## Childsoldiers

* Prior to 2002 the age limit for child soldiers was 15
* Approx. 300,000 children are in combat in some 30 conflicts around the world
* 40% of the world’s armies have children in their organized ranks



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* When children are on battle fields it adds much confusion and also slows opposing forces
* Children have been used as messengers, scouts, mine sweeps, bomb-makers, and suicide bombers
* more than half of Burundi’s population is under 18, and the minimum age of recruitment is 16, yet children as young as 10 years old have played a significant role in conflict



Girl soldiers

* 40% of child soldiers are girls
* Most of them are kidnapped
* They are used as the commanders “wife”
* Also they are used as sex slaves, porters, or cooks
* Some are used for suicide missions
* Girls are easy to catch when rebels go and try to find them
* girls are so small they can get into hard to reach places unlike men

## Boy soldiers

* Children are used as soldiers because they are easy to condition and brainwash
* Many are forced to kill a family member
* It causes psychological and physical damage that can often never be repaired
* Without an education they can’t find jobs when the go home
* Not all children take part in active combat.
* Many children can't go back home to their families and communities because they've been ostracized from them.