




# Modern Slavery

# **What is modern slavery?**

The severe exploitation of people for personal or commercial gain.

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- **Human Trafficking**
  - **Forced Labour**
  - **Slavery of children**
  - **Forced and early marriage**
  - **Organ harvesting**
  - **Forced criminality**

# Human Trafficking

“Trafficking in persons” shall mean the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. – Palermo Protocol

- ‘ACT’ The movement – recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons.
- ‘MEANS’ The control – threat, use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or the giving of payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim.
- ‘PURPOSE’ The purpose – exploitation of a person, which includes prostitution and other sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or similar practices, and the removal of organs.

For child trafficking only the ‘act’ and ‘purpose’ element is required.

# Forced Labour

The UN Convention Concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour defines 'forced or compulsory labour' as:

'all work or service which is exacted from any person under the menace of any penalty and for which the said person has not offered himself voluntarily'.

Labour is the provision of any service, not just manual labour. 'Penalty' may go as far as physical violence or restraint, but it can also take subtler forms of a psychological nature, such as threats to denounce victims to the police or immigration authorities.

- Means: Threat of penalty e.g. threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability
- Service: As a result of the means an individual provides a service for benefit, e.g. begging, sexual services, manual labour, and domestic service.

For children, only the 'service element' need take place for it to be forced labour.

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40 million people are estimated to be trapped in modern slavery worldwide



\$3.1 billion - of risky products imported by New Zealanders in 2019.

\$34 each week - is spent by an average New Zealand household on risky products.

Ending slavery

# A holistic approach

- Recognising and addressing 'push' factors
  - Poverty (inability to meet basic needs)
  - Discrimination (eg. gender, disability)
  - Immigration status
  - Lack of access to education and work
  - Lack of access to rights (access to justice, employment rights)
- Protection and rights of survivors
  - Identification
  - Support
- Supply chain due diligence (corporate and public sector)
- Criminal and civil justice

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