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KEY STATS

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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, Côte d’Ivoire is rated as 59 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Côte d’Ivoire to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average

Figure 4.
Government of Côte d’Ivoire’s responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average

Government response to modern slavery
The government of Côte d’Ivoire scored 37 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 the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Priority Recommendations for the government of Côte d’Ivoire

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

2. Enact and enforce laws that criminalise corruption in the public sector.

3. Enact legislation or policy that requires any private recruitment fees to be paid by the employer and not employees.

For more information on modern slavery, visit the Global Slavery Index 2023 website.