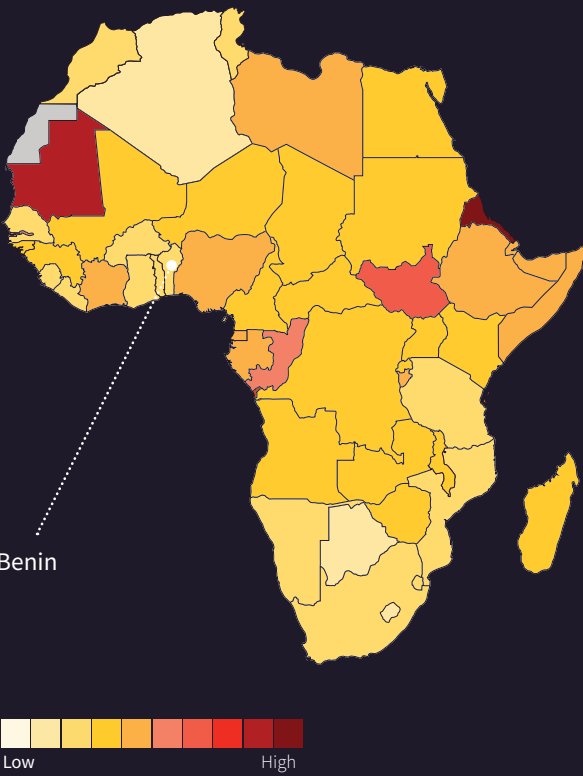


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Figure 1.
Estimated prevalence of modern slavery across Africa



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 12,123,198
GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) \$3,505

3.0

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY
per 1,000 people

37,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

48/100

VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

40/100

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 3.0 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Benin at any point in 2021. In other words, 37,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Benin in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Benin ranks 127th globally and 38th within Africa.

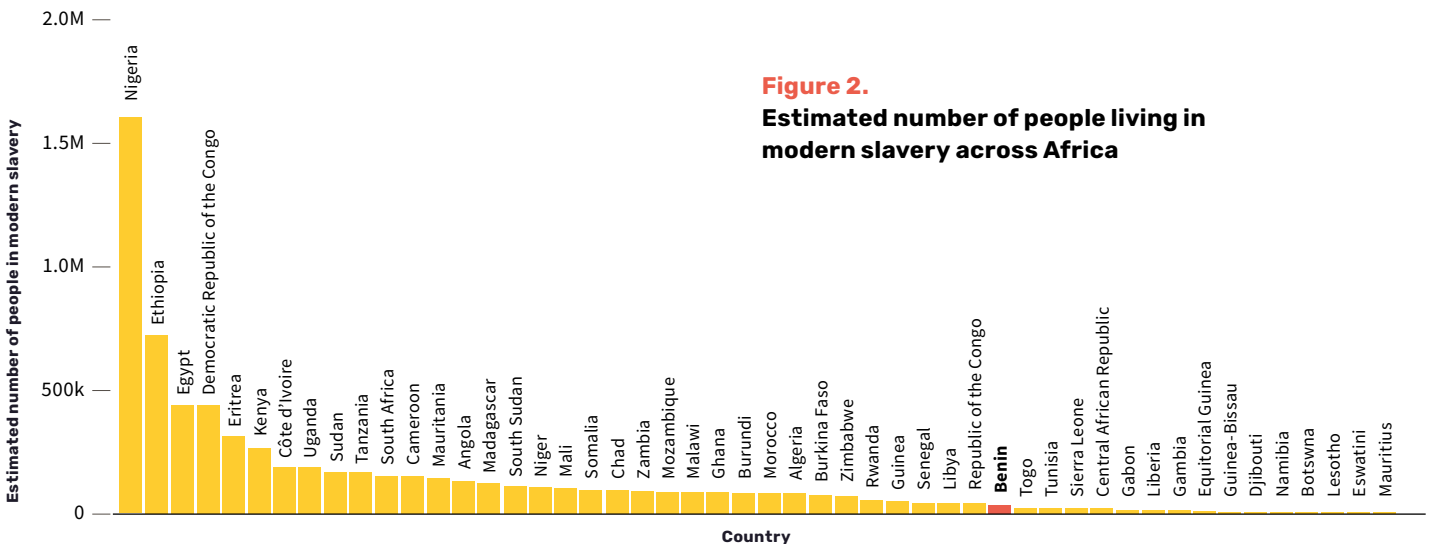


Figure 2.
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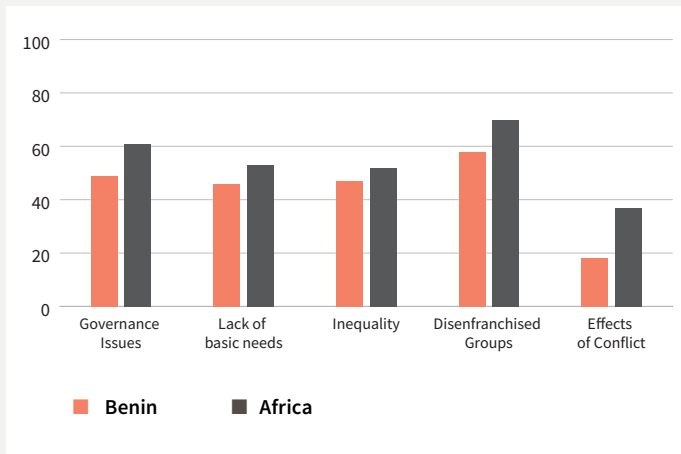
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

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, Benin is rated as 48 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

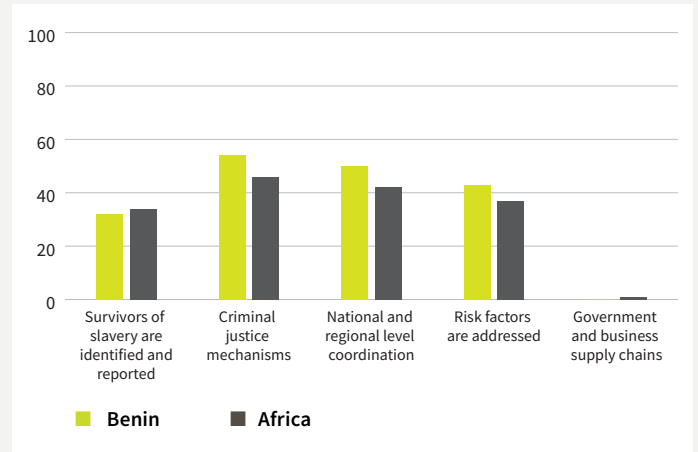
Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Benin to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



Government response to modern slavery

The government of Benin scored 40 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 effective criminal justice mechanisms and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.
Government of Benin's responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



Priority Recommendations for the government of Benin

- 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** Develop and promote the use of clear national guidelines for identifying and screening victims for all first responders.