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Figure 1. Prevalence of modern slavery across Europe and Central Asia

The scale of modern slavery
According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 11.8 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Albania at any point in 2021. In other words, 34,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Albania in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Albania ranks 15th globally and 7th within Europe and Central Asia.

Figure 2. Estimated number of people in modern slavery across Europe and Central Asia
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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, Albania is rated as 40 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

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

Government response to modern slavery

The government of Albania scored 62 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 Albania to modern slavery by government response milestone, compared with the regional average

Priority Recommendations for the government of Albania:

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.