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Where Child Soldiers Are Being Used

Directions: Using an Atlas and a blank world map, color in the countries that use child soldiers. Use a different color for each type of militia where child soldiers are involved. Some countries use child soldiers in all three categories, layer the country with the three different colors, or divide the country up in equal parts and color each part a different color. Create a key on your map.

Countries Where Child Soldiers Exist	Children are serving in government militaries	Children are serving in paramilitaries (Police)	Children are serving in opposition forces
Algeria		X	X
Afghanistan	X	X	x
Angola	X		X
Burundi	X		X
Chad	X		
Colombia		X	X
Democratic Republic of the Congo	X		X
East Timor		X	X
Eritrea	X		
Ethiopia	X		
India		X	X
Indonesia		X	X
Iran	X	X	
Iraq	X	X	
Israel and the Occupied Territories	X	X	X
Lebanon			X
Mexico		X	X
Myanmar	X		X
Nepal			X
Pakistan			X
Papau New Guniea			x
Philippines			X
Peru		X	
Rawanda	X	X	
Republic of the Congo	X		X
Russian Federation		X	
Sierra Leone	X	X	X
Solomon Islands			X
Sri Lanka			X
Somalia	X	X	X
Sudan	X	X	X
Tajikistan			X
Turkey		X	
Uganda	X	X	
Uzbekistan			X
Yugoslavia		X	X

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Where Child Soldiers Are Being Used Debriefing Questions:

What does the map show us about the extent to which children are used in combat worldwide?

Why are child soldiers found in some countries and not others?

Facts on Child Soldiers:

- Child Soldiers are being used in over 36 countries worldwide.
- Today, there are approximately 300,000 child soldiers fighting in armed conflict.
- Child soldiers are *under the age of 18*.
- Children are used as soldiers because they are easily *manipulated* and are too young to *understand their actions*.
- Child soldiers use *AK-47s, M-16s and grenades* because they are easy to use.
- Orphans and refugees sometimes see their *only hope for survival* is by joining a militia.
- Child soldiers are used to *clear landmines* and *as human shields*.
- Child soldiers are often *given drugs* to help them cope with their emotions making it easier for them to kill.
- Girl soldiers are often used as *domestic slaves*.
- Child soldiers *carry supplies* and *act as messengers, cooks and lookouts*.
- Child soldiers are sometimes forced to commit atrocities against *their own families and villages*.
- Many child soldiers are *not welcome back home* after a conflict ends because of cultural superstition.
- Children are the *victims of conflict* after witnessing or participating in murder and rape, becoming disabled, homeless or psychologically traumatized.