



12 facts about Modern Slavery

- Slavery is not legal anywhere but happens everywhere.
- 36 million slaves in the world today. (Source: Global Slavery Index)
- The countries estimated with the most slaves are India (14.3 million), China (3.2 million), Pakistan (2.1 million) Uzbekistan (1.2million), Russia (1.1 million)
- Definition of a Slave: One who is forced to work, who is unpaid, unable to leave and who is controlled by violence or the threat of violence.
- The number of children enslaved is estimated at 9.4 million (ILO estimate)
- The modern-day slave trade is now called Human Trafficking
- Human Trafficking is smuggling plus coercion or deception at the beginning of the process and enslavement at the end.
- Human Trafficking is the fastest growing international crime and one of the largest sources of income for organized crime. Profits from Human trafficking are estimated by the ILO to be \$150 billion annually.
- The estimated amount of money spent on addressing Human Trafficking is just \$350 million.
- There are 1.1 million new Human Trafficking victims each year, which is 3,000 victims a day, which is 3,000 victims per day, 125 per hour. (Matt Friedman)
- 4,000 slaves are trafficked each year into Britain; 17,500 into USA.
- Modern slavery shares two key characteristics that distinguishes it from slavery in the past: slaves today are cheap and they are disposable. (see comparisons below)



Modern slavery is different from old slavery



Old Slavery

Legal ownership asserted

High purchase cost

Low profits

Shortage of potential slaves

Long-term relationship

Ethnic differences important

Slaves maintained

New Slavery

Legal ownership usually not asserted

Very low purchase cost

Very high profits

Glut of potential slaves

Short-term relationship

Ethnic differences less important

Slaves disposable