

SCRIPT SEX TOURISM KENYA

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Tourism for having sex with minors. Thailand so far has a reputation for that, but Kenya might surpass it soon, according to fears of child organisations in the East African country. Reason is a recent report of the United Nations' Children Fund. The results mention that 10 to 15,000 children on the Kenyan coast are working in forms of prostitution. An estimated 1 million tourists will visit the country this year.

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The ocean at Mombasa.
100,000s of tourists every year come here to enjoy the beach.
According to the UNICEF survey,
a major group of people come here for something else.
They're looking for sex with underaged children.

GRAPHIC 1

TITLE: Unicef report sex tourism Kenya

The survey shows that 10 to 15,000 children work in prostitution.
They're aged between 12 and 18 years.

GRAPHIC 2

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Almost 40 per cent of the customers are from Kenya..
and almost 60 per cent are coming from abroad.
They mostly originate from Italy, Germany, and Switzerland.

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During day time there's not so much to see of the child prostitution.
At sun set that changes.
On many places on the beach children take place.

QUOTE TITEL: REHEMA (from Kiswahili)
I am 14-years-old.
My father and mother have died.
At home I was chased by many problems,
and so I started to do this work.
Coming here,
and started to look for white men here.

The deals are usually done on the beach.

According to the report every contact yields 15 to 60 US Dollars.

STANDUPPER, TITLE: Ruud Elmendorp in Mombasa (from Dutch)
Many children that are mentioned in the report come from surrounding villages.
Here, far from the tourists' world the poverty is huge.
It forces parents to send their children to the beach.

Just like the 40-years-old widow Rehema Katana.

QUOTE TITLE: REHEMA KATANA (vertaald uit Kiswahili-dialect)
What my children do there is hard to accept.
But I don't have any job.
If my children go to the beach,
at least we have something to eat,
and it helps us.

Many organisations in Kenya are trying to change the destiny of the children.
The chair man of Mijikenda notices a rise in the number of child prostitutes

QUOTE PATRICK KARAMA, MIJIKENDA
About five years ago we saw adult prostitutes.
Now we see prostitutes who are under 14, 15 to 16 years.

Mijikenda believes that poverty eradication is the only way out for the girls,
who honestly speaking do not really like this job.

QUOTE TITLE: Jacintha, 16 years (from Kiswahili)
It's not that I am happy with it.
I am forced because of our younger ones.
They're very young,
and also I have a child myself.
There is nobody to help me.

It will take long before something changes in Kenya.
A large group of children therefore will remain in prostitution.

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