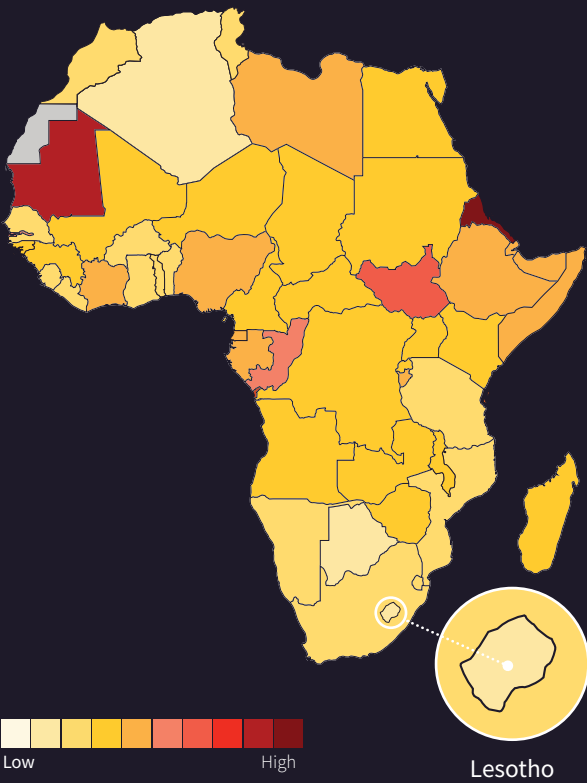


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Figure 1.
Estimated prevalence of modern slavery across Africa



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 2,142,252

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) \$2,569

1.6

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY
per 1,000 people

4,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

59/100

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 1.6 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Lesotho at any point in 2021. In other words, 4,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Lesotho in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Lesotho ranks 147th globally and 49th within Africa.

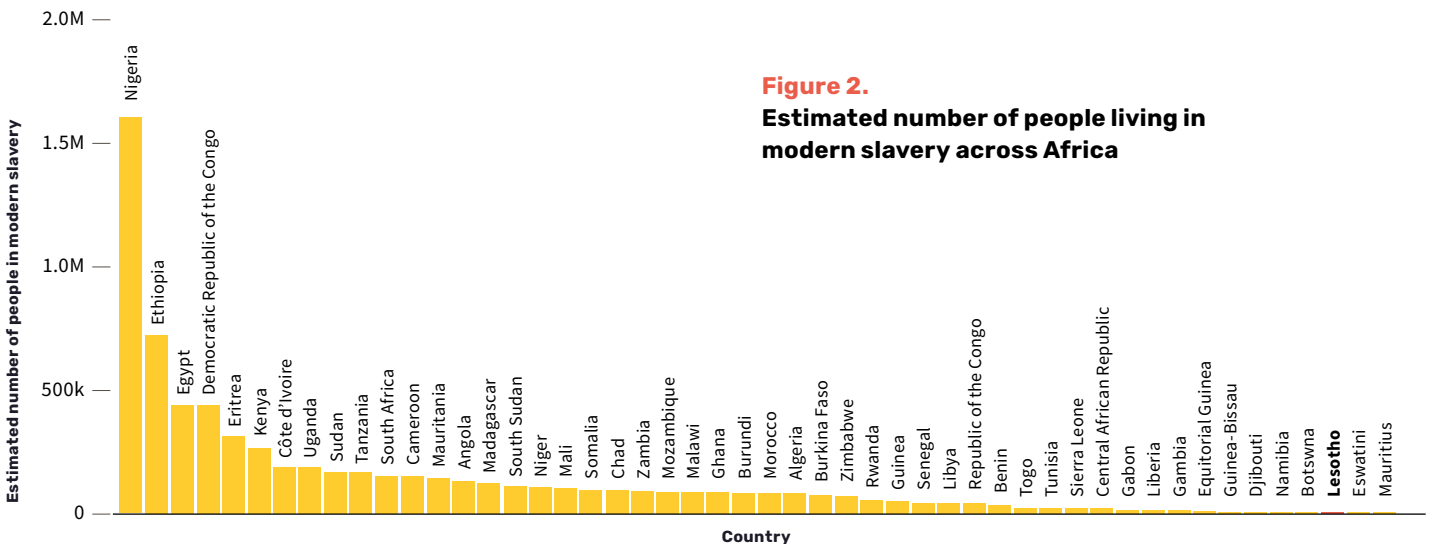


Figure 2.
Estimated number of people living in modern slavery across Africa

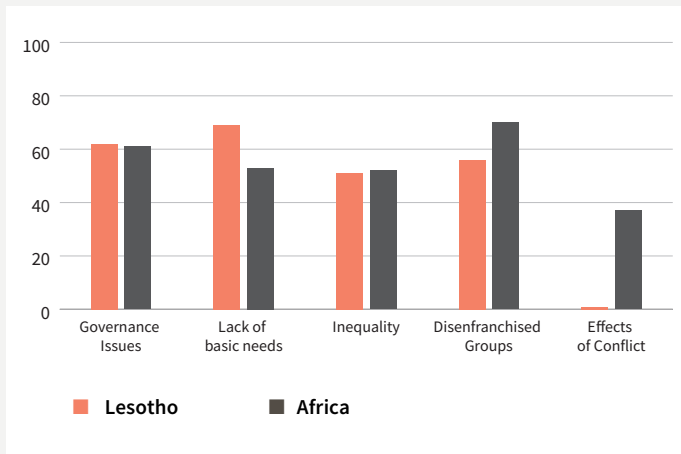
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

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, Lesotho is rated as 59 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of lack of basic needs.

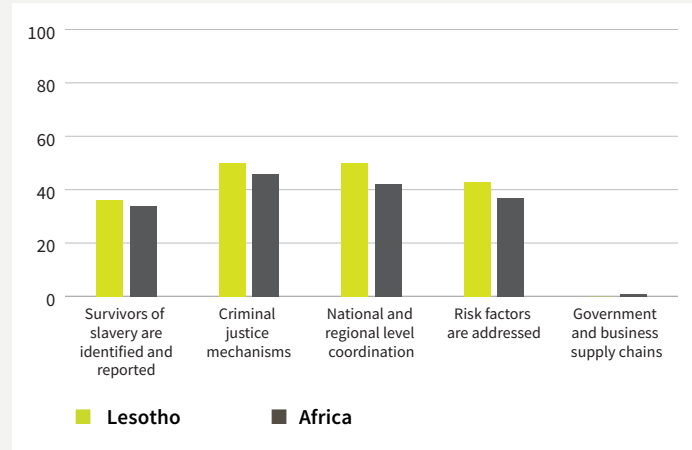
Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Lesotho to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



Government response to modern slavery

The government of Lesotho 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 Lesotho's responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



Priority Recommendations for the government of Lesotho

- 1 Criminalise human trafficking in line with international conventions.
- 2 Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.
- 3 Enact and enforce laws that criminalise corruption in the public sector.

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