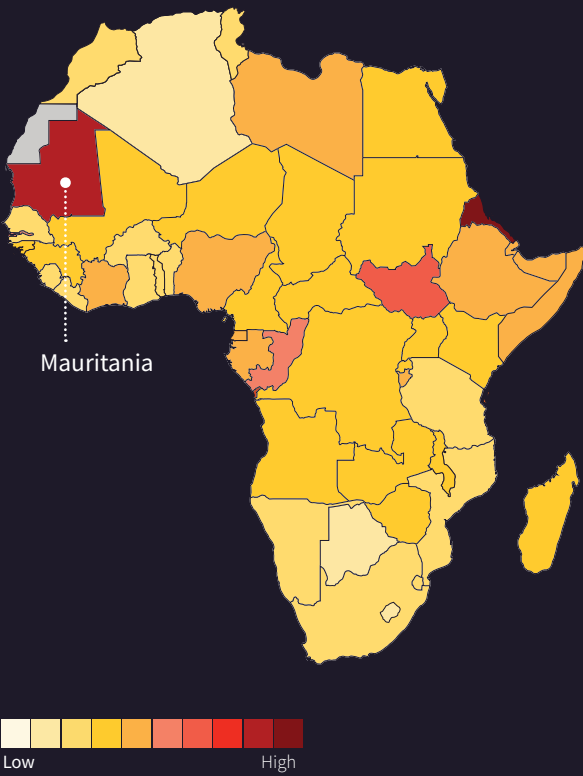


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## Global Slavery Index 2023 Country Snapshot



**Figure 1.**  
Estimated prevalence of modern slavery across Africa



### KEY STATS

**Population (2021)** 4,649,660

**GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$)** \$5,390

**32.0**

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

**149,000**

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY**

**66/100**

**VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY**

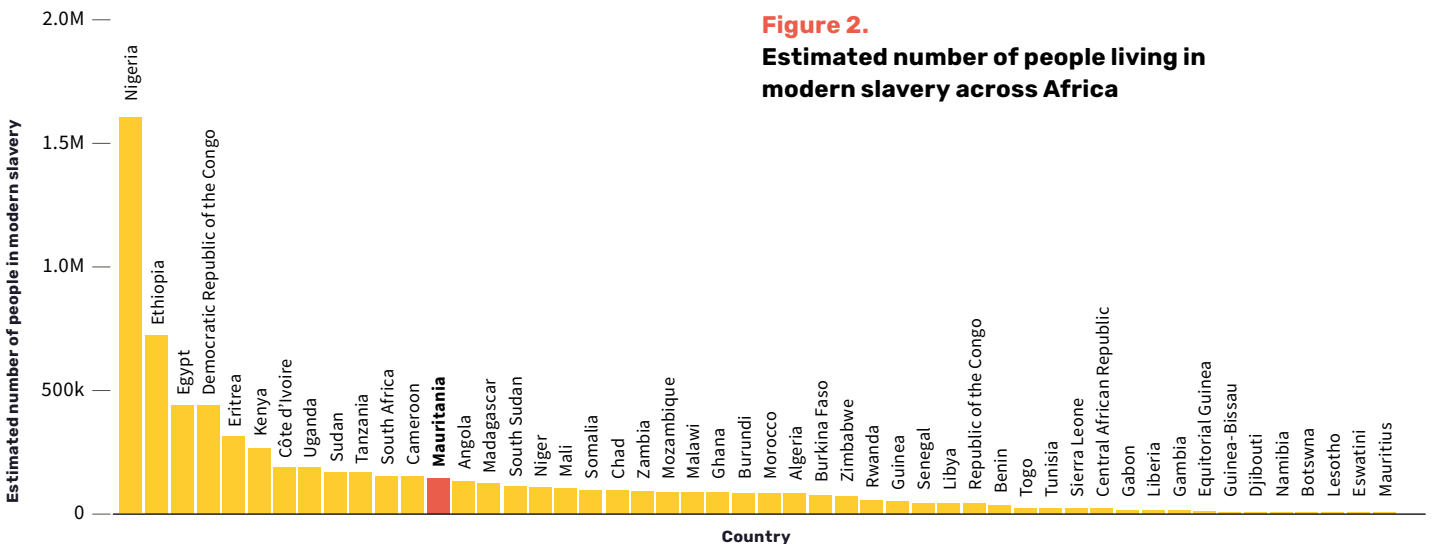
**35/100**

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY**

### The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 32 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Mauritania at any point in 2021. In other words, 149,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Mauritania in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Mauritania ranks 3rd globally and 2nd within Africa.

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



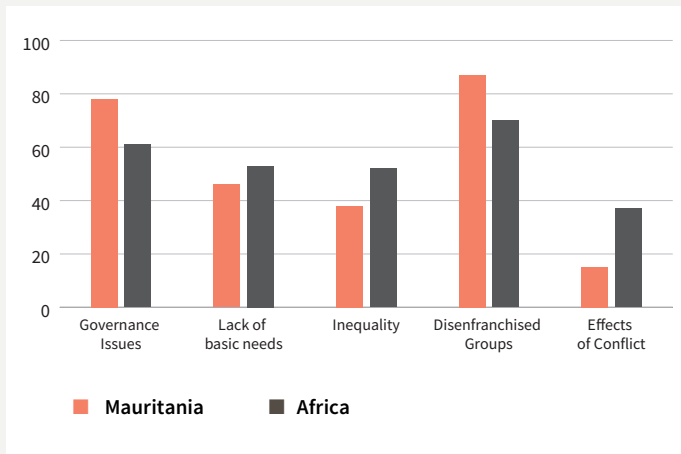
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## Vulnerability to modern slavery

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 to modern slavery, Mauritania is rated as 66 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

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



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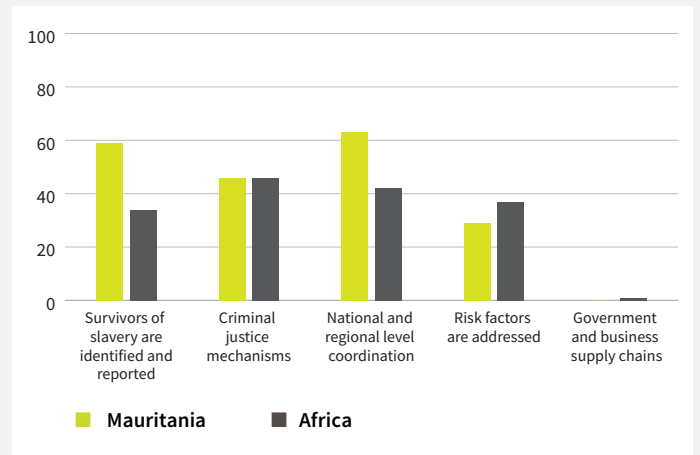
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For more information on modern slavery, visit the Global Slavery Index 2023 website.

## Government response to modern slavery

The government of Mauritania scored 35 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 effective criminal justice mechanisms and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

**Figure 4.**  
**Government of Mauritania's responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average**



## Priority Recommendations for the government of Mauritania

- 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** Fully fund anti-slavery courts and provide comprehensive training to judges, prosecutors, and lawyers on implementation of the 2003 Law Against Trafficking in Persons Act and the 2015 Anti-Slavery Act.