

PROSTITUTION OF CHILDREN

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- **3000 children** (boys and girls) are forced into prostitution every day, throughout the world
- more than **1.000.000** children every year and the highest concentration where this happens is in **Asia** but it is also widely spread in **Africa, South and Central America and Eastern Europe.**
- in the so-called developed West are more than **700,000** child prostitutes
- **the fear of HIV/AIDS** make people in search of a prostitute, **look for virgins and young children in order to avoid the virus**

PROSTITUTION IN A MODERN AND DEVELOPED WORLD

- most child prostitutes come from **middle class families**
- the vast majority of juvenile prostitutes are **children whose parents are divorced, deceased, drug addicts, alcoholics or mentally ill**
- during the last two decades, the **number of children becoming prostitutes in developed countries has tripled, from less than 200,000 in the late 70s to well over half a million today**

- **child prostitutes are often threatened by street violence and by physical, emotional and sexual abuse by their pimps and clients**
- **according to the Canadian Department of Justice, one in ten incidents of street violence in urban areas is committed against a prostitute under eighteen, while 70% of Juneville prostitutes in Britain, admitted that they had been raped an average of 30 times each.**

PROSTITUTION IN A DEVELOPING WORLD

- children are at an age of between 10 to 18, but, in some cases they have had an age of 6
- **the children mostly come from poor, rural families or are homeless children living on the street in some city**
- living and working conditions for children that are prostituted are frequently **substandard**. Such children are **commonly poorly paid or unpaid, kept in unsanitary conditions, denied access to proper medical care, and constantly watched and kept subservient through threat of force.**

- **the people who use the services, provided by child prostitutes are mostly men but also women are known for practising this**
- **when they talk about sex, they use simple child-like terms anyone can understand. "Yum-yum" means oral sex. "Boom-boom" means intercourse**
- **the travelling in order to exploit children sexually is well developed**
- **child sex tourists can think that in another country there are no normal social and moral constraints so they will not be accused for having done something bad**

- the government in a country where this is usual, has a huge potential to do something about the sexual abuse of children
- on average **40 percent** of the rescued girls return to a life of prostitution.