

# SLAVERY was abolished 150 years ago, and yet there are more people living in SLAVERY today than at any other time in history!

### An estimated 45,800,000 million people world-wide are living in some form of modern slavery. Forced labour generates annual profits of US\$ 150 billion.



Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world, second only to the drug trade.

24,900,000 people are trapped in forced labour. Of these, over 10,000,000 are children.



## Although slavery and human trafficking is illegal everywhere, it happens everywhere.

#### Forms of Modern slavery include:

- Human trafficking
- People Smuggling
- Child Exploitation
- Child Slavery
- Sexual Exploitation
- Forced Labour
- Organ Harvesting
- Descent Based Slavery
- Servitude
- Forced Marriage
- Debt Bondage



Human trafficking and people smuggling are very different crimes.

Human Trafficking is the physical movement of people across or within borders by deceiving, coercing, or threatening them, for the purposes of exploitation or the person once they reach a given destination.

**People Smuggling** usually involves a 'payment for service' prior to moving a person across a border.

Child Exploitation & Slavery occurs when a child is used for profit, often through violence, abuse and threats, in prostitution, pornography, forced begging, petty crime, the drug trade and armed conflict. It also occurs when a child is forced into labour in agriculture, factories, construction, brick kilns, mines, bars, tourism and domestic work.

Sexual Exploitation is sexual abuse through the exchange of sex or sexual acts for drugs, food, shelter, protection, other basics of life, and/or money. Sexual exploitation includes involving children and youth in creating pornography and sexually explicit websites. 3.5 million (74%) of victims of sexual exploitation were living outside their country of residence.

**Forced Labour** refers to situations in which persons are coerced to work through the use of violence or intimidation, or by more subtle means such as accumulated debt, retention of identity papers or threats of denunciation to immigration authorities.

Organ Harvesting is the trade in human organs, tissues or body parts for payment.

**Decent Based Slavery** describes a situation where people are born into slavery because their ancestors were captured into slavery and their families have 'belonged' to the slave-owning families ever since. Slave status is passed down the maternal line.

Servitude is the condition of being a slave or of being completely under the control of someone else.

**Forced Marriage** is a marriage in which one or more of the parties is married without his or her consent or against his or her will. A forced marriage differs from an arranged marriage, in which both parties consent to the assistance of their parents or a third party (such as a matchmaker) in choosing a spouse.

**Debt Bondage** also known as debt slavery or bonded labour, is a person's pledge of labour or services as security for the repayment for a debt or other obligation. The services required to repay the debt may be undefined, and the services' duration may be undefined.

#### SOME FACTS

It is estimated that  $45{,}800{,}000$  people are subject to some form of modern slavery in the world today

78% of slavery victims today are in forced labour slavery.
22% of slavery victims today are in sex slavery.
55% of slavery victims today are women and girls.
45% of slavery victims today are men and boys.
26% of slaves today are children under the age of 18.



#### DID YOU KNOW:

Some of the world's most recognised buildings were built using slave labour.

The Great Pyramids at Giza. The Appian Way in Rome. The White House. Wall St & Trinity Church. US Capital Building. University of Virginia. Basilica Cistern of Turkey. The Great Wall of China.





Globally, more than one third of **HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS ARE CHILDREN**. More than 1.2 million children worldwide are trafficked into slavery each year. Girls make up 2 out of every 3 child victims.

There are between 27 and 36 MILLION INDIVIDUALS IN FORCED LABOUR at any point in time.

GLOBALLY, there are approximately 15,400,000 people living in forced marriages.

68% or 14.2 million are victims of forced labour exploitation, in economic activities such as AGRICULTURE, CONSTRUCTION, DOMESTIC SERVITUDE, MINING or MANUFACTURING.

22% or 4.6 million are victims of slavery. Of these, 21% or approximately **1 MILLION VICTIMS ARE CHILDREN**. Research has indicated that up to 58% of trafficking cases were for the purpose of exploitation. The remaining 10% or 2.2 million individuals are in state-imposed forms of forced labour.

WOMEN ACCOUNT FOR 71% of all trafficking victims detected globally; MEN AND BOYS represent 29% of victims

**TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN IS INCREASING.** Of the detected victims whose age profile was known and reported in 2017, some 25% were children under the age of **18 YEARS**. Of every 3 child victims, 2 are girls and 1 is a boy.

The **TRAFFICKING FLOW FROM THE ASIA PACIFIC REMAINS THE MOST PROMINENT** transnational flow globally. 58% of all people living in slavery come from India, China, Pakistan, Bangladesh or Uzbekistan and East Asian victims are detected in large numbers in many countries worldwide.

The ASIA PACIFIC region accounts for the largest number of FORCED LABOURERS —at 15,400,000 or 62% of the global total. Africa has 5,700,000 (23%) followed by Europe and Central Asia with 2,200,000 (9%). The Americas account for 1,200,000 (5%) and the Arab States account for 1% of all victims.

Out of the **24,900,000 PEOPLE TRAPPED IN FORCED LABOUR**, 16 million are exploited by the private sector. 4,800,000 are in forced exploitation and a further 4,000,000 are in forced labour imposed by state authorities. 3% or 600,000 victims are in the Middle East.

20 MONTHS is the average length of time spent in forced labour.

In general, the number of **CONVICTIONS FOR TRAFFICKING IS VERY LOW**. In 2011, there were 7,206 prosecutions for trafficking, and 4,239 convictions. 41,210 victims were identified.

134 COUNTRIES and territories in the world have criminalised trafficking by establishing a specific offence, in line with the Trafficking of Persons Protocol.

AUSTRALIA has a population of 23,772,000 with an estimated 4,300 people living in modern slavery. This is 0.2% is population slavery.

#### Abraham Lincoln was an

American statesman and lawyer who served as the 16th President of the United States from March 1861 until his assassination in April 1865. He issued the '*Emancipation Proclamation*' that declared forever free those slaves within the Confederacy in 1863.

Lincoln warned the South in his Inaugural Address: "In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The government will not assail you.... You have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to preserve, protect and defend it."



Lincoln once said, "Where slavery is, there liberty cannot be; and where liberty is, there slavery cannot be."

"Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity."

Martin Luther King Jr., "I Have a Dream" speech (28 August 1963), at the Lincoln Memorial speaking of Abraham Lincoln

#### Harriet Tubman was an

American abolitionist and humanitarian and an armed scout and spy for the USA during the American Civil War. Born into slavery, Harriet escaped and subsequently made some thirteen missions to rescue approximately seventy enslaved people, family and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. She later helped abolitionist John Brown recruit men for his raid on Harpers Ferry, and in the post-war era was an active participant in the struggle for women's suffrage.

She was a devout Christian and experienced strange visions and vivid dreams, which she ascribed to premonitions from God.



At one time, slave owners offered a \$40,000 '*Dead* or Alive' reward for Harriet's return.

"Now I've been free, I know what a dreadful condition slavery is. I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave." Harriet Tubman



Justice remains out of reach for many victims of **FORCED LABOUR** in Australia and around the world, with new laws untested and <u>continued difficulty prosecuting exploitation in the shadows</u>.





This is the "DOOR OF NO RETURN" at Goree Island in Senegal and it was the African's LAST VIEW OF HIS HOMELAND before being taken aboard a SLAVE SHIP.



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