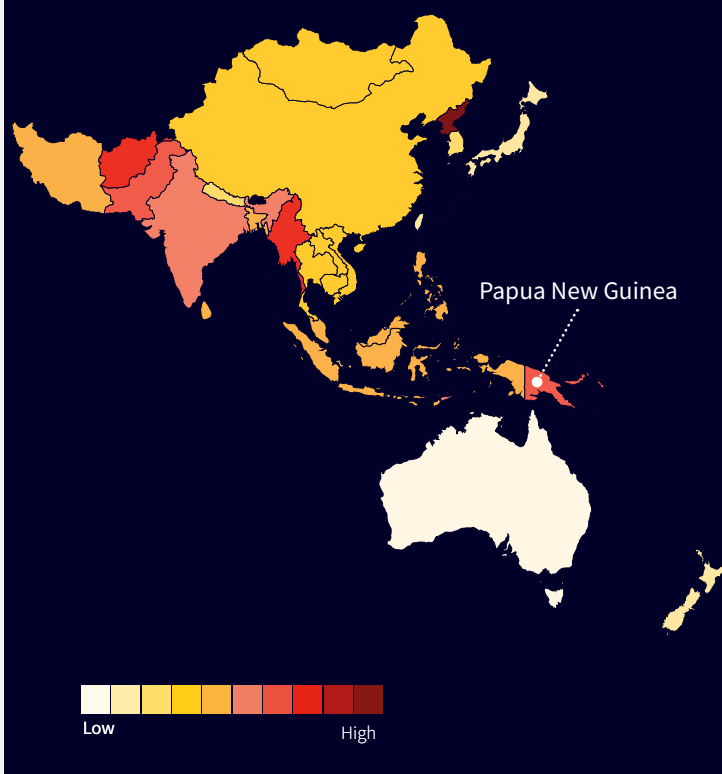


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## Global Slavery Index 2023 Country Snapshot



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



### KEY STATS

Population (2021) 8,947,027

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) \$4,286

**10.3**

PREVALENCE OF  
MODERN SLAVERY  
per 1,000 people

**93,000**

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING  
IN MODERN SLAVERY

**79/100**

VULNERABILITY TO  
MODERN SLAVERY

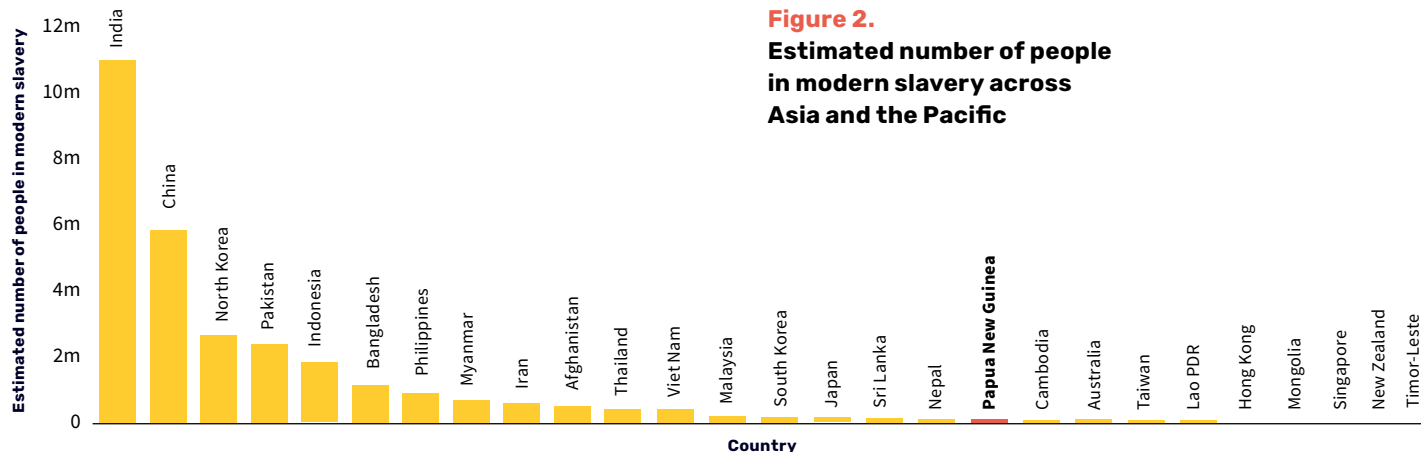
**31/100**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE  
TO MODERN SLAVERY

### The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 10.3 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Papua New Guinea at any point in 2021. In other words, 93,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Papua New Guinea in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Papua New Guinea ranks 20th globally and 5th within Asia and the Pacific.

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



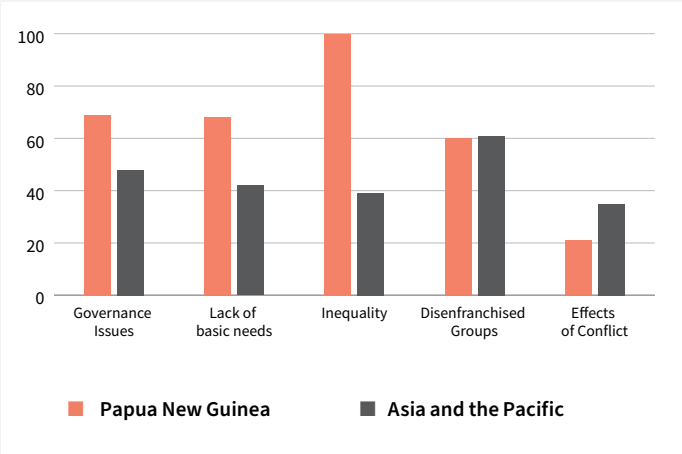
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## Vulnerability to modern slavery

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, Papua New Guinea is rated as 79 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of inequality.

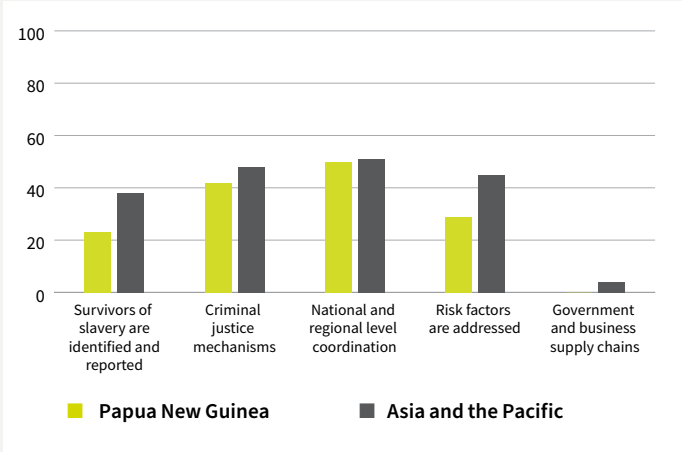
**Figure 3.**  
Vulnerability of Papua New Guinea to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



## Government response to modern slavery

The government of Papua New Guinea scored 31 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 in government and business supply chains.

**Figure 4.**  
Government of Papua New Guinea’s responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



### Priority Recommendations for the government of Papua New Guinea

1

Criminalise forced labour 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.

