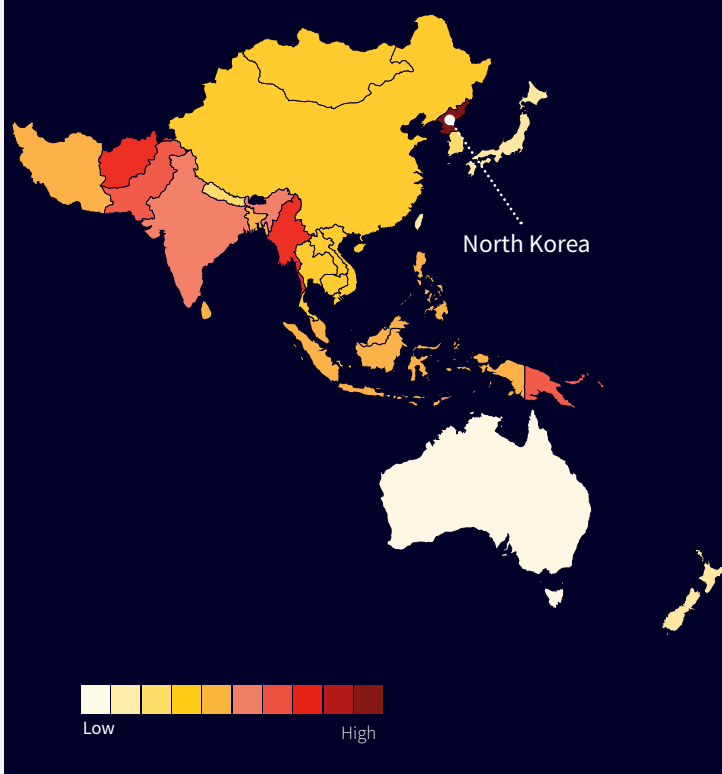


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Figure 1.
Prevalence of modern slavery
across Asia and the Pacific



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 25,778,815

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) N/A

104.6

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

2,696,000

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING
IN MODERN SLAVERY**

67/100

**VULNERABILITY TO
MODERN SLAVERY**

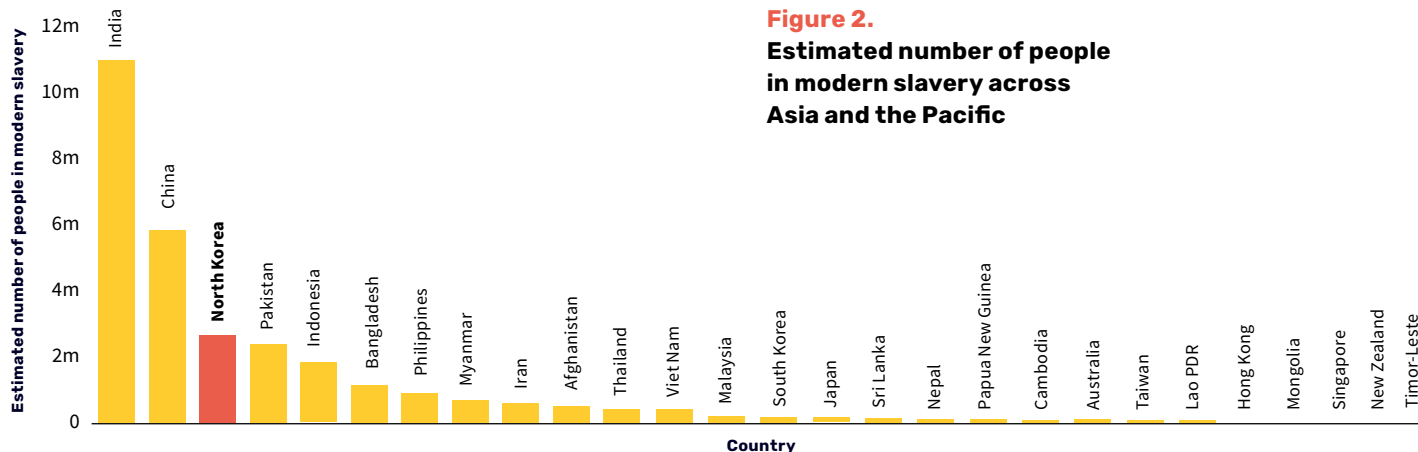
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**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
TO MODERN SLAVERY**

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 104.6 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in North Korea at any point in 2021. In other words, 2,696,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in North Korea in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, North Korea ranks 1st globally and 1st within Asia and the Pacific.

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



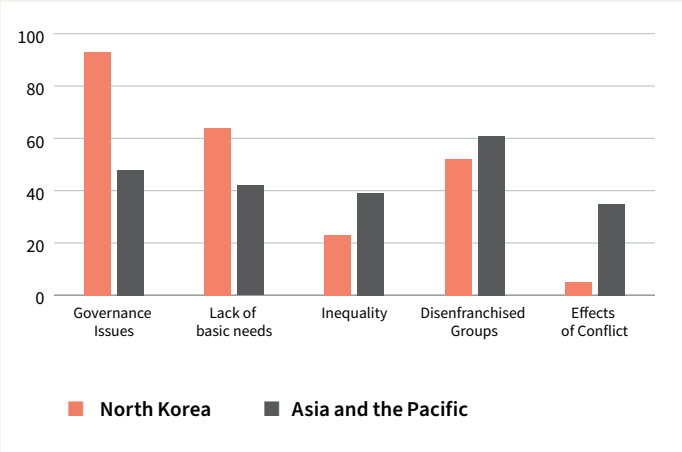
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

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, North Korea is rated as 67 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of governance issues.

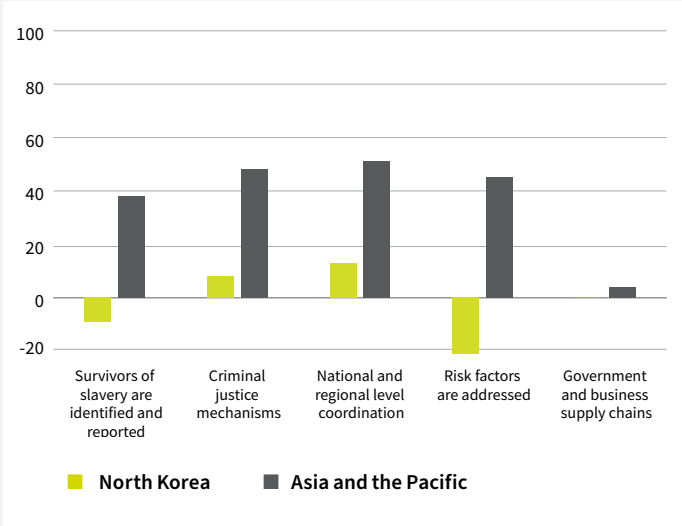
Figure 3.
Vulnerability of North Korea to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



Government response to modern slavery

The government of North Korea scored -3 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government’s response below the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on national and regional coordination of the response to modern slavery and least action on addressing risk factors of modern slavery.

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



Priority Recommendations for the government of North Korea

- 1 Immediately end the state-imposed forced labour of citizens by acknowledging the existence of serious human rights violations, which may amount to crimes against humanity or other international crimes, and take immediate steps to end such violations.
- 2 Criminalise forced labour in line with international conventions.
- 3 Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.

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