

GOAL 8 UPDATE

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MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING GENERATE ILLICIT PROFITS FOR WELL OVER US \$245 BILLION EACH YEAR WORLD WIDE

This extremely conservative estimate is for the year 2021 for which we have the global modern slavery estimates.

BUSINESS IS BOOMING FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKERS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY'LL GET AWAY WITH IT

More than 200 years after the international slave trade was formally abolished, the terrible truth is there has never been a better time to sell a human life than today. Business is booming for the criminals who engage in human trafficking, forced labour and modern slavery, not just across Asia, Africa and the Americas, but in mainland Europe and across the channel into UK too.

GIVE SEX-BUYERS THE ATTENTION THEY DESERVE!

Sex buyers should be the focus of outrage and law enforcement efforts since they fuel the demand for sexual exploitation of women and children.

OUR DESIRE FOR CHEAP GOODS PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FORCED LABOR

Labour trafficking, a form of modern slavery, finds fertile ground in industries where cost-cutting measures are given priority over human welfare. Workers suffer deplorable conditions, substandard wages and limited rights. Their cries for fair treatment are stifled by the cacophony of profit-driven motivations.

PAYING TO BE A MODERN-DAY SLAVE

Migrants pay substantial sums of money to agents, only to discover there was no work for them once they arrived in their home destination or their contracts were terminated shortly after starting their job, or they have been asked to pay additional money to their employer.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A NETWORK OF CRIME HIDDEN ACROSS THE VAST AMERICAN LANDSCAPE

Human trafficking looms as hidden crisis in many U.S. communities.

GANGS ARE TARGETING CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS SEVEN IN A BID TO FORCE THEM TO DEAL DRUGS AND CARRY OUT OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY ON THEIR BEHALF

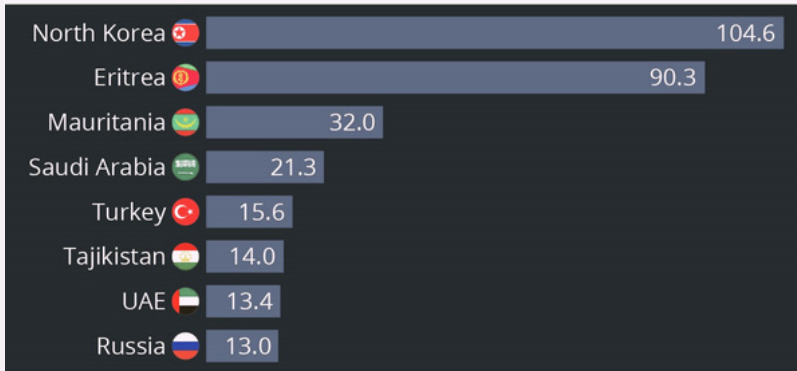
Often it is through social media apps like Snapchat and Discord, with reports of fake 'job adverts' encouraging them to sign up for work that will ultimately lead to grooming and criminal exploitation.

TRUCK DRIVERS LEARN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ILLEGALLY TRANSPORTING HUMAN CARGO

Many drivers who attended the training are proving to be "very useful allies" in the prevention and detection of cases of migrant smuggling and human trafficking.

Countries With the Highest Prevalence of Slavery

Estimated number of people in modern slavery per 1,000 population*



* 160 countries ranked based on nationally representative surveys from 2017-21. Modern slavery includes forced labor, debt bondage, forced marriage, slavery and slavery-like practices, and human trafficking. Source: The Global Slavery Index 2023

MODERN SLAVERY IS ON THE UP – BUT THE MOST CHILLING THING? ANYONE CAN FALL VICTIM

Exploitation can happen to anyone – traffickers have no respect for race, sex, nationality, education level, they just look for a vulnerable individuals..

ONE IN FIVE CHILDREN WORLDWIDE ARE NOW ZERO-DOSE OR UNDER-VACCINATED - THE STATE OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN REPORT (UNICEF, 2023)

The disruption of childhood immunization due to the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with factors like poverty and inequity, heightens the vulnerability of marginalized communities, potentially increasing the risk of modern slavery, trafficking, and exploitation among affected populations.

UN OFFICIAL COMPARES TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKER PROGRAM TO MODERN SLAVERY

Canada's temporary foreign worker programmes are described as “a breeding ground for contemporary forms of slavery”.

CLIMATE-CHANGE-INDUCED MIGRATION INCREASES THE RISK OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MODERN SLAVERY

A new report from the Rights Lab found that criminal groups were also likely to use disruption caused by climate change to seek out individuals to exploit, and individuals were likely to be led into situations of illegal activity after infrastructure, such as houses, had been destroyed.

REGULATORY CRACKDOWN ON SLAVERY IN COTTON SUPPLY CHAINS A WAKE-UP CALL FOR FASHION BRANDS

WALK FREE STUDY FIND - WORLD'S RICHEST NATIONS HOST MAJORITY OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

CUBA SAYS 'HUMAN TRAFFICKING NETWORK' IS SENDING ITS NATIONALS TO FIGHT FOR RUSSIA IN UKRAINE

HOW TO END MODERN-DAY SLAVERY IN THE AGE OF DEGLOBALIZATION?

Preventing people from being trapped in modern slavery requires bold policies and unprecedented collaboration between governments, businesses and civil society, even during economic and political deglobalization.



SPOT THE SIGNS OF SLAVERY IN THE UK



SPOT THE SIGNS OF TRAFFICKING IN THE US

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