Modern slavery in Azerbaijan
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KEY STATS

| Population (2021) | 10,139,175 |
| GDP per capita, PPP (Current Intl $) | $14,479 |

| PREVALENCE OF MODERN SLAVERY per 1,000 people | 10.6 |
| NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY | 107,000 |

| VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY | 57/100 |
| GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO MODERN SLAVERY | 59/100 |

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 10.6 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Azerbaijan at any point in 2021. In other words, 107,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Azerbaijan in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Azerbaijan ranks 19th globally and 10th within 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, Azerbaijan is rated as 57 and has above average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

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

Government response to modern slavery

The government of Azerbaijan scored 59 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 effective criminal justice mechanisms and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

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

Priority Recommendations for the government of Azerbaijan:

1. Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.
2. Increase the legal age of marriage for males and females to 18 years without exceptions.
3. Ensure health care schemes are in place that allow everyone to access affordable health care regardless of gender, ethnicity, religious background, or geographic region.

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