Modern slavery in Bolivia
Global Slavery Index 2023
Country Snapshot

The scale of modern slavery
According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 7.2 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Bolivia at any point in 2021. In other words, 83,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Bolivia in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Bolivia ranks 52nd globally and 9th within the Americas.

KEY STATS
Population (2021) 11,673,029
GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl $) $8,052

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY
per 1,000 people

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY
GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

7.2
83,000
47/100
47/100

Figure 1.
Prevalence of modern slavery across the Americas

Figure 2.
Estimated number of people living in modern slavery across the Americas
**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, Bolivia is rated as 47 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

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

**Government response to modern slavery**

The government of Bolivia scored 47 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 national and regional coordination of the response to modern slavery and least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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

**Priority Recommendations for the government of Bolivia**

1. Criminalise forced labour in line with international conventions.

2. Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.

3. Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.