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According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 4.1 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Viet Nam at any point in 2021. In other words, 396,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Viet Nam in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Viet Nam ranks 108th globally and 17th within 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, Viet Nam is rated as 44 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

Figure 3. Vulnerability of Viet Nam to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average

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

Government response to modern slavery
The government of Viet Nam scored 47 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 national and regional coordination of the response to modern slavery and least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Priority Recommendations for the government of Viet Nam

1. Immediately end state-imposed forced labour by amending or repealing sections 26(2) and 34(1)(b)) of the Law of drug prevention (NO. 94/2009/ND-CP) that allows for compulsory labour without a conviction and following an administrative decision.

2. Criminalise human trafficking in line with international conventions.

3. Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.