Modern slavery in Egypt
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The scale of modern slavery
According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 4.3 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Egypt at any point in 2021. In other words, 442,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Egypt in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Egypt ranks 100th globally and 27th within Africa.

KEY STATS
Population (2021) 102,334,403
GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl $) $12,606

4.3
PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY
per 1,000 people

442,000
NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

59/100
VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

44/100
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
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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, Egypt is rated as 59 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

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

Government response to modern slavery
The government of Egypt scored 44 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 addressing risk factors of modern slavery and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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

Priority Recommendations for the government of Egypt
1. Immediately end state-imposed forced labour of conscripts for non-military purposes by amending Section 1 of Act No 76 I 1973 and sections 124, 124A and C and 374 of the Penal Code.
2. Criminalise forced labour in line with international conventions.
3. Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.

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