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The scale of modern slavery
According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 7.0 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Honduras at any point in 2021. In other words, 69,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Honduras in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Honduras ranks 58th globally and 11th within the Americas.
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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, Honduras is rated as 62 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of inequality.

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

Government response to modern slavery
The government of Honduras 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 addressing risk factors of modern slavery and least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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

Priority Recommendations for the government of Honduras

1. Criminalise forced labour in line with international conventions.
2. Criminalise human trafficking in line with international conventions.
3. Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.