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Report
2022**

How you helped resist slavery and restore freedom in 2022

Equipping children to live in freedom

In Tanzania and Ghana many children work as domestic servants in people's homes. However, forced labour, violence and sexual harassment are common and hidden from sight.

Thanks to your support, we worked with child domestic workers, child advocates, law makers, schools, and employers to prevent and respond to abuse and exploitation in domestic work.

Because of you, children were supported to leave abusive situations; educated and empowered to understand and defend their rights; and trained as plumbers and seamstresses to find safer and better paid jobs.

More than **300** child domestic workers were helped to overcome physical and social isolation, and to learn about their rights and how to seek assistance if these rights are breached.

100 children completed six months of vocational training in fields such as plumbing and sewing. This has resulted in at least 10 young people finding better jobs.

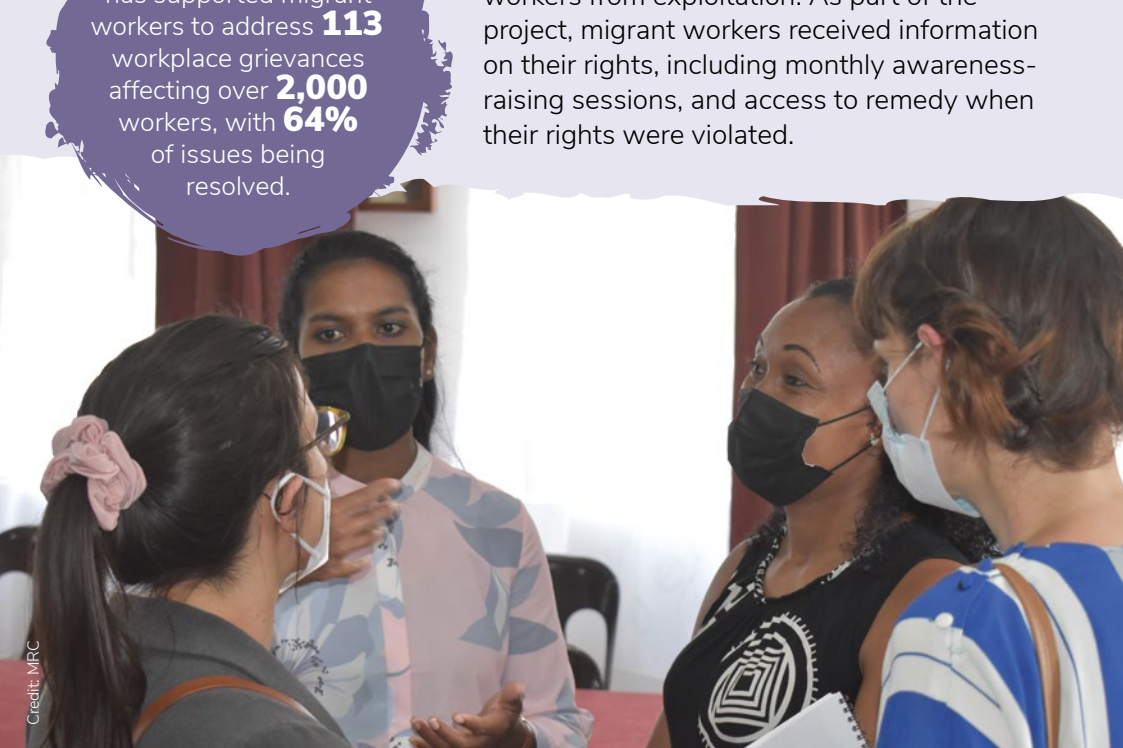
Empowering migrant workers to defend their rights

Millions of people migrate every year in search of work to support their families. Sadly, migrant workers are extremely vulnerable to trafficking and many end up in forced labour. They are often afraid to speak out due to fear of reprisals by their employer, the threat of deportation, and the loss of income needed to support their families back home.

We supported the development of a specially designed **mobile app** for workers to access reliable information on their rights in Mauritius and the ability to report grievances directly to the Migrant Resource Centre.

The Migrant Resource Centre has supported migrant workers to address **113** workplace grievances affecting over **2,000** workers, with **64%** of issues being resolved.

Over the last 3 years, you've helped support the launch and running of a Migrant Resource Centre in Mauritius to protect vulnerable workers from exploitation. As part of the project, migrant workers received information on their rights, including monthly awareness-raising sessions, and access to remedy when their rights were violated.



Making sure trafficking victims get the support they need

The Recovery Needs Assessment (RNA) – part of the UK’s modern slavery system – was designed to provide survivors with adequate support to meet their needs as they recover from their experiences. But until 2022 it hadn’t been independently reviewed.

In spring 2022, the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group, which we chair, launched the first report to look at the experience of the RNA process led by people with lived experience. It includes first-hand experiences of people receiving support through the RNA.

The report found that survivors are being failed, including being left destitute at times. The report calls on the Home Office to introduce key improvements to make sure that those within the system are adequately supported, and not left vulnerable to re-trafficking.

Since publication, the report has led to important conversations with the Home Office and MPs about improving the RNA process and the support offered to all survivors of modern slavery in the UK. We continue to urge the Government to use our recommendations to develop a comprehensive support package that aids victim recovery, with meaningful collaboration and input from survivors.



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Credit: Jonathan Moore

Fighting to end human rights abuses in supply chains

UK and EU Laws are not strong enough to stop companies selling goods made on the back of slavery. But with your help, we continued to call for new laws in the UK and EU to hold business and the public sector to account for supply chain human rights abuses and environmental harms.

Thanks to your tireless campaigning, we've been at the forefront with our partners, Corporate Justice Coalition (CJC), calling for the UK Government to introduce new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act. We've also called on the EU and several governments around the world to introduce strong legislation to protect people and planet.

Thank you for signing our petition with CJC – you have contributed to over **128,000** people calling for a new UK law to hold businesses accountable when they fail to prevent supply chain human rights abuses and environmental harms.

The European Commission published a proposal for **mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence** legislation to greater protect workers from exploitation.



Credit: Simon Buxton

Ending state-imposed forced labour in Uzbekistan

For nearly 15 years, the Cotton Campaign, a coalition of international human and labour rights organisations, including Anti-Slavery International, has been at the forefront of human rights campaigning to end state-imposed forced labour in Uzbekistan.

With your support, together we were able to put pressure on the Uzbek government – through boycotts, business engagement and international advocacy.

This historic achievement marks the end of widespread human suffering in which more than a million children and adults – including medical staff, public sector employees and students – were forced to pick cotton every year.

This campaign is estimated to have transformed **over one million** lives.

For the first time independent monitoring found no evidence of **systematic state-imposed forced labour** in the Uzbekistan cotton harvest.

Campaigning to protect people from the climate crisis

Climate change continues to destroy livelihoods. It affects the most marginalised people, forcing migration and increasing vulnerability to modern slavery.

We campaigned at a national and international level and partnered with climate change experts to make sure that climate change is recognised as contributing to modern slavery.

In 2022, we have seen progress with a new UN expert being appointed to look at the connections between climate change and modern slavery.

“ We are much stronger together. We need a movement, led by those who live in affected regions, that can amplify the voices of those who have experienced the links between modern slavery and climate change. ”

Jasmine O'Connor, CEO, Anti-Slavery International



Credit: Olivia Ackland

2022: Our impact around the world

1 in 150 people around the world are living in modern slavery.

EU

Fighting to end human rights abuses in supply chains.

Campaigning for stronger laws to protect people from slavery in global supply chains.

Join our campaign and find out more antislavery.org/take-action/campaigns

UK

Campaigning for Survivors' rights and amplifying their voices.

We published a report on the Recovery Needs Assessment process and are using its findings to press the Home Office to improve support to survivors of modern slavery. We also fought against the Nationality and Borders Bill during its journey through Parliament and continue to campaign against the policies that will harm victims of modern slavery.

Mauritania and Niger

Empowering people to freedom.

We worked in local communities to facilitate individuals leaving slavery and empowered them once they had – with education, income generating activities and registering as a citizen. 1,754 people in Niger were helped to gain ID cards, opening the door for them to access decent work and send their children to school.

Tanzania and Ghana

Equipping children to live in freedom.

We supported child domestic workers to leave abusive situations and pursue their dreams away from domestic work and a vicious cycle of slavery.

Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan

15 years of campaigning.

Following 15 years of campaigning to end state-imposed forced labour in Uzbekistan, independent monitoring found no evidence of systematic state-imposed forced labour in the Uzbekistan cotton harvest. We also continued to campaign for the end of forced cotton picking in Turkmenistan.

Xinjiang Uyghur

Autonomous Region, China

Advocating for Uyghur rights.

Alongside coalition partners, we continued to shine a light on the Chinese government's horrific persecution and forced labour of the Uyghur people.

1 in 4 people in slavery are children.†

We spent **£3,287,627*** on eradicating slavery and raising more vital funds.

You helped us raise **£3,474,614***

Mauritius

Empowering migrant workers to know and access their rights.

The Migrant Resource Centre in Mauritius has helped 2000 migrant workers in their employment and to protect themselves from exploitation.

Our incredible supporters

Anti-Slavery International supporters ran, hiked, biked, campaigned, lobbied and petitioned throughout 2022 – find out how you can get involved at antislavery.org/take-action

Story of freedom


Thousands of people across West Africa are still born into slavery – known as descent-based slavery. Leaving their master is difficult, sometimes impossible, and that is only one step to freedom. With our partners across Mauritania and Niger, we work in local communities to facilitate individuals leaving slavery and empower them once they have – with education, income generating activities and registering as a citizen.

Saidou* lived in rural Mauritania and was enslaved from birth. As a young child, Saidou would get up early in the morning, fetch water, prepare the food, wash the dishes, and take care of the livestock. She lived with her masters, was always the first up and the last one to go to bed.

She fell ill to the point where she couldn't stand. Her masters simply didn't care and wouldn't do anything to help her.

Thankfully, Saidou was introduced to SOS Slaves, our partners in Mauritania. SOS Slaves rented a house for her and paid for her medical treatment. Saidou refused to go back to her masters and her life in slavery. She stayed in the house and over-time, gradually integrated into society.

Saidou received financial help from SOS-Slaves and six years ago set up a small business selling vegetables and couscous which supports her family of six children. She receives regular visits from the women mentors who give her advice on how to better integrate into society – skills and advice that are vital for finding freedom.



*name changed to protect her identity.

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