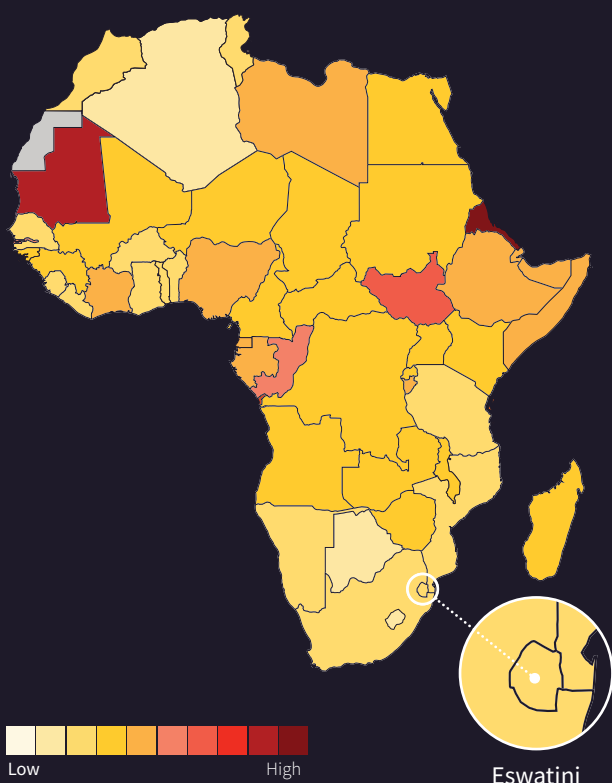


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Figure 1.
Estimated prevalence of
modern slavery across Africa



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 1,160,164

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl

3.6

**PREVALENCE OF
MODERN SLAVERY**
per 1,000 people

4,000

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING
IN MODERN SLAVERY**

59/100

**VULNERABILITY TO
MODERN SLAVERY**

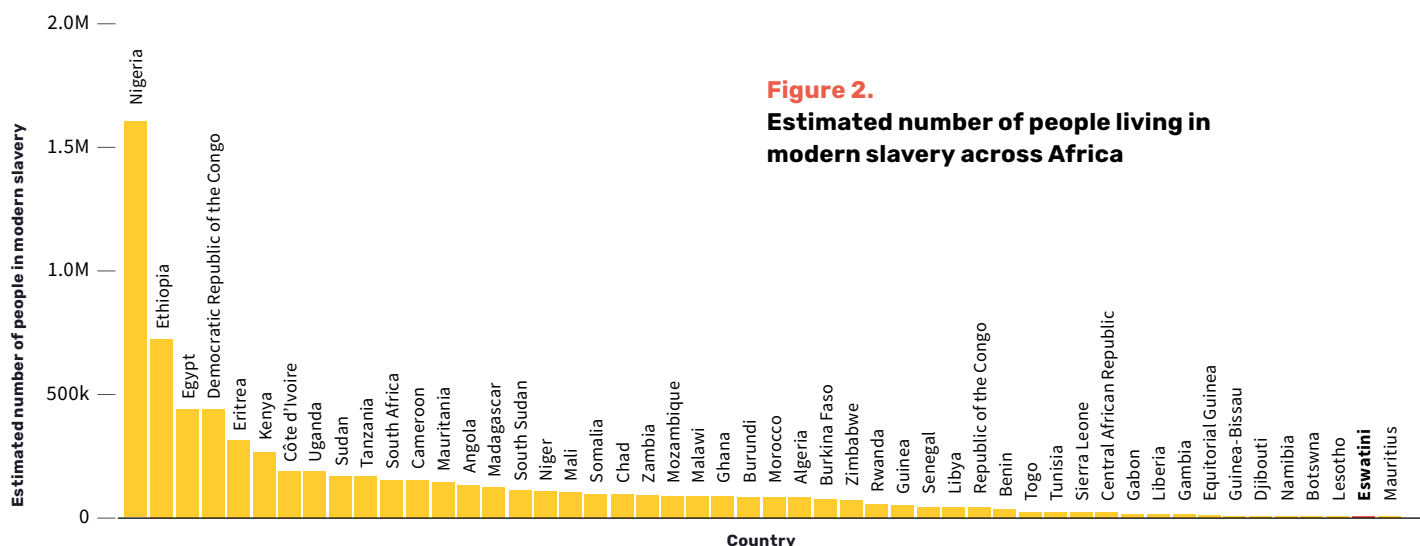
36/100

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
TO MODERN SLAVERY**

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 3.6 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Eswatini at any point in 2021. In other words, 4,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Eswatini in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Eswatini ranks 116th globally and 34th within Africa.

Figure 2.
Estimated number of people living in
modern slavery across Africa



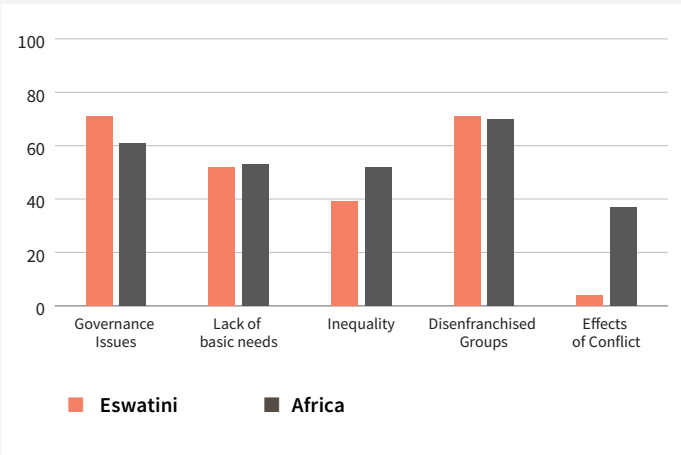
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

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, Eswatini is rated as 59 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of governance issues, followed by disenfranchised groups.

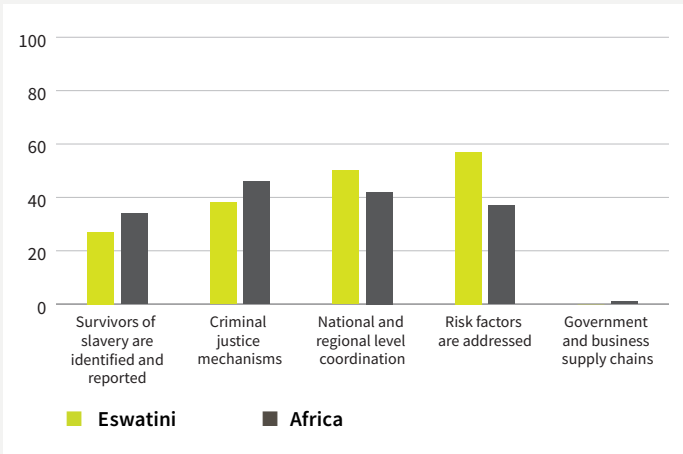
Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Eswatini to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



Government response to modern slavery

The government of Eswatini scored 36 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 addressing risk factors of modern slavery and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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



Priority Recommendations for the government of Eswatini

- 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** Re-operationalise and fully fund the anti-trafficking hotline, ensuring that it is multilingual, operational 24/7, and able to receive reported cases of modern slavery for children and adults.

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