Modern slavery in the Central African Republic

Global Slavery Index 2023

Country Snapshot

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 The Central African Republic at any point in 2021. In other words, 25,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in The Central African Republic in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, the Central African Republic ranks 83rd globally and 17th within Africa.

KEY STATS

Population (2021) 4,829,764
GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl $) $989

5.2
PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people

25,000
NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

98/100
VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

27/100
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

Figure 1.
Estimated prevalence of modern slavery across Africa

Figure 2.
Estimated number of people living in modern slavery across Africa
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, the Central African Republic is rated as 98 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of inequality.

Figure 3.
Vulnerability of the Central African Republic to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average

Government response to modern slavery

The government of the Central African Republic scored 27 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 effective criminal justice mechanisms and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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

Priority Recommendations for the government of the Central African Republic:

1. Criminalise the use of children in armed conflict and ensure that laws are enforced and offenders are given proportionate sentences.

2. Criminalise forced labour in line with international conventions.

3. Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.