



CHILD ABUSE FACTS

- An estimated **300 million** children worldwide are subjected to violence, exploitation and abuse, including the worst forms of child labor in communities, schools and institutions.
- Children living in areas of extreme economic hardship and social disruption are at increased risk for abuse, violence and exploitation.
- **More than 2 million** children died as a direct result of armed conflict in the 1990s. **More than three times that number** have been permanently disabled or seriously injured. And **more than 1 million** children have been orphaned or separated from their families.
- Worldwide, an estimated **40 million** children under age 15 suffer from violence, abuse and neglect.
- An estimated **1.2 million** children — both boys and girls — are trafficked each year into exploitative work in agriculture, mining, factories, armed conflict or commercial sex work.

Sources: www.unicef.org, www.ispcan.org, www.ilo.org