

## FACTS ABOUT MODERN SLAVERY

Article Four of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that *"no one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms."*

However, **45.8m men, women and children** are enslaved across the world today. Definitions of modern slavery include human trafficking, sexual exploitation and forced labour.

The Home Office has estimated that

**13,000**

people in the UK are currently living in modern day slavery

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In 2015, the British Parliament passed the Modern Slavery Act, designed to tackle slavery and trafficking in the UK

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Provisions within the Act included assured protection for victims and the establishment of the UK's first ever Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner

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As a result of the Act, the number of identified victims has risen by 40% and there have been more prosecutions

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However, the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner has stated that there are still "too many gaps in the system for victims to fall through."

In spite of Prime Minister Theresa May's vow to end modern day slavery, there is still plenty of work to be done