

Global expertise

Our programmes cover a broad range of issues and we have a strong track record of collaboration with service providers, law enforcement agencies, NGOs, trade unions, lawyers, businesses and government authorities.

- In the UK, our actions include lobbying the government; advocacy in individual cases; advice on modern slavery in supply chains; steering the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group
- In Africa, we tackle descent-based slavery (Mali, Mauritania, Niger) and forced child begging (Senegal)
- In Asia, we challenge the practice of bonded labour (India, Nepal) and forced labour in corporate supply chains (Thailand, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan); and work to protect workers migrating to the Middle East
- In Europe, our advocacy work focuses on all forms of trafficking and exploitation in supply chains
- Globally, we run a bespoke programme on domestic servitude as well as forced and early marriage affecting women and girls, including child domestic work (Peru, Tanzania); and migrant domestic workers (India, Nepal, Bangladesh, the Middle East, UK)



“Thanks to the support from Anti-Slavery International I could leave behind being exploited as child domestic worker. Now I’m working to help children like me.”

**Angel,
from Tanzania**

Impact

Change cannot happen overnight and, as we have seen, concerted action over years can make a difference:

- **2015:** We helped obtain the inclusion of slavery eradication as a target in the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals
- **2015:** We lobbied the parliamentarians to include meaningful measures on victim protection and transparency in supply chains in the UK Modern Slavery Act
- **2014:** We obtained a commitment from the government of Senegal to end forced child begging in the country’s “daara” schools
- **2014:** We worked to help establish the International Labour Organization’s new international protocol on forced labour
- **2014:** Thanks to our intervention, the UK Supreme Court ruled that trafficked people have the right to recover compensation from their traffickers irrespective of their immigration status
- **2014:** We secured the historic first ever conviction for slavery in Niger, and obtained a commitment from the government to support schools for children affected by slavery
- **2014:** We’ve been closely involved in uncovering forced labour of migrants in Qatar

With the support of our donors, members and citizens from around the globe, we will continue to expose and campaign against slavery in the 21st century.

**Please help make slavery a thing of the past.
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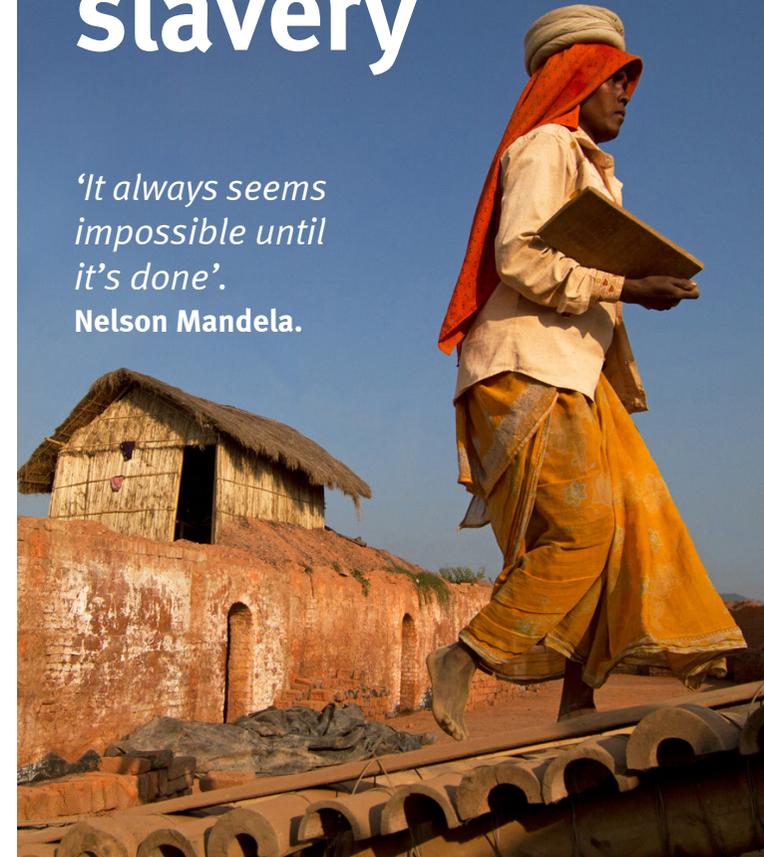
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For a world free from slavery

‘It always seems impossible until it’s done’.

Nelson Mandela.



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What is modern slavery?

Modern Slavery is the severe exploitation of people for personal or commercial gain. Victims are deceived or coerced into a situation which they cannot leave.

While slavery is today, for the most part, illegal across the world, it is far from being eradicated; worldwide, there are a minimum of **21 million people** in slavery.

‘When I started having children they separated them from me. They started working as soon as they could walk. Life was all about work’.

Chouaida mint Mbowrick, born into slavery in Mauritania.

Slavery is closer than you think. It happens all over the world including in the UK and the rest of Europe.



‘We are all implicated in the webs of forced labour and it is difficult to remove ourselves from it. It is dangerous to think of ourselves only as consumers and we need to think of ourselves as engaged citizens demanding actions from government’.

Aidan McQuade, Director of Anti-Slavery International.

In the UK alone there is an **estimated 13,000** victims of modern slavery in areas such as food processing, factories, construction, car wash, agriculture and tarmacking.

Shockingly, **1 in 4 victims of modern slavery in the UK are children** and exploitation takes many forms: criminal, sexual, labour or domestic servitude.

Anti-Slavery International is uniquely placed to combat modern slavery

Anti-Slavery International is the world’s oldest international human rights organisation, founded in 1839 by British abolitionists such as William Wilberforce and Thomas Clarkson.

Today, Anti-Slavery International is the only UK-based charity exclusively working to eliminating all forms of slavery and slavery like practices throughout the world, including:

- forced labour and bonded labour
- human trafficking
- descent-based slavery
- worst forms of child labour
- slavery in supply chains
- forced and early marriage
- the exploitation of migrant workers in conditions amounting to slavery

We have consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council, participatory status with the Council of Europe and we are a member of the International Labour Organization Special List of NGOs. We have been involved in the development of all major laws against slavery, including:

- UN 1926 and 1956 Slavery Conventions
- 1930 ILO Convention 29 on Forced Labour
- 1999 ILO Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour
- 2011 ILO Convention 189 on Domestic Work



‘To repay the loan we had to work for our landlord for seven years, from 4am – 8pm every day.’

Mathura and Dolamani Bagh, former bonded labourers in India

A comprehensive approach



We deal with the root causes of slavery and its consequences to achieve sustainable change.

We raise awareness, we campaign, and we directly engage with governments and international organisations.

We work in partnership with local organisations. This is critical to understanding the local context and the specific approaches necessary to achieve sustainable change for the victims of slavery.

Alongside our local partners, we support individuals and communities affected by slavery and we facilitate access to education, justice and compensation for people freed from slavery.

‘I was locked in the flat from the outside so that I couldn’t go out for three years.’

Fasika, former migrant domestic worker in Lebanon

With our partners, we can build a world free from slavery. Together, we:

- investigate and expose current cases of slavery
- identify the best ways to stop these abuses and influence policymakers to take action
- press for effective implementation of laws against slavery
- support victims of slavery in their struggle for freedom
- empower individuals and communities vulnerable to slavery to demand respect for their human rights and obtain protection
- work with the private sector to identify and address slavery in global supply chains.