

Modern slavery in Qatar

Global Slavery Index 2023 Country Snapshot



Figure 1.
Prevalence of modern slavery across the Arab States



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 2,881,060

GDP per capita, PPP (Current Intl \$) \$89,961

6.8

PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people

20,000

NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY

38/100

VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY

49/100

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY

The scale of modern slavery

According to the Global Slavery Index 2023, an estimated 6.8 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Qatar at any point in 2021. In other words, 20,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Qatar in 2020. Qatar ranks 60th globally and 7th within the Arab States.

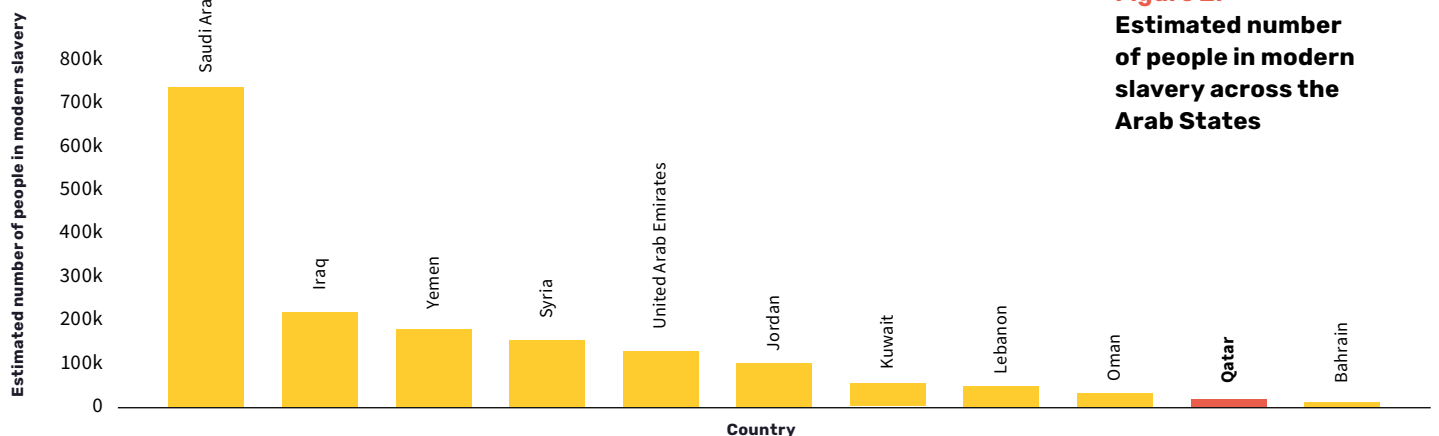


Figure 2.
Estimated number of people in modern slavery across the Arab States

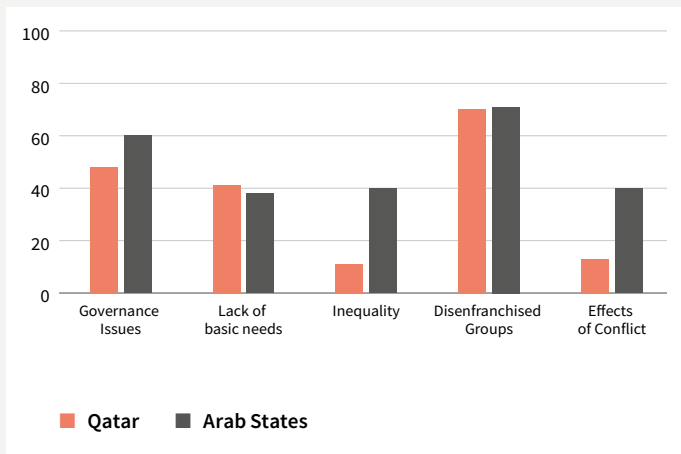
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

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, Qatar is rated as 38 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

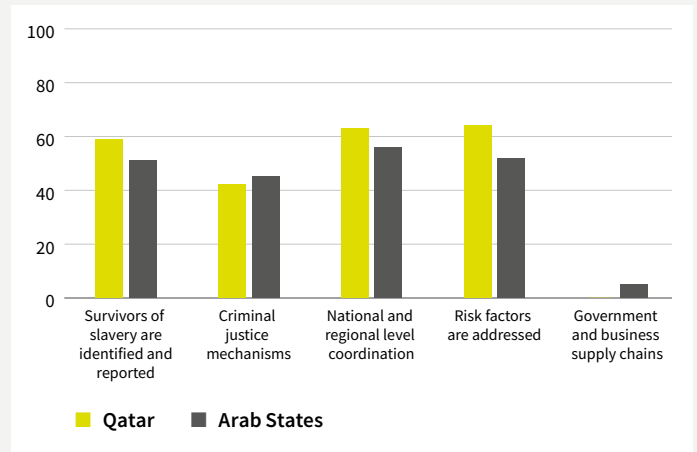
Figure 3. Vulnerability of Qatar to modern slavery by dimension of vulnerability, compared to the regional average



Government response to modern slavery

The government of Qatar scored 49 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 addressing risk factors of modern slavery and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4. Response of the government of Qatar to modern slavery by government response milestone, compared with the regional average



Priority Recommendations for the government of Qatar:

- 1 Remove laws or policies that prevent or make it difficult for workers to leave abusive employers without risking loss of their visa, deportation, and/or loss of security deposits.
- 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.