

Critical issue module 7

Children associated with armed forces or armed groups

Topic 3 Assessment and situation analysis

Handout 5



How do children become actively involved in armed conflict?

Discussion questions

Think of any situation you know personally where children or adolescents were recruited.

- 1 Were all the children in that area or group recruited? If not, which were?
- 2 Were they with their families? If not, what were their living circumstances?
- 3 What level of education had they attained?
- 4 How old were they?
- 5 Were there girls as well as boys?
- 6 Were they forced or did they go willingly?
- 7 If willingly, why did they go?
- 8 Who recruited them? For example, was it government armed forces, opposition armed groups, or local groups (militias, civil defence forces or armed youth groups)?

