

# Modern Africa: Rights of the Child

## Lesson 7

### Silent Study Starter:

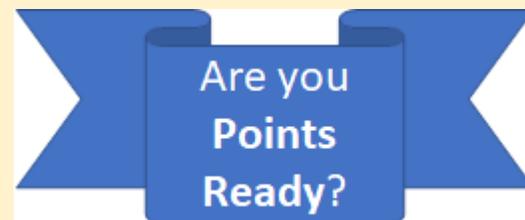
- Read this passage and write down three pieces of information you find shocking.

### Learning Intention:

- To analyse information and to investigate differences in development levels.

### Success Criteria:

I can identify and explain the impacts of different African nations' levels of freedom



There are estimated to be between 100 million and 150 million street children in the world, and this number is growing.

Of those some 5-10% have run away from or been abandoned by their families.

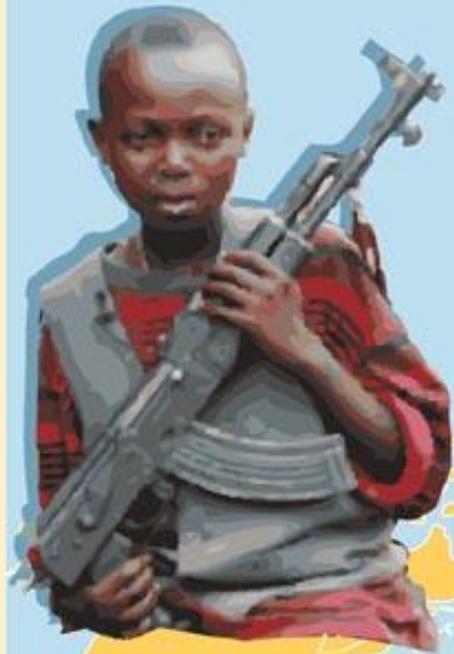
Under international law, the participation of children under 18 in armed conflict is generally prohibited, and the recruitment and use of children under 15 is a war crime.

A recent UN report verified that 8,521 children were used as soldiers in 2020, while another 2,674 children were killed and 5,748 injured in various conflicts.

Up to 40% of child soldiers are in Africa. Eastern DRC has amongst the highest numbers of child soldiers in Africa and the world.

# Child soldiers

Countries in which children and teenagers under 18 years of age fight as soldiers in armed conflicts. Around 250,000 worldwide.



## Analyse the map:

1. Which continent in the world has the most countries with child soldiers.
2. How many countries in Africa use child soldiers?
3. What are the names of the countries in Africa that use child soldiers?



There are more slaves today than were taken from Africa in four centuries of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. The modern trade in humans rivals illegal drug trafficking in its global reach—and in the destruction of lives.

- Amnesty International 2006.

In a pair or groups, think of reasons why you think child workers are a **good** thing for these examples:

1. Stitching clothing
2. Making footballs
3. Child soldiers

- Now read the bronze/silver/gold worksheet on child soldiers and answer all of the questions.
- Use this information to write a report or to make a campaign poster aimed at stopping the use of child soldiers forever.

# Lesson 7 Additional Silent Study Starter

- **Silent Study Starter:** What were the shocking facts you remember about child soldiers. Read your notes from last lesson to be reminded and be ready to feed back to the class.