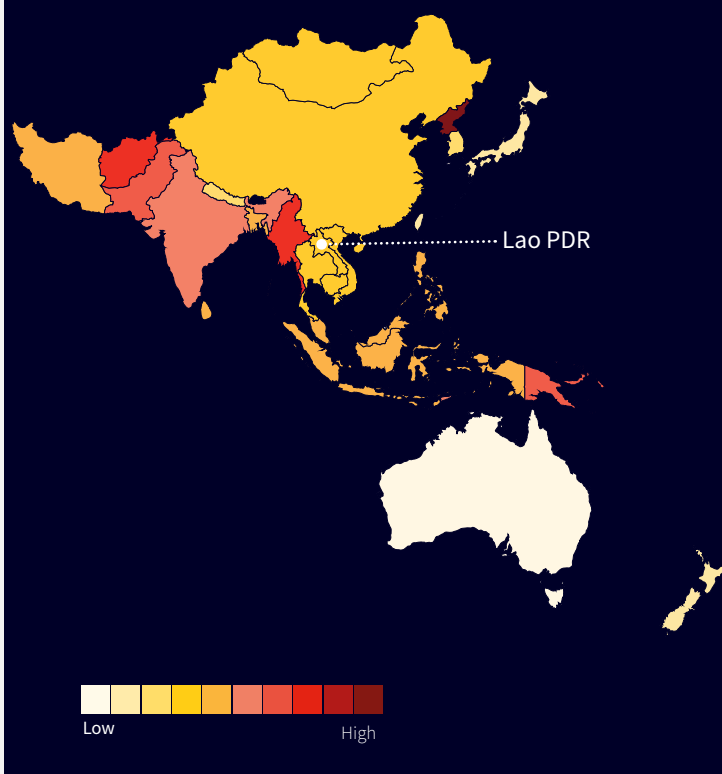


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Figure 1.
Prevalence of modern slavery
across Asia and the Pacific



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 7,275,556

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) \$8,238

5.2

**PREVALENCE OF
MODERN SLAVERY**
per 1,000 people

38,000

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING
IN MODERN SLAVERY**

52/100

**VULNERABILITY TO
MODERN SLAVERY**

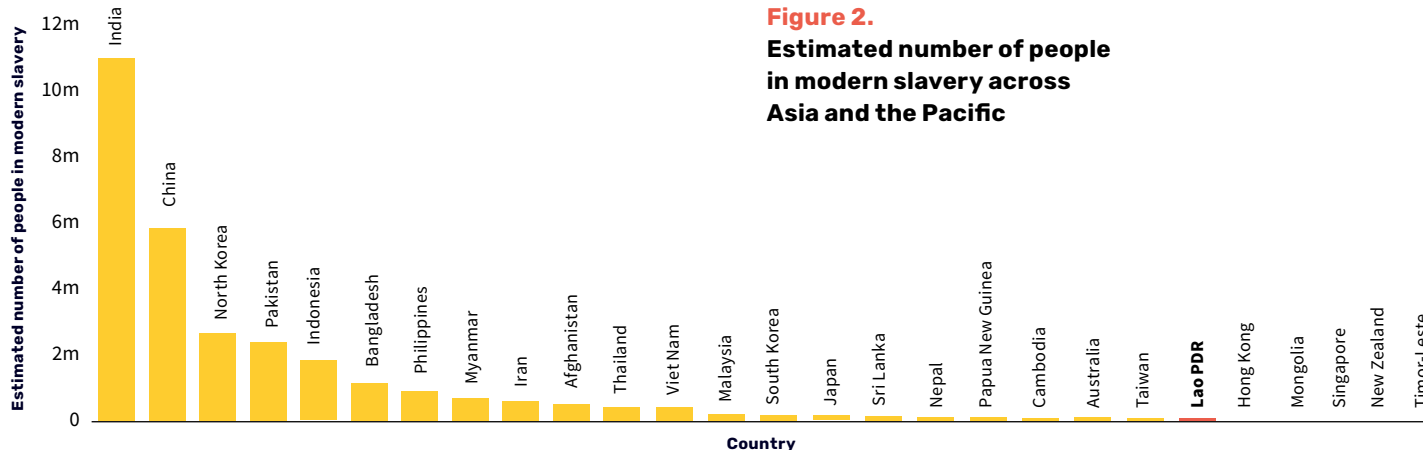
46/100

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
TO MODERN SLAVERY**

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 5.2 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Lao PDR at any point in 2021. In other words, 38,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Lao PDR in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Lao PDR ranks 86th globally and 15th within Asia and the Pacific.

Figure 2.
Estimated number of people
in modern slavery across
Asia and the Pacific



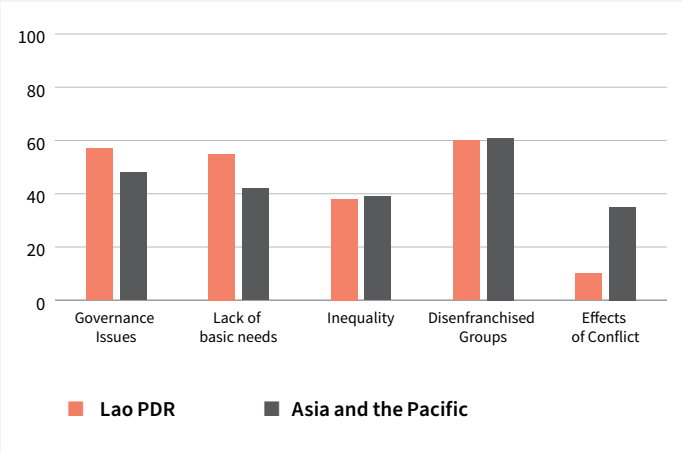
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

How vulnerable a country’s people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability to modern slavery, Lao PDR is rated as 52 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

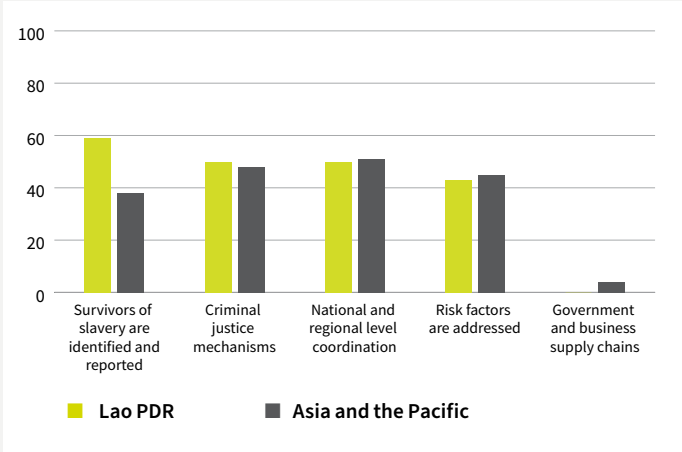
Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Lao PDR to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



Government response to modern slavery

The government of Lao PDR scored 46 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government’s response above the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on identification and support of survivors and least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.
Government of Lao PDR’s responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



Priority Recommendations for the government of Lao PDR

- 1 Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.
- 2 Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.
- 3 Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.



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