the Millennium Development Goals, and the SNDES. Aims to improve the quality of teaching; establish basic universal education; promote the teaching of science, technology, and innovation; and adapt vocation training to better suit the needs of youth and adults.(82)

* Child labor elimination and prevention strategies do not appear to have been integrated into this policy.

† Policy was approved during the reporting period.

VI. SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS CHILD LABOR

In 2015, the Government of Senegal funded and participated in programs that include the goal of eliminating or preventing child labor, including its worst forms (Table 10).

Table 10. Social Programs to Address Child Labor

Program	Description
Project to Fight Against Trafficking and the Worst Forms of Child Labor (2013–2016)†	MWFC program that aims to raise awareness about forced begging and assist victims of child labor.(29, 37) In 2015, the Government allocated \$183,000 to the MWFC for projects to address child labor, including forced begging, an increase of almost \$100,000 from the 2014 budget of \$86,000.(26, 44)
National Program of Family Assistance Bursaries (2013–2017)†	Part of PCNPETE, a social safety net program that provides conditional cash transfers to vulnerable families who keep their children in school.(18, 25, 75, 83) In 2015, doubled the program budget to approximately \$32 million and served 200,000 families.(18)
<i>Daara</i> Modernization Program†	\$18.5 million Government-funded program implemented by TOSTAN and RADDHO which aims to regulate, inspect, and fund <i>daaras</i> and eliminate forced begging.(84, 85) Completed a project to map <i>daaras</i> in the Dakar area in 2014; the CNLTP is conducting an assessment to expand the mapping project to other regions in Senegal.(26, 41) Ministry of Education signed an accord with the Senegalese Association of Koranic Schools to rehabilitate and equip 90 <i>daaras</i> ; its Funds for Koranic Schools program also developed a secular curriculum and works with religious institutions to remove children from street begging and exploitative situations.(29, 31) MWFC provided training to Koranic teachers on children's rights, child protection, and improvement of living conditions.(5, 29) In 2015, the Government implemented the first phase of the project, committing approximately \$17,000 to build 32 public <i>daaras</i> and 32 community-led <i>daaras</i> in seven regions.(86)
Partnership for the Rescue and Rehabilitation of Street Children†	Government and NGO program that aims to withdraw children from the street and reinsert them into family settings.(29) Partners include government officials, NGOs, private-sector entities, religious organizations, and the media.(70)
ECOWAS Regional Action Plan on Child Labor (2012–2015)	Aimed to eliminate the worst forms of child labor in West Africa by 2015 through the implementation of a regional action plan with 14 other ECOWAS countries.(87)
ECOWAS Regional Action Plan to Eradicate Street Children (2015–2017)*	Based on the UN CRC and ECOWAS's 2020 Vision, this regional initiative aims to develop an approach to withdrawing children from the street and creating a protective environment for vulnerable children. Aims to assist governments in implementing existing laws and developing new ones where necessary.(88) In 2015, ECOWAS launched the project at a workshop in Dakar.(26)
GINDDI Center†	MWFC-run shelter that serves abused and vulnerable children, including runaway talibés, street children, and child trafficking victims.(29–31, 61, 63) Provides food, education, vocational training, family mediation, and medical and psychological care.(5, 26, 31, 36, 61, 63)
Children's Halfway Houses†	MOJ-run transit houses in Dakar, Pikine, and Saint-Louis that provide monitoring, education, and rehabilitation and reintegration services for victims of child trafficking.(26)

* Program was launched during the reporting period.

† Program is funded by the Government of Senegal.

Although the Government of Senegal has implemented programs to address child trafficking and forced begging, research found no evidence that the Government has carried out programs to assist children in domestic work, agriculture, or mining. Resource constraints further hampered the Government's efforts to fully implement existing programs.(10, 14, 18, 30, 63, 79)

VII. SUGGESTED GOVERNMENT ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR

Based on the reporting above, suggested actions are identified that would advance the elimination of child labor, including its worst forms, in Senegal (Table 11).

Table 11. Suggested Government Actions to Eliminate Child Labor, Including its Worst Forms

Area	Suggested Action	Year(s) Suggested
Legal Framework	Ensure that penalties for child labor violations, including the worst forms, are stringent enough to serve as a deterrent.	2014 – 2015
Enforcement	Make statistics regarding the enforcement of child labor laws publicly available, including the number and type of inspections and investigations conducted, violations found, and penalties imposed.	2013 – 2015
	Significantly increase the number of labor inspectors responsible for enforcing laws related to child labor in accordance with the ILO recommendation, and ensure adequate funding in order to fulfill their mandate.	2010 – 2015
	Strengthen the labor inspectorate by proactively planning labor inspections, including in the informal economy.	2014 – 2015
	Ensure that law enforcement officials and judges know how to appropriately apply the Law Concerning the Fight Against Trafficking in Persons, and that all penalties are applied according to the law, including those against forced begging.	2010 – 2015
	Establish a mechanism to log all calls to the MWFC child protection hotline and track cases of child labor for referral to law enforcement or social services providers.	2014 – 2015
Coordination	Ensure the effectiveness of coordinating mechanisms on child labor by providing adequate resources, support, and distinct scopes of responsibility.	2010 – 2015
Government Policies	Integrate child labor elimination and prevention strategies into existing policies.	2013 – 2015
Social Programs	Ensure all children have access to education by eliminating school-related fees, building schools in rural areas, training additional teachers, and ensuring that all children have access to birth registration and that schools are free from sexual abuse.	2011 – 2015
	Institute programs to address child labor in domestic work, agriculture, and mining, and ensure adequate funding is available to support existing programs targeting the worst forms of child labor, including forced begging.	2010 – 2015

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