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Restoring freedom, together

- Defending survivors' rights
- People resisting slavery
- Standing with people born into slavery

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Freedom is a fundamental right

Founded in 1839, Anti-Slavery International is the oldest international human rights organisation in the world. We began fighting to eliminate the slave trade and today, we're still fighting to end all forms of slavery and slavery-like practices around the world.

Our vision is to realise freedom from slavery for everyone, everywhere, always. We aim to do this by:

- Making the end of slavery everyone's concern;
- Acting as an ally to survivors and people at risk of slavery, elevating their voices and experiences to create radical change; and
- Challenging and changing law, policy and practice so everyone, everywhere can be free from slavery.

Cover image: Henry, a migrant worker, in the house he built in Madagascar because of his work in Mauritius.

Credit: Jessica Turner for Anti-Slavery International

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Partnerships that restore freedom

Only by working together can we make our vision of restoring freedom from slavery a reality for everyone, everywhere, always. By exchanging expertise, knowledge and experience, we can be more ambitious in our campaigns against modern slavery around the world. As a supporter, you play a vital role in this work, helping to maintain and build a community of partners and changemakers around the world. From local advocates in Tanzania to fundraisers in Malaysia, we are a truly global movement for freedom.

In Autumn 2022, the *Global Estimates of Modern Slavery*¹ reported that nearly 50 million people live in slavery. The Covid-19 pandemic, the climate emergency and global conflicts continue to exacerbate modern slavery.

Our campaign to restore freedom must continue. We must come together to push for change. We must dismantle the structures and systems that allow slavery to thrive.

Over the past six months, we've been able to spend more time with our dedicated partners. This edition of *The Reporter* is a testament to the incredible progress that we can make together, with your support.

In the UK, we've been working with allies to challenge the current government's dangerous hostility



Jasmine O'Connor OBE
Anti-Slavery International
chief executive

towards victims and survivors of modern slavery. We are campaigning both against its harmful rhetoric and against its concerning proposals that would reduce much-needed support and protections.

With our partners in the EU, we are campaigning to strengthen proposed new laws on forced labour. We're putting increased pressure on decision-makers to ensure these laws protect everyone in supply chains from forced labour and allow them to access justice and support.

Thank you for supporting this vital work. Whether by donating, speaking out against slavery, running and swimming for freedom, or by raising money and awareness in your communities – it makes a massive difference. With your support, we are working with local changemakers, our partners around the world, national governments and international bodies to create the change needed. Together, we can build a world in which everyone, everywhere is born and lives in freedom.

1. *Global Estimates of Modern Slavery: Forced Labour and Forced Marriage*, International Labour Organization (ILO), Walk Free, and International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva, 2022.

Why the campaign to end slavery must continue

The 2022 *Global Estimates of Modern Slavery* make it clear that we must continue adapting to the changing nature of modern slavery and the challenges we face as we work for a world free from slavery.

In September 2022, Walk Free, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) released new Estimates.

Concerningly, they indicate that nearly 50 million people are living in modern slavery, almost 10 million more than in 2017.

This rise is partly driven by major global crises – among them Covid-19, widespread conflict and the climate emergency – demonstrating that we must continue to adapt to the changing nature of slavery. These crises have worsened the underlying conditions that drive slavery – such as poverty and discrimination – and forced more people to migrate. **Here, we outline some of the key forms of slavery presented in these Estimates.**

A global call to action

The 2022 *Global Estimates* are a **call to action for all of us**. They tell us that modern slavery is increasing, is urgent and is everywhere. Together, we must make slavery everyone's concern. Everyone should be talking about it, sharing these figures and putting pressure on governments and businesses to act.

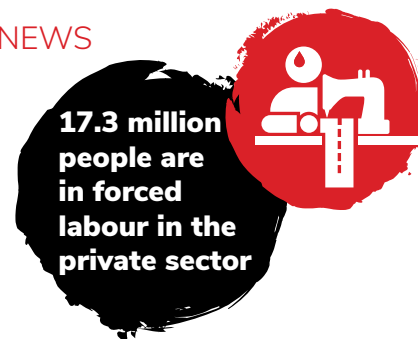


Child slavery

More than 12 million children live without their freedom. This includes 3.3 million children in situations of forced labour and many more in situations of child marriage.

Forced child labour is taking place all around the world, including across the UK. **In July 2022, Sir Mo Farah shone a light on this often-hidden phenomenon** when he shared his childhood experience of being trafficked into domestic servitude.

Modern slavery is too often hidden in plain sight in our communities.



Forced labour

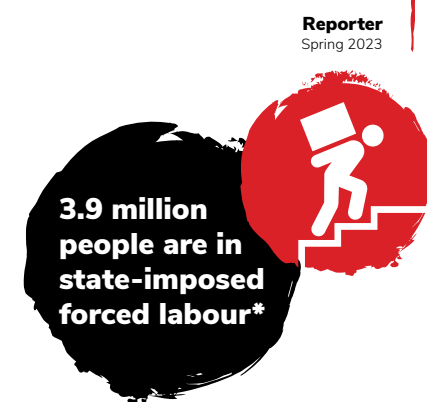
1 in 5 people in forced labour are made to work for no or extremely low wages, often to repay debts incurred to cover exploitative recruitment fees.

Thousands of migrant workers recruited to work in **Qatar for the 2022 World Cup** found themselves in this situation. **Burdened with extortionate fees**, paid meagre wages and subject to wage theft, they were left trapped and exploited.

Everyone deserves to work in a safe environment, be paid fairly and have the option to change jobs, without fear of reprisal, but migrant workers are three times more likely to be in forced labour in the private economy than people working in their home country. In a new and often unfamiliar place, away from their support system, migrant workers are at increased risk of modern slavery.

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

*2022 Global Estimates on Modern Slavery. International Labor Organization, International Organization for Migration and Walk Free.



*State-imposed forced labour takes place when national or local authorities force citizens to work, where people have not offered themselves voluntarily.

State-imposed forced labour

We have been working to end state-imposed forced labour for over a decade, in particular in Uzbekistan, where our campaign achieved great success. Today, we are tackling state-imposed forced labour in **Turkmenistan** and the **Uyghur Region** of China.

State-imposed forced labour is a fundamental part of the Chinese Government's system of persecution against the Uyghur, Turkic, and Muslim majority peoples in the Uyghur Region. Brave activists, including Jewher Ilham and Rushan Abbas, have shared the plight of their missing family members as the campaign to end Uyghur forced labour gains global momentum.

With 50 million people still living in slavery, we need your support now more than ever, so we can keep adapting to the changing nature of slavery. **Together, we can build a world where everyone can live in freedom.**

Fighting for survivors' rights

Over the past months, the current UK government's hostility towards victims of modern slavery has increased dramatically. We stand with victims and survivors and urge the government to listen to them. We are urging the government to stop withdrawing much-needed support and protections.

Only a few months ago, the government's proposed improvements to the UK's Modern Slavery Act gave us cause for hope. We were hopeful in our calls for stronger laws that would introduce import controls to stop goods made with forced labour entering the UK. We also called for more robust protections for victims of modern slavery in the UK. However, since then, the landscape has shifted drastically.

This government is steadily undermining the system set up to tackle modern slavery and support victims. In the UK this is making it harder for victims and survivors to access support and protection. It is using increasingly hostile and inflammatory language to unfairly attack victims' credibility.

Late 2022, this government announced plans to make it harder for people to be recognised as victims of modern slavery. This makes it more difficult to identify victims and leave more potential victims without protection and support.

There has been a concerning reclassification of modern slavery as an immigration issue, insufficient support, extensive delays in processing victims' and survivors'

cases, and new uninstantiated attacks on their integrity. Consequently, this government continues to pile insult on injury for people who've experienced the trauma of being enslaved.

What can we do about it? The United Nations human rights "health check"

Every five years, the UK undergoes a human rights "health check" at the United Nations called the Universal Periodic Review. During the Review, other UN member states assess how well the UK is living up to its human rights commitments.

In preparation for the UK's review in November 2022, Anti-Slavery International, alongside other activists, campaigned for increased scrutiny of the UK government's dwindling record on human rights.

During the **UK's previous review in 2018**, over twenty countries applauded the government for its "leadership on human trafficking and modern slavery", because of the then new Modern Slavery Act. It was praised by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for the "enhanced protection" it gave victims. **The context five years later is vastly different.**

Ahead of the 2022 Universal Periodic Review, we submitted evidence on the government's human rights failings and campaigned for the government to stick to its commitments. During the review, 14 States made recommendations on modern slavery. This spring, the UK government will have to accept or reject these recommendations, and we are watching closely.

The UN warns the UK government of the "chilling effect" of its hostility

In December, this government was further criticised, when **UN experts expressed alarm at its use of unfounded claims and sensationalist language against survivors of trafficking and modern slavery.** The experts stated that these attacks on the credibility of survivors and their legal representatives have a harmful and "chilling effect".

Alongside twenty other anti-slavery organisations, we issued a statement following this criticism. In it, we call on the government to end its roll-back of rights and protections for survivors and to recommit to supporting, assisting and safeguarding all victims of this grave crime.

While there are many threats to modern slavery protections in the UK, there are many opportunities too. We are working hard to make sure that the UK government does not backslide on its promises and commitments.

As we learn more about this government's plans, your continued support will have a crucial role to play in making sure that survivors continue to be protected. Get the latest campaign actions directly to your inbox at antislavery.org/subscribe.



A survivor accesses the different aspects they must address in their recovery, all with the knowledge of the limited time they are supported for.

Credit: Faltrego for Anti-Slavery International and the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group's report One Day at a Time

Campaigning for justice in Qatar

The Qatar World Cup will forever be tainted by the devastating exploitation and forced labour of migrant workers, thousands of whom suffered for a month of football. While the World Cup is now over, there are still many lessons we can learn and apply to all future world sporting events.

Made possible by the exploitation of vulnerable people seeking to provide for their families, the Qatar World Cup exposed the dark side of the so-called beautiful game.

Shocking research and testimony shared by our allies at Equidem (an organisation working for the rights of migrant workers) showed the sheer scale of the exploitation of migrant workers at the tournament's stadiums. Neither the migrant workers nor their families have yet received remedy for the violations they suffered.

Though the jubilation and disappointment of the games may have

faded now, the systems that make migrant workers vulnerable to modern slavery still exist in Qatar, the Gulf and worldwide, including in the UK. We are committed to eradicating hostile and exploitative labour immigration systems and protecting migrant workers from abuse and discrimination.

“Supervisors would hit us in front of other workers to pressure us to work faster and complete our work on time. This physical abuse was never addressed. You could report but nothing would happen because the perpetrators were our supervisors.”

A Kenyan worker on Lusail Stadium.
‘If we complain we are fired’, Equidem.

The organisers and participants of all international events must learn from this global failure. They must acknowledge the crucial role played by migrant workers and take responsibility for upholding fair and ethical labour practices.

Thank you to everyone who campaigned with us to shine a light on the exploitation of migrant workers and make it an issue FIFA could not ignore.



Protecting people and planet at the European Union

As part of our mission to end slavery in supply chains, we are advocating for the adoption of two new EU laws: one on due diligence and another on import controls and banning goods produced with forced labour from EU markets.

Through our advocacy at the EU, we hope to inspire EU leaders and policymakers to take more decisive action to make sure all people can live free from exploitation. As the world's largest trading bloc, the EU has the power to improve supply chains around the globe. With our global partners, we have been pressuring decision-makers in the EU on the need to strengthen current proposals.

With allies, we published our own draft of the law that the EU needs to adopt in order to ban products made with forced labour entering the bloc and people's shopping baskets.

Thank you for supporting our advocacy work, which has the potential to transform thousands, if not millions, of lives. By improving working conditions and access to justice around the world, we are putting people and planet before profit.



1. Due diligence

We need a law that will put the onus on businesses to prevent human rights abuses and environmental harm; hold companies accountable when they fail in this duty; and a law that enables victims of abuses to get justice.

The EU has introduced a proposal that has the potential to improve lives globally. It includes key elements we and our partners have been campaigning for. However, it needs to be stronger and we must make sure the law covers all businesses and makes it easier for workers to access justice and bring cases to court.

2. Import controls

Alongside the due diligence law, we need a second law that prevents goods made with forced labour from entering the EU. The EU proposal will ban products made with forced labour from being sold in, imported to, or exported from the EU. The proposal must be strengthened to cover state-imposed forced labour, such as in Turkmenistan and the Uyghur Region, as well as justice for victims when forced labour is found.

Meet the change-makers

As part of our work to make sure that no child experiences slavery in domestic work, we have a long-running partnership with the Tanzania Child Domestic Worker's Coalition (TCDWC). Bishop Professor Watae attends training sessions run by TCDWC to learn how to advocate for the rights of children in domestic work in his congregation.

The TCDWC is a coalition of organisations that provide a range of services, from frontline support for children, to vocational training and educational sessions for influential community members (such as politicians), employers and others.

Bishop Watae works with various organisations in the Coalition, attending seminars run by TCDWC that encourage the community to

come together and support children in domestic work.

Since attending the seminars run by TCDWC, Bishop Watae has been working to support these women and children who advocate in the community for their peers.

He began by organising seminars at his church, and he now coordinates other churches in the region so they can support children in domestic work together. His involvement in the Coalition and his role in the church have enabled him to be an advocate for children's rights and protections.

Your generous donations to our Christmas appeal makes work like this possible. Thank you for helping to amplify influential voices in these communities, inspiring change right at their heart.

Bishop Professor Watae

Credit: Jessica Turner for Anti-Slavery International

Empowering people to work safely abroad

Everyone should be able to enjoy decent and fair employment. In Madagascar and Bangladesh, we worked with partners to help people hoping to migrate to Mauritius for work to better understand their rights and protect themselves from exploitation and forced labour. In Antananarivo, Madagascar, our partner ECFORME has trained over 400 people planning to migrate for work, helping them to understand their rights.

The training explained why it is important that people migrating for work request a contract in their own language, review their pay slips and keep hold of their passport.

Virginie is a single parent, based in Antananarivo, Madagascar. She wanted to work in Mauritius so she could send money home and support her young family. When Virginie got to Mauritius, she was expected to work long hours in a garment factory and was not always paid for the work she did. Despite being under paid, Virginie was able to save money for her family. She has extended her house and is able to support her parents and children. When Virginie

returned to Madagascar she took part in the ECFORME training, so that next time she goes to Mauritius she will know her rights and be able to protect herself from exploitation.

Many people want to work abroad, and Virginie hopes that many more Malagasy people will get the same opportunity to learn about their rights. If she returns to Mauritius, she knows there will be many people supporting her. She has all the information that she needs.

While our project has now ended, its legacy lives on. Thanks to your support, people like Virginie have the knowledge to be able to seek decent work free from modern slavery.

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As a single mother, it is better not to be discouraged. We should always be optimistic in life, and fight. We should not rely on men as women can be strong and work hard without men. Since working in Mauritius, I have been able to support my family while saving hard to build an extra floor of my house.

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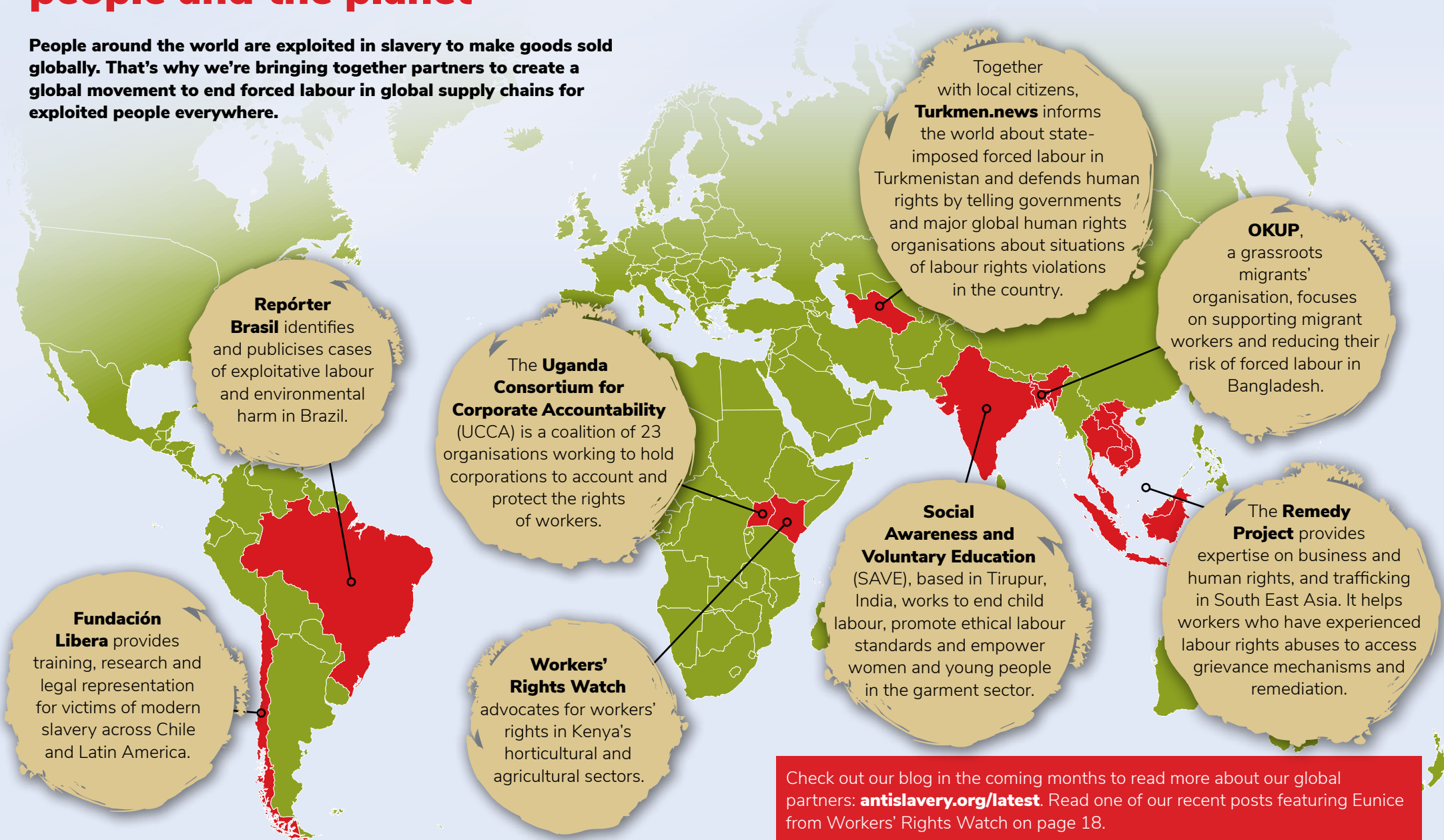
Virginie

Credit: Jessica Turner for Anti-Slavery International

A global movement protecting people and the planet

People around the world are exploited in slavery to make goods sold globally. That's why we're bringing together partners to create a global movement to end forced labour in global supply chains for exploited people everywhere.

By working together, we can ensure that the laws we are campaigning for will effectively tackle the exploitation workers globally are facing every day.



Check out our blog in the coming months to read more about our global partners: antislavery.org/latest. Read one of our recent posts featuring Eunice from Workers' Rights Watch on page 18.

Standing with people born into slavery

In Mauritania, a system of descent-based slavery that still exists means that people are born into slavery and are subjected to a life of forced labour. We support local partners working to dismantle these societal structures, calling for stronger enforcement of anti-slavery protections, so that one day soon, no one will be born into slavery.

We work closely with our partner SOS Esclaves to support people in descent-based slavery to build new lives in freedom. Together in December, we ran a workshop to chart our progress towards ending slavery and discussed how we can best help enslaved people to achieve, and adjust to, freedom.

Understanding why slavery persists in the countries where we work is central to this process. In Mauritania, this means asking what factors make people vulnerable to descent-based slavery, what allows masters to retain control over the people they exploit,

what anti-slavery laws are in place and how these are implemented and enforced.

These workshops help us and our partners plan the most effective campaigns possible, so we can make sure that no more children are born into slavery and that enslaved people can build new lives for themselves, in freedom.

Aziza, a regional coordinator at SOS Esclaves, supports people who have escaped from slavery to rebuild their lives away from their former masters, in freedom. People like Tahya.

Aziza



Credit: Daouda Correia

Tahya's story

Tahya used to live in the Tagant region near to Atar with her masters. She was expected to do all their domestic work, tend to their livestock and fetch water along with other domestic tasks. It was an extremely hard life. Tahya remembers the suffering she endured. When she was too tired to work, her masters would beat her. They were cruel and only gave her leftovers to eat.

She had been thinking about fleeing her masters for a long time, but she finally made the decision to do it about ten years ago. One day, after taking the herd of goats to another camp, she fled, walking all the way to another village. From there, she travelled to Nouakchott – the capital city – where she met other people from the Tagant region.

Her journey had been difficult, and even when she made it to somewhere she thought she would be safe, it turned out to be the home of her former master's relatives. They wanted to return Tahya to her master, but she managed to escape

again. She was helped by another family who arranged for her to go to Atar, where she had family. There she was reunited with her mother and met with the coordinator of SOS Esclaves, who offered her their support.

Tahya now has a new life in Atar. She got married and had three more children. She has also joined a network of formerly enslaved people and attends awareness meetings.

Tahya hopes to get her own house and some money to start a small business. She currently lives with one of her children and owns a plot of land. With the continued support of SOS Esclaves, Tahya has been able to build a life for herself in freedom.

You can help more women like Tahya to establish new lives in freedom, please donate at antislavery.org/donate



Tahya

Credit: Daouda Correia

Trigger warning –

this page contains references to themes of sexual abuse which some individuals may find distressing.

Exposing the dark side of the flower sector

Buying flowers can be a wonderful way to express love and friendship or to simply brighten up a living room. However, some flowers hide a dark secret. Eunice Waweru from Workers' Rights Watch – our partner in Kenya – exposes the exploitation of women in the Kenyan flower industry.

Kenya's tropical climate makes it ideal for growing flowers. It has a long history of growing horticultural crops for both domestic and export markets and the sector makes a significant contribution to the country's economy. The vast majority (95%) of Kenyan-grown flowers are exported to international markets, with most coming to the EU and the UK. The Kenyan flower sector directly employs about 150,000 people, the majority of whom are women.

However, Workers' Rights Watch has uncovered cases of workers being exploited in the industry. We've found that it is common for people to be forced to work, subject to threats and intimidation, and in fear of retaliation and losing their jobs.

Workers are given extremely high targets that they are unable to meet despite working 12 or 14 hour shifts. When they inevitably fail to meet their targets, female workers are forced to finish the target the next day without pay. Some have to bribe or offer sexual favours to a supervisor to keep their job. Workers are unable to refuse these orders given their dependence on the income from these jobs.

Conditions are deplorable and women's needs are often disregarded in the workplace. They are not, for example, allowed to take a break to breastfeed. Despite living far from the farms where the flowers are grown, the women are not offered transportation options. Some opt not to go to work at all or leave their children in hazardous day and night care centres.

These women deserve decent work on fair terms that respect their rights and give them access to justice when their rights are not respected.

We can improve situations like these with legislation that requires companies to end forced labour and environmental damage from their supply chains and benefit people and the planet. Please support our campaigns in the UK and EU to make this happen.



Add your name to our petition calling for a new law that protects people and the planet: antislavery.org/take-action/campaigns

Grassroots campaigning helping people impacted by climate change

Around the world, people are losing their livelihoods because of climate change. Many have been forced to migrate in search of new ways to survive, making them more vulnerable to modern slavery.

In South Asia, where this is particularly true, many people's lives are being turned upside down by climate change. Grassroot movements are expanding their work to support and protect the people most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

Much more research is needed to fully understand the connections between climate change and modern slavery, and how communities are impacted. That is why we have launched a new project with the Ovivashi Karmi Unnayan Program (OKUP), a grassroots migrants' organisation in Bangladesh, and the International Institute for Environment and Development. The project will generate evidence that will help governments take meaningful action to support people who migrate because

of climate change and reduce their vulnerability to modern slavery.

In Bangladesh, the effects of climate change are damaging livelihoods, causing more and more people to migrate or turn to dangerous industries where they are more vulnerable to exploitation and modern slavery.

Working with innovative partners, like OKUP, allows us not only to support grassroots change, but also to raise awareness of this issue to ensure global action.

Support people affected by climate change and modern slavery: antislavery.org/donate

“The weather has changed a lot and thus, our life. It is so difficult to survive. To earn my living, I am planning to go out and to work at a brick kiln this year (an industry where modern slavery is notoriously widespread) I will take my wife with me so that she can also find some work there.”

A farmer from Kaikhali union, Shyamnagar Upazila, Satkhira district in Bangladesh



Through membership, we are stronger

Why I'm a member of Anti-Slavery International.

Did you know that Anti-Slavery International has members? Our members form a movement of people who donate regularly to support our work to restore freedom to everyone, everywhere, always. Elizabeth Matthews, a longstanding member, and supporter of Anti-Slavery International, explains why she joined the movement.

Members have been a part of our crucial work for more than 180 years. Together they have helped us win many battles against injustice, from ending the transatlantic slave trade to campaigning for the UK Modern Slavery Act. They've also helped hundred of thousands of people to fight against injustice. From lobbying to make trafficking for sexual exploitation a criminal offence in the UK to helping tens of thousands of people to escape modern slavery and rebuild their lives in freedom, our members are fighting for freedom.

Elizabeth Matthews elaborates: “It saddens me that we still need to dedicate ourselves to abolishing slavery 184 years after Anti-Slavery International was founded. Although there are other organisations undertaking this task today, Anti-Slavery International can imbue



their efforts with the institutional memory from all these years of fighting the cause.

Years ago, I was part of a demonstration where several freed victims of modern slavery had to turn their backs to the camera so they could not be recognised. This would have put them in danger of being enslaved again. The shock of this made me want to join Anti-Slavery International.

I have long felt that justice doesn't happen without our dedication to eradicating the conditions that down press others. We have to strive to make our world better. Anti-Slavery International works tirelessly to do this.



Membership is a declaration that we are committed to this work. The money raised through our gifts makes it possible for Anti-Slavery International to do the work of abolishing slavery. Regular giving makes it possible for Anti-Slavery International to continue this fight.

I believe slavery is the most evil scourge we face today, and I will continue to dedicate my time and efforts to its eradication

through working with Anti-Slavery International, making as sure as I can be that I do not buy or use products that are the result of slavery.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg once said, “Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” I do my best to do this with the issue of slavery. I try to introduce it to my friends and family in such a way that I do not alienate them by being overbearing.”

Become a member and resist slavery

By giving a regular gift and becoming a member, you can become part of the movement that refuses to accept slavery in our society. You will help dismantle systems of abuse and exploitation, expose slavery wherever it can be found in the world, push to change laws, and support people to regain their freedom.

Together, we'll help everyone resist slavery, fight for their freedom and rebuild their lives in freedom. Through resistance, freedom will be restored.

Join today at antislavery.org/join



Making ending slavery everyone's concern

Engaging with the media is vital, both to raise awareness and to inspire action on modern slavery. We've been vocal on social media, in print, on tv, on the radio, and on various podcasts. Here are some highlights from the past few months.

Following Mo Farah's brave disclosure that he was a child victim of human trafficking and domestic servitude, Anti-Slavery International colleagues were interviewed live on BBC News, on BBC Radio Ulster, the Colin Murray Show and LBC, and had many interviews with print journalists.

Our UK and Europe Advocacy Manager was interviewed on Sky News about the UK's modern slavery system. Following the release of the Global Estimates of Modern Slavery, we were interviewed on Al Jazeera about how to spot the signs of slavery.

In response to the UK government's increasingly hostile narrative on modern slavery in the UK, we wrote for The Independent, calling on the Home Secretary to listen to and support victims and survivors. We have also been quoted in articles in The Mirror, The Independent, the i, The Guardian, Byline Times and the Morning Star.

The more people who know about slavery, the sooner we can end it. If you spot us in the news, be sure to tag us on social media and amplify our message!

In the build-up to the UK's human rights "health check" at the UN, we contributed to an article in The Guardian examining the UK's human rights record, with a particular focus on modern slavery.

Our experts have been interviewed extensively on the EU's proposal on forced labour and been quoted in various outlets. Two of these experts have also been named as influential people in EU trade by Politico.

Shining a spotlight on descent-based slavery – which so rarely gets international attention – we featured extensively in the Fascinating People, Fascinating Places podcast, talking about slavery in Mauritania.

We were also thrilled that Hadijatou Mani, a woman whose case against the state of Niger we have long supported, was featured in the BBC's 100 Women 2022 list.

Speaking up for freedom

Speaking out against injustice isn't always easy, but it's something we must all do to end modern slavery and ensure freedom for everyone, everywhere.

Each year, we speak about modern slavery to thousands of people in local communities like yours. Almost every time, someone says: "I wish I had known sooner". How many people do you know who would join our movement for freedom if only they knew it existed?

We cannot resist modern slavery without speaking up for freedom. It must be us and it must be now.

5 ways to speak up:

Get social

Be vocal on social media, share information and campaign for freedom.

Ask the questions

Ask the brands you shop with what they're doing to end modern slavery in their supply chains. We are always interested in the responses you get, so please pass them on.

Spread the word

Tell others what you know. We have lots of helpful resources for educators, faith leaders and fundraisers. Whatever your role, we would be happy to send you resources that work for you.

Get your MP involved

Your MP is in Parliament to represent you, and that includes your belief in freedom for everyone. Ask your MP what they are doing for modern slavery victims and let us know what they say.

Invite a speaker

If public speaking isn't your thing, don't worry; it's ours! Invite us to speak at your school, faith group, company or community group. We'll give attendees the tools to speak out against modern slavery. Every voice has the power to make a difference. How will you add yours?



Join “Team Freedom” this year

Taking on a challenge is a brilliant way to test yourself and feel good while raising awareness and money to help end modern slavery. Read on to learn more about how our supporters have taken part in events to support our work.

Ranjan's run for freedom

In January, Ranjan, 71, ran 10km to raise over £6,500 for Anti-Slavery International.

“ I have been a member of Anti-Slavery International for many years. I came to know of it about fifty-five years ago from an article in a news magazine. I never forgot it. I felt inspired about the continuing war against slavery in modern times. But a lot needed to be done. Although I had been involved occasionally in a small way in the work of Anti-Slavery International, I wanted to do more. So, I decided to undertake with my eldest son, Prasad, a ten-kilometre Run for Freedom on Sunday 8 January 2023 in the hills of a suburb in Kuala Lumpur in my home country, Malaysia. We wanted to raise awareness of modern slavery and the work of Anti-Slavery International and to help raise funds for Anti-Slavery International.



With support, advice, assistance and encouragement from family, relatives, friends, colleagues, well-wishers and Anti-Slavery International, we undertook training for the event and sought support for it from people in various parts of the world. We thank them all. By the time we made our announcement of our intention about four months before the date of the run, I felt sufficiently confident of being able, physically, and mentally, to complete the run.

It was an exhilarating experience when we completed the run and saw that we had made a contribution to achieving the object of helping the victims of slavery: more awareness of the cause and a total of at least £6,500 in financial contributions so far. **My life has been enriched by the experience of exerting myself for several months for the purpose of doing something meaningful and satisfying.**



If Ranjan has inspired you to take on your own challenge – from running a 10km to taking 10,000 steps a day for 30 days – order your **Fundraise for Freedom pack today at antislavery.org/take-action/fundraise-for-freedom-anti-slavery/order-your-pack.**

You can even join our team for well known events and take advantage of the places we have secured. Pound the pavements in your Anti-Slavery International running vest alongside thousands of other participants as we cheer you on from the sidelines! From the London Marathon to the Great North Swim, take on the challenge of a lifetime.

These events not only help us fundraise, so we can continue to resist slavery everywhere, but they are also a great chance to enjoy different landscapes and local cultural attractions.

We still have spaces this year for:

Bristol Half Marathon: Enter the South West's biggest event, happening on **14 May**! If stunning views, inspiring history and graffiti murals are your thing, then the Bristol Half Marathon is right up your street.

Great North Swim: Take the plunge and join a weekend-long celebration of open water swimming in the Lake District, **9-11 June**. Expect stunning scenery and the best of local food and drink.

Royal Parks Half Marathon: Run through the capital's best scenery and stunning parks this autumn, as you take in the cheers of the crowds, **Sunday 8 October**.

Go to antislavery.org/challenge-events to join Team Freedom today!

Why not represent Team Freedom at an event near you? If your event isn't on the Challenge list, email supporter@antislavery.org to join the team!

**Tahya**

Leave a gift of freedom

We all want to leave the world a better place through the actions we take in our lifetime. We take comfort in the knowledge that our loved ones will be able to build a better future for themselves with the legacy we leave.

But for the millions of people still living in slavery, a better future can seem out of reach.

As you've read in this issue of Reporter, many people are born into situations that make them vulnerable to slavery and exploitation. People like Tahya, in Mauritania, who escaped cruel masters. Her journey was difficult and beset by obstacles, but with the support of our partner SOS Esclaves, Tahya was able to build a new life for herself and her children in freedom.

For many people, the way out is not always clear.

By leaving a gift in your Will to Anti-Slavery International, you can help children and adults escape a life of modern slavery and build a life in freedom. A gift of just 1% of your estate could make a world of difference. Please take a moment to consider remembering this vital work in your Will.

For more information about leaving a gift in your Will and how your support can have lasting impact, please contact **supporter@antislavery.org**