Modern slavery in Togo
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Country Snapshot

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 3.3 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Togo at any point in 2021. In other words, 28,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Togo in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Togo ranks 120th globally and 36th within Africa.

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, Togo is rated as 57 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

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

**Government response to modern slavery**

The government of Togo scored 33 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 Togo’s responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average

**Priority Recommendations for the government of Togo**

1. Criminalise forced labour in line with international conventions.
2. Criminalise human trafficking in line with international conventions.
3. Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.

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