

The Facts: Part 1

*What is Human
Trafficking?*



Human trafficking is prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or control, and it comes in many forms- trafficking, child marriage, debt bondage, and forced labor. It exists on every continent, in almost every country.



The 2021 Global Estimates indicate there are 49.6 million people living in situations of modern slavery on any given day, either forced to work against their will or in a marriage that they were forced into.



Forced labour accounts for 27.6 million of those in modern slavery and forced marriage for 22 million, or nearly one of every 150 people in the world.



The problem is getting worse.
The 2021 figures show about 10 million more men, women, and children who have been forced to work or marry in the period since the previous estimates were released in 2017.



**Resource: Global Estimates of
Modern Slavery 2022 | Walk Free**



The Facts: Part 2

*Indicators of
Human Trafficking:*



When someone is coerced,
forced, or deceived into
prostitution or forced labor,
that person is a victim of
trafficking.



Some people are lured into slavery by a person they are romantically involved with. Others are tricked with false promises of a dream job. And, others are forced to sell their bodies by parents trapped in poverty.



Many high school and college students use social media to recruit fellow students into situations of sex trafficking.



Long-term consequences of sex trafficking include physical and psychological trauma, disease, drug addiction, unintended pregnancy, malnutrition, social ostracism, and even death.



Traffickers often promise their slaves freedom if they pay a debt—a false debt that is made up by the trafficker, a debt that never goes away, a debt that keeps a human a slave.



While many of us look forward to job promotions, sex trafficking victims have a different idea of what promotion means. To those trafficked, a promotion means the “opportunity” to recruit or transport other victims.



The Facts: Part 3

*Who are the
oppressed?:*



50M

people in the world today are
oppressed.



24M

are women and children.



12M

are underage children.



The average age of those entrapped by forced labor is 12 years old. That's right. 12. An age when most of us were in middle school, looking forward to becoming teenagers. But these children are just trying to survive every minute, every day.



Oppressed women and children struggle to live normal lives. Some struggle when they're forced to prostitute themselves. Others struggle as they work without pay. They live in constant fear—fear of those who hold power over them, fear of what the next day holds. They struggle to have hope.



The Facts: Part 4

The Stats



**53 countries reported
committing child sexual
exploitation in exchange for
financial support to orphanages
and schooling.**



22 million were in forced marriage. An increase between 2016 and 2021, partly due to the impact of COVID, conflict, and climate change.



**Children represent 1/4 of those
oppressed.**



**Nearly 28 million were
recorded to have been forced
into labor.**

