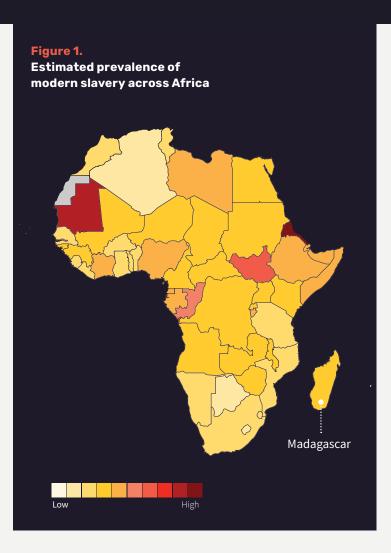
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#### **KEY STATS**

**Population (2021)** 27,691,019 **GDP per capita, PPP** (Current intl \$) \$1,544

4.6

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people 127,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

**60**/100

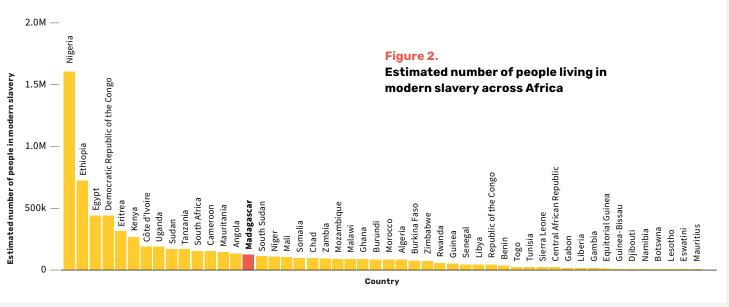
VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

42/100

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

### The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 4.6 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Madagascar at any point in 2021. In other words, 127,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Madagascar in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Madagascar ranks 96th globally and 24th within Africa.



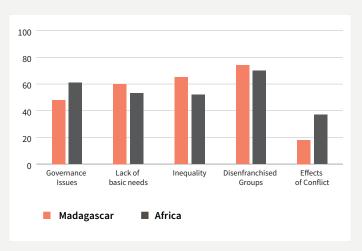
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#### **Vulnerability to modern slavery**

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, Madagascar is rated as 60 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

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



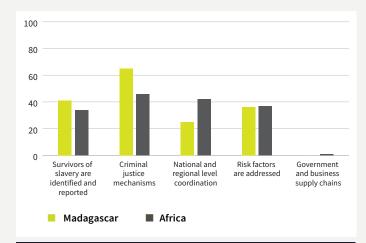


### Government response to modern slavery

The government of Madagascar scored 42 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 Madagascar's responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



## **Priority Recommendations** for the government of Madagascar

- Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.
- Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.
- Enforce legislation recognising that victims should not be treated as criminals for conduct that occurred while under control of their exploiter.