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Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

Acronyms and abbreviations

FY—Fiscal Year

GSI—Global Slavery Index

ILO—International Labour Organization

IOM—International Organization for Migration

NGO—Non-governmental organization

TVPA—Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000

UNODC—United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Glossary

Anti-Slavery International: is an international NGO based in the UK. Anti-Slavery International was founded in 1839 as the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society. It is the oldest human rights organization in the world.

Edo State: is a state located in southern Nigeria. It is one of Nigeria's most populous states with nearly 5 million people. Edo State was the location of the historic Benin Empire (1180–1300).

Forced Labor: all involuntary work or service exacted under the menace of a penalty.

Human Trafficking: is the recruitment, receipt, or harboring of persons where some deceit or coercion is used.

Kola Nut: is the fruit of the kola tree. Kola trees are found in Western Africa and the Balkans.

Middlemen: a term that refers to an intermediary that arranges deals between different parties.

Oba Ewuare II (1953–): born Eheneden Erediauwa, he is the current Oba of Benin, the title of the Head of State of the ancient Benin Empire (modern day Nigeria).

Palermo Protocols: refers to three protocols that were adopted by the UN after the Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Convention) in 2000. The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Woman and Children is responsible for setting the standard for laws preventing international trafficking.

Polaris Project: is an international NGO based out of Washington, DC. Polaris is responsible for managing the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and has built one of the largest databases on human trafficking that assists groups like the UN International Organization for Migration.

Slavery: refers to the status or condition of a person over whom any or all of the power attaching to the right of ownership are exercised. Modern slavery refers to “slave-like conditions” where someone is economically and physically exploited.

T-Visa: is a special type of visa that is given to victims of human trafficking (and any family members) to prevent deportation. The visa grants temporary work status and provides a pathway to citizenship for those who provide information that leads to their trafficker being prosecuted.

Table 1: Trafficking victims worldwide

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS WORLDWIDE		
Year	Victims Identified (STATE DEPT.¹)	Victims Detected (UNODC²)
2008	30,961	N/A
2009	49,105	N/A
2010	33,113	12,500
2011	42,291	14,000
2012	46,570	15,500
2013	44,758	17,000
2014	44,462	20,500
2015	77,823	24,000
2016	68,453	24,500
2017	96,960	N/A
2018	85,613	N/A

¹ U.S. Department of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2019 (p.38) and prior years. Figures based on data provided "by foreign governments and other sources and reviewed by the Department of State." The "victims identified" category is not further defined in the report but apparently refers to victims who have been officially certified as such by state officials, not alleged victims.

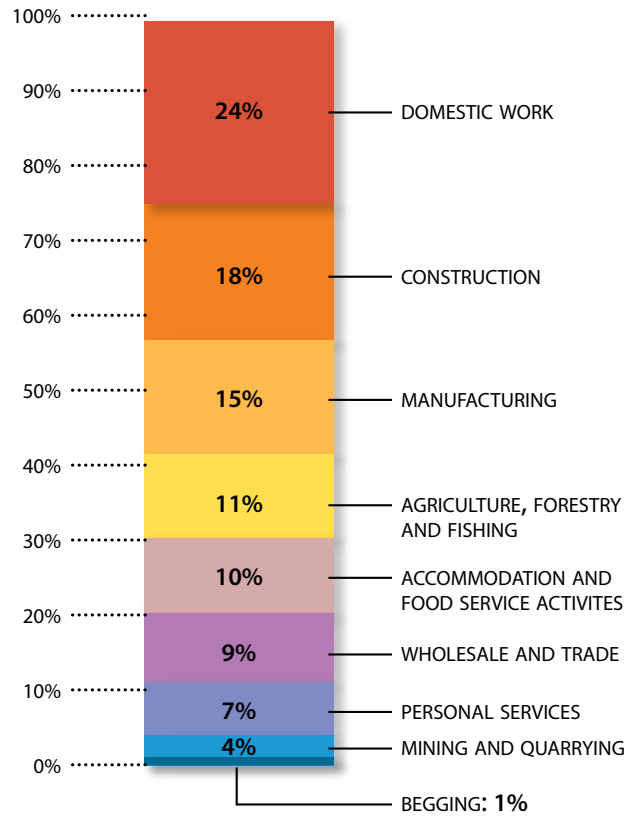
² U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2018 (p.21). Regarding the term "victims detected": "UNODC surveys governments on trafficking victims identified in their respective countries using a common questionnaire with a standard set of indicators, and then aggregates the results." The figures presented here are rounded, based on a UNODC bar chart.

Table 2: Worldwide prosecutions and convictions for human trafficking

Worldwide prosecutions and convictions for human trafficking		
Year	Prosecutions	Convictions
2007	5,682	3,427
2008	5,212	2,983
2009	5,606	4,116
2010	6,017	3,619
2011	7,909	3,969
2012	7,705	4,746
2013	9,460	5,776
2014	10,051	4,443
2015	19,127	6,615
2016	14,939	9,072
2017	17,471	7,135
2018	11,096	7,481

Source: U.S. Department of State, Trafficking in Persons Report 2019 (p.38) and prior years

FORCED LABOR BY SECTOR

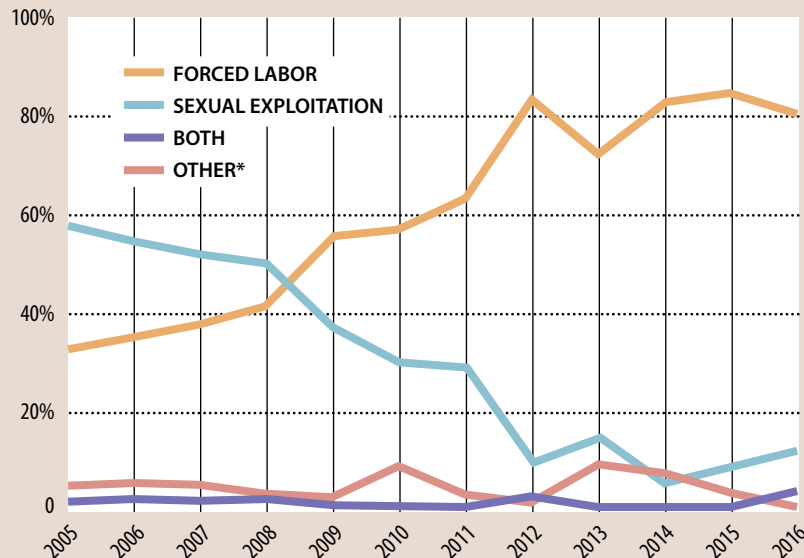


Source: International Labour Organization, Global Estimates of Modern Slavery, 2017, p. 32

NOTE: DUE TO ROUNDING, PERCENTAGES DO NOT ADD UP TO 100%

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EXPLOITATION TYPES AMONG IDENTIFIED VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING, 2005 – 2016 (by percentage)



*NOTE: "OTHER" INCLUDES: FORCED MARRIAGE, MILITARY SERVICE, LOW LEVEL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, AND TRAFFICKING FOR BLOOD, ORGANS OR OTHER BODY PARTS.

SOURCE: IOM HUMAN TRAFFICKING GLOBAL DATABASE, 2017