



# GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY NETWORK

WORKING TO END MODERN SLAVERY  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
& EXPLOITATION.



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“

Human trafficking is a stain on our conscience. It is a crime that we must all **work together** to end. We cannot afford to be silent.

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- Kofi Annan,  
Former Secretary General of  
the **United Nations**.



# Welcome To **GSN**

*A network, a movement, a catalyst for change.*

Modern Slavery is an issue that affects millions worldwide. An estimated 49.6 million people live in forced or compulsory labour conditions. It leaves no industry or community untouched, yet many people do not know it still exists.

At GSN, we believe in the power of the network. We bring people together to achieve the highest-level impact.

Our strong network has laid the foundations of a global movement to end modern slavery.

It is imperative that ending modern slavery is on the agenda of every government and in the hearts and minds of every person on the planet.

Let's make this network stronger, make this movement louder, and make change happen.



## Our History

*GSN was founded in 2015 from the 'Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery.'*

The joint declaration made in 2014, was further strengthened in 2015 when all 193 UN member countries agreed on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this included the Goal 8. Goal 8 focuses on eradicating modern slavery and ensuring decent work for all.

With the UN SDG Goal 8 as a guide, GSN was founded in 2015. Since its inception, GSN has organised events, conferences and meetings every year around the world, from The Vatican in Rome, at the UN headquarters in New York, in Dubai, and Lambeth Palace in London.

Our gatherings are essential to what we do as we bring together change-makers, religious leaders, business leaders, media, academics, policymakers and NGOs.

Knowledge and collaboration lead to meaningful ACTION.



## Who We Are

*A network, a movement, a catalyst for change.*

The Global Sustainability Network (GSN) is a dynamic charity and network organisation with key representatives from multiple faith-based communities, the business sector, NGOs, media, academia, and civil society.

GSN was founded by entrepreneur and philanthropist Raza Jafar, Rt. Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, former Bishop of Derby, S.E. Mons. Marcelo Sánchez, former Chancellor of the Pontifical Academies of Sciences and Social Sciences, The Vatican.

The network connects over 1000+ change makers and organisations to strengthen the efforts towards eradicating Modern Slavery.

We have a membership model where core members help to drive where we focus our efforts.

## What We Do

*We drive change through advocacy, Awareness, connection and collaboration.*



### MEMBERSHIP

As a membership organisation, our annual membership offers greater engagement and opportunities. Plus your donation allows us to keep doing good work!



### SOCIAL VENTURE

We encourage and connect members so that they can seek to provide systemic solutions to eradicate modern Slavery.



### NETWORKING/ CONFERENCES

We are a global network that attracts high-level speakers at our events. Past speakers include former Prime Ministers; Rt Hon Theresa May (UK), H.E Serge Telle (Monaco), and H.E Shaukat Aziz (Pakistan) among other global leaders. Our Global Ambassadors include Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, Peggy Dulany Rockefeller, and Mo Ibrahim among others.



### IMPACT JOURNEYS

Impact Journeys are experiential learning journeys specifically curated for world leaders and change-makers to explore complex problems and solutions. These provide opportunities to visit and learn of the social issues from different countries and contexts. These curated Journeys include high-level meetings and offer unique insights.



### GSN HEROES

Each year, the Global Sustainability Network (GSN) proudly bestows the GSN Hero Award. It is a distinguished accolade that celebrates and recognizes the exceptional endeavors of change-makers who have exemplified remarkable strides in furthering the cause of Goal 8: addressing modern slavery and human trafficking.



## Our Vision

*End modern slavery and achieve SDG 8.*

Our vision is for a world free of slavery, child labour, and human trafficking, where everyone has access to decent work.



## Our Mission

*Collaborate, accelerate and achieve high level impact.*

Our mission is to accelerate global efforts to achieve SDG Goal 8 by identifying and bringing together the most impactful actors and solutions to achieve impact at scale.

## Our Objectives

### RAISE AWARENESS

Raising awareness can drive change and help us to end Modern Slavery. Slavery exists. Each of the 49.6 million people who live in forced or compulsory labour conditions matter.

Raising awareness is the key to driving people to action.

### FIND SOLUTIONS

Once people are driven to action, they will look to find scalable solutions. Collaboration is vital. Together we are stronger and will achieve more. When solutions are found, change will come, and Modern Slavery will end.

### DRIVE CHANGE

Driving change through raising awareness and finding scalable solutions to end Modern Slavery will positively impact the world. Human beings deserve to live a life free from exploitation and coercion.



# About

*GSN was founded following the announcement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Our Goal is Goal 8, specifically 8.7.*

In 2015 all United Member States committed to striving for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. These promises were made in the form of the Sustainable Development Goals. But what are the Sustainable Development Goals?

The Sustainable Development Goals are 17 global goals adopted by all United Nations Member States. They are designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all".

## What do the Sustainable Development Goals aim to tackle?

Set up in 2015 and anticipated to be achieved by 2030, these goals – to name a few – seek to realise human rights for all, achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, eradicate poverty in all its forms everywhere and end world hunger.

## How do the Sustainable Development Goals support international development?

The Sustainable Development Goals are an urgent call for action by all developed and developing countries in a global partnership.

"They recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests." United Nations

## What is Goal 8?

Goal 8 was developed to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. Goal 8 has 12 targets to achieve by 2030. We focus on 8.3, 8.5 and 8.7 - ending forced labour, modern Slavery, human trafficking and child labour along with decent work for all.

# Slavery Today

*You think Modern Slavery doesn't happen in your country? Think again.*

There are an estimated 49.6 million people trapped by modern slavery. These numbers come from every corner of the globe.

There are an estimated 11 million people in India, 2.3 million in Pakistan, 5.8 million in China, 2.6 million in North Korea, all victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

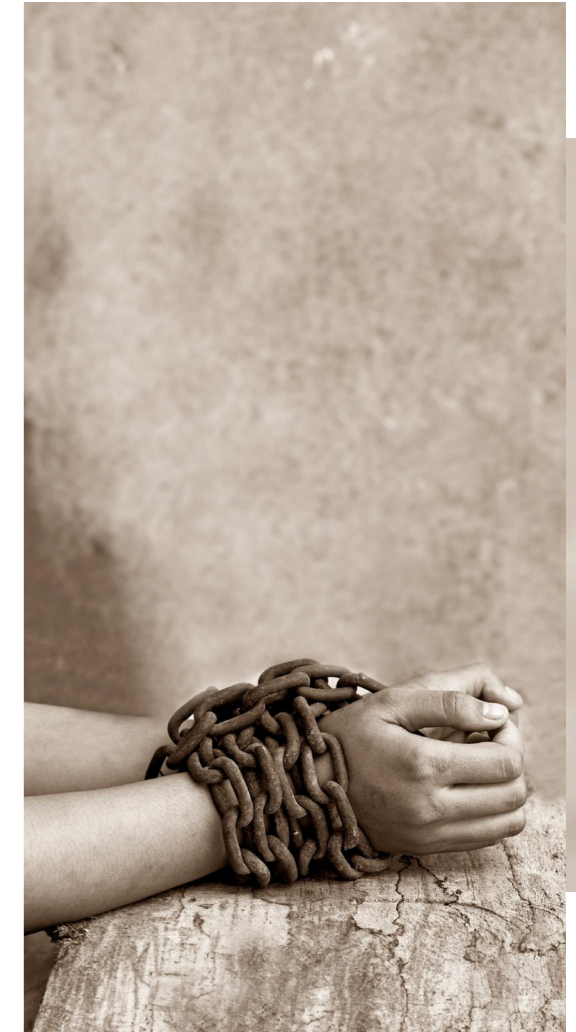
In the US there are thought to be 1,091,000 people living and working in conditions of modern slavery. The figures for the UK show around 130,000 people, The UAE are also around 130,000, but this figure translates as 13.4 people per thousand of the population.

Vulnerable sectors include hospitality, fishing, construction, garment, health and beauty services, workers in domestic and agricultural sectors, sex industry, cocoa, and refugees.

**% Modern slavery victims who are women and girls** **58 %**



**% Women & girls who are victims of the commercial sex industry** **99 %**



# GSN Chapters

*GSN is a charity with a global reach.*

*We aim to strengthen our communities in every region of the world to ensure we make a significant and lasting impact.*

*Here is why the launch of GSN regional chapters are essential:*



## COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL NGOS

Local NGOs are important. They are the 'boots on the ground' organisations. A GSN regional chapter will allow us to collaborate, support, and be an advocate for more organisations and smaller organisations that need our help.



## FOCUSING ON ISSUES THAT MATTER TO YOU

The issue of Modern Slavery is wide-ranging and deeply complex. With a local GSN chapter, members can focus on areas that matter most to them. More impact can be achieved if solutions to the issues can be found at a regional level but with the potential to scale.



## REGIONAL NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Our members are truly international. Introducing regional chapters will enable more opportunities for collaboration and give members more opportunities to feel part of a like-minded community at their regional base.

# Become a member

[www.gsngoal8.org/become-a-gsn-member](http://www.gsngoal8.org/become-a-gsn-member)

## Who are members?

Our members are entrepreneurs, academics, faith leaders, business leaders, survivors, NGOs, media, policy and change makers.

## What do you get with your membership?

- Meaningful networking opportunities
- Members only events
- Flagship conferences
- Local GSN chapters in your area
- focus on what matters to you
- Help to deliver results
- Vote on our GSN Hero award
- Engagement with world leaders, our global ambassadors and thought leaders
- GSN impact journeys
- Leadership opportunities
- Volunteering opportunities

## Why do we have membership

### Structure?

GSN was founded in 2015 to bring people together towards a common goal. As a

charity, registered in the UK, we need to continually raise funds to operate and grow the network. As we approach our 2030 Goal 8 deadline, we want to accelerate our impact and we can only do this with dedicated financial support. We need to make sure that you get the most out of the network and to help you to achieve your goals.

## What does it cost to become a GSN member?

For individual membership, we have a minimum recommended donation of £2,500 to £25,000 annually. We also offer institutional membership. The price of Institutional membership will be tailored to each business or organisation.

We award GSN fellowships to NGOs or Individuals doing outstanding work.

For more information, please contact [sarah@gsngoal8.org](mailto:sarah@gsngoal8.org)



# Our Next Events

Please visit our website [www.gsngoal8.org](http://www.gsngoal8.org) to find out about any upcoming events.

We would love to keep in touch. Please email [info@gsngoal8.org](mailto:info@gsngoal8.org) to be added to our mailing list.

We have two 'Countdown 2030' conferences a year (London in June and Dubai in January). We also have Impact Journeys during the year, and other regional events and dinners.



## GSN AMERICA CHAPTER LAUNCH



Miami



September 28th & 29th 2023

A dinner on 28th September to celebrate the launch of the GSN American chapter. Guest speakers will include survivors and inspirational leaders. You are warmly invited to attend this event, and also the strategy session on 29th September.



## LONDON FUNDRAISING DINNER



London



November 2nd 2023

A ticketed fundraising event to support the work of GSN and Synergos, the foundation set up by Peggy Dulany Rockefeller. An exclusive formal dinner in Mayfair.



## DUBAI CONFERENCE



Dubai



January 9th & 10th 2024

Welcome dinner and conference in Dubai, as we countdown to 2030. A high level conference, with brilliant speakers and networking opportunities.

## FAQ

*If you have any additional questions please email [info@gsngoal8.org](mailto:info@gsngoal8.org)*

### How much is membership?

Our suggested donations range from £2500 to £25000 per annum.

### What is the Benefit of Membership?

Conferences, exclusive events, newsletters, news updates on Modern Slavery, and Impact Journeys. Networking, opportunities to lead, advise and volunteer.

### What does the GSN do?

GSN is a robust network of 1000+ change-makers, business leaders, academics, faith leaders, media, NGOs, who come together to end Modern Slavery.

### Can I be involved and not be a member?

Yes! Please follow us on our social media channels and feel free to get in touch with Sarah at [sarah@gsngoal8.org](mailto:sarah@gsngoal8.org).

### Do you do projects on the ground?

We do not have our projects on the frontline of modern slavery, but we support organisations that do.

### What impact has GSN made?

We facilitate invaluable networking & collaboration for those driving transformative solutions across diverse countries and continents. We have tirelessly amplified awareness to create change.

### How can I stop Slavery?

Join the GSN membership. We can help you stay informed about the practical steps you can take to achieve goal 8 by 2030.

### I know victims of slavery

Slavery may be closer to you than you think. In the UK, If you suspect modern Slavery, report it to the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700 or the police on 101.





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