# GENERAL 8 UPDATE

#### FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN AN ERA OF CRISIS – HOW CAN WE DO BETTER?

Global crises, conflicts, socio-economic inequalities, migration and the climate emergency are increasing the risk of human trafficking - how can we do better, and by whom?

#### NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT DRAFTING SLAVERY SUPPLY CHAIN LAW

New Zealand believes the new laws and register would be among the world's strongest reporting systems for tackling modern slavery.

# SDG 8 ON DECENT WORK FOR ALL IS THE ONLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL THAT COMBINES SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS

Goal 8 is a 'Multiplier Goal' of the entire sustainable development agenda, since it will have a positive impact on other goals, if achieved.

# ILO AND IOM HELP PAVE ROAD FOR POST-WAR LABOUR MARKET IN UKRAINE

ILO and IOM held a workshop in Kyiv with key government stakeholders from Ukraine, including the Ministry of Economy to discuss current and future labour market challenges in Ukraine and the policies and capacities required to address them.

# SHOULD HOTEL CHAINS BE HELD LIABLE FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

For decades, franchised hotels have been a common scene of sextrafficking crimes in the U.S. A new legal strategy is targeting the corporations that collect royalties from them.

## HELPING BUSINESSES IN KEY INDUSTRIES IDENTIFY, REPORT, AND ULTIMATELY PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION

An illicit crime like human trafficking often relies on legitimate businesses to operate.

## UNHCR GLOBAL APPEAL 2023

The Global Appeal provides information about UNHCR's plans for the coming year and the funding it needs to protect, assist and empower a record number of forcibly displaced and stateless people, and to help them find solutions to their situations.

## MODERN SLAVERY GANGMASTERS EXPLOIT CARE WORKER SHORTAGE IN THE UK

The number of modern slavery cases reported within the UK care industry has more than doubled in the past year.

#### DOES ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THREATEN DECENT WORK?

The impact of AI on decent work is debated; it could displace jobs or enhance tasks, requiring education, ethical deployment, and collaboration to ensure positive outcomes for poverty reduction, equity, and social justice. Estimated number of people living in Modern Slavery in the US- Global Slavery Index 2023.

Vulnerability to modern slavery in the America region is driven largely by inequality, political instability, and discrimination against migrants and minority groups.

## CHILD LABOR IS ON THE RISE IN THE US

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State legislatures across the country are making it easier to hire minors in low-paid and dangerous jobs.

#### TSA PRE-CHECK FOR MODERN SLAVERY

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (CTPAT) has implemented new minimum security criteria related to forced labor, affecting all trade compliance members.

# A CALL TO ACTION: THE CRITICAL ROLE OF AIRPORT LEADERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The airport leaders and staff play a pivotal role in detecting and preventing human trafficking at airports and promoting a collaborative approach with government agencies and regulatory bodies to address this urgent issue.

# HUMAN TRAFFICKERS HAVE GAMIFIED THEIR ILLEGAL BUSINESS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

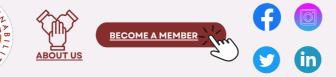
Traffickers on social media advertise false promises and fake testimonials to lure migrants into using their services to travel across the Mediterranean into Europe and further.

# HOW FASHION BRANDS CAN HIDE ABUSES BEHIND THE MODERN SLAVERY ACT?

The act in Canada lacks requirements for substantial action to prevent or reduce forced labor risks in supply chains and does not hold companies accountable when forced labor is discovered. Similar ineffective disclosure laws exist in California, the UK, and Australia.

From the last issue, the inconsistency in figures between the UNICEF and Walk Free reports on modern slavery and child labor is due to different measurement frameworks. UNICEF's report uses an older standard for child labor statistics over a longer duration, while Walk Free employs a newer standard for forced labor measurement. The difference in methodologies emphasizes the need for considering diverse perspectives and evolving methods in gathering such complex data.





#### THERE CANNOT BE DECENT WORK FOR ALL WITHOUT DECENT WORK FOR YOUTH

Young people are our hope for a better future, and targeted policies are needed to address the disadvantages they face in the labour market.

#### UN EXPERTS SAY JAPAN HAS MADE STRIDES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT MUST TACKLE SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES



US is the biggest importer of at-risk products - Global Slavery Index 2023.



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