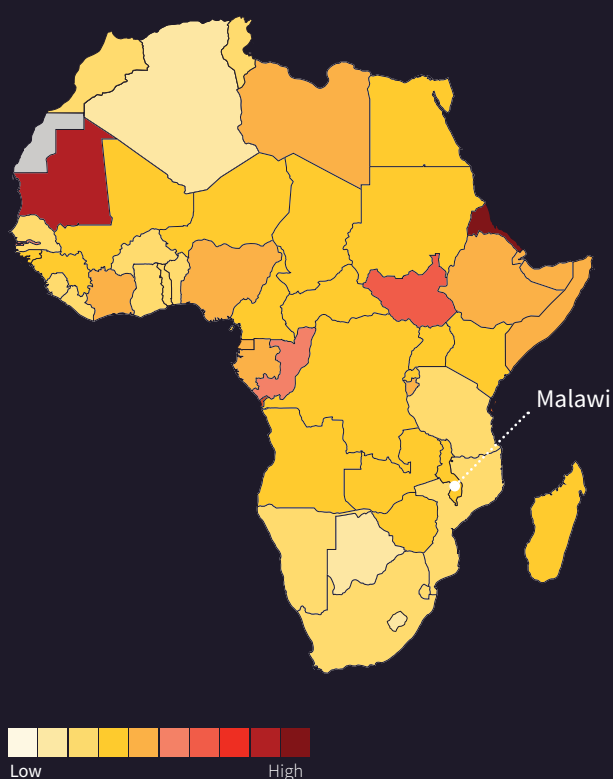


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Figure 1.
Estimated prevalence of
modern slavery across Africa



KEY STATS

Population (2021) 19,129,955

GDP per capita, PPP (Current intl \$) \$1,591

4.9

**PREVALENCE OF
MODERN SLAVERY**
per 1,000 people

93,000

**NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING
IN MODERN SLAVERY**

55/100

**VULNERABILITY TO
MODERN SLAVERY**

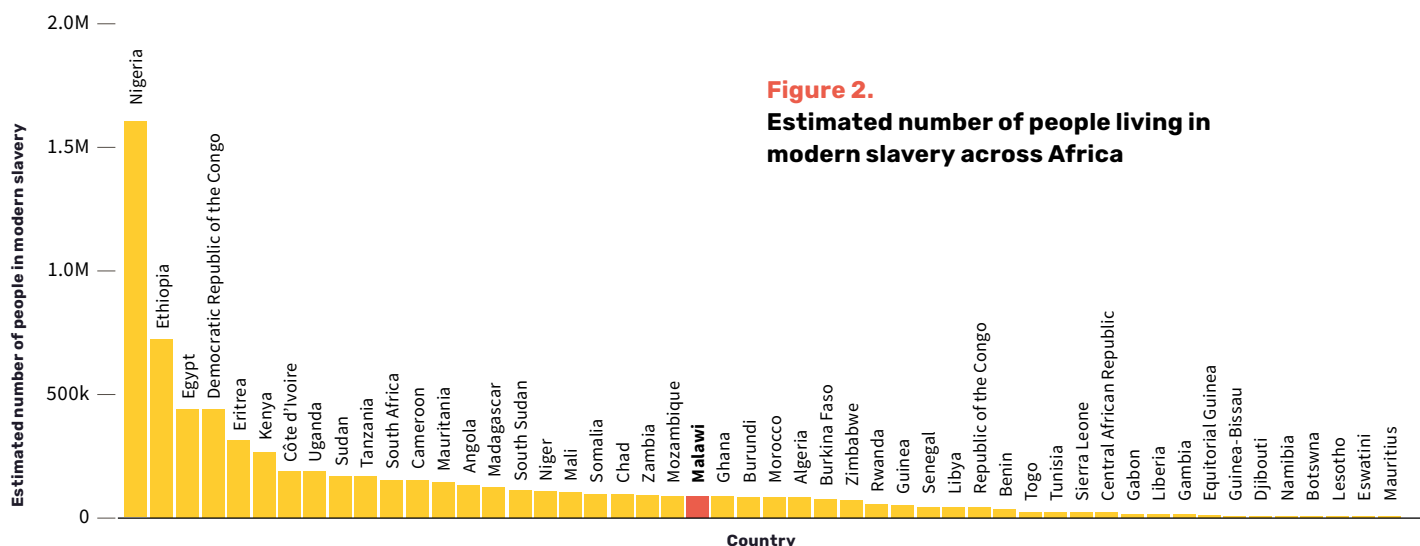
38/100

**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
TO MODERN SLAVERY**

The scale of modern slavery

According to the 2023 Global Slavery Index, an estimated 4.9 in every thousand people were in modern slavery in Malawi at any point in 2021. In other words, 93,000 people experienced forced labour or forced marriage in Malawi in 2021. In terms of prevalence of modern slavery, Malawi ranks 92nd globally and 22nd within Africa.

Figure 2.
Estimated number of people living in
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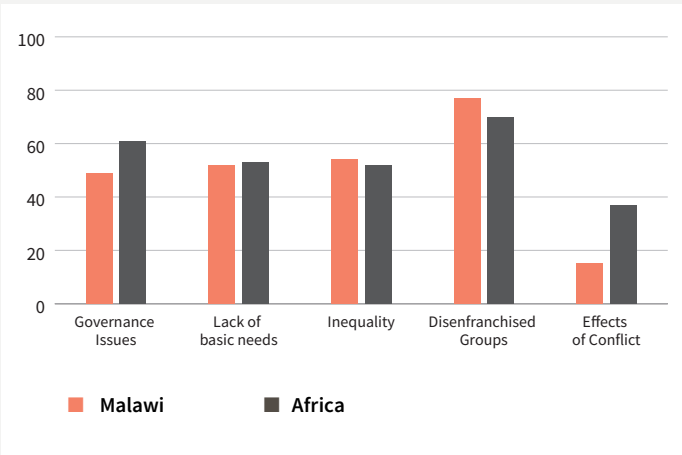
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Vulnerability to modern slavery

How vulnerable a country’s people are to modern slavery is dependent on a range of factors which reflect the strength of governance, access to basic needs, inequality, disenfranchised groups, and effects of conflict. On a scale of 0 to 100, with 100 being the highest vulnerability, Malawi is rated as 55 and has below average vulnerability for the region. Vulnerability is highest in terms of disenfranchised groups.

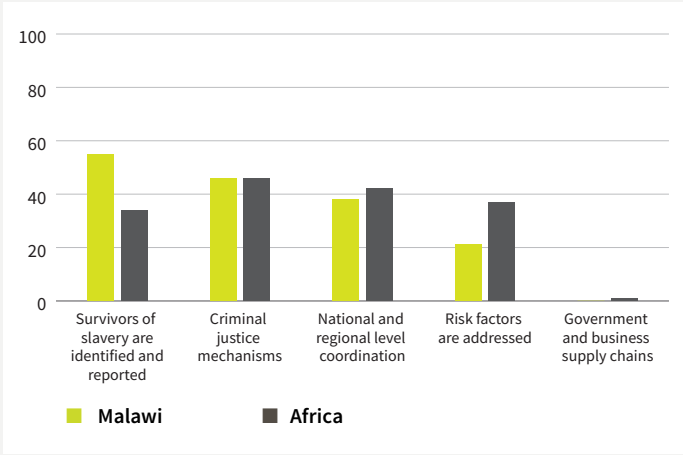
Figure 3.
Vulnerability of Malawi to modern slavery by dimension, compared to the regional average



Government response to modern slavery

The government of Malawi scored 38 out of 100 in their response to modern slavery. This places the government’s response above the average regional response. Of the five areas of response assessed (milestones), the government has taken most action on identification and support of survivors and the least action on addressing risk in government and business supply chains.

Figure 4.
Government of Malawi’s responses to modern slavery by milestone, compared with the regional average



Priority Recommendations for the government of Malawi

- 1 Criminalise commercial sexual exploitation of children in line with international conventions.
- 2 Ensure support services are available for all victims of modern slavery, regardless of gender, age, nationality, or sexuality.
- 3 Investigate and prosecute cases of public corruption and complicity in modern slavery cases.

A promotional banner for the Global Slavery Index 2023. It features a silhouette of two people carrying a large solar panel on a roof against a blue sky with clouds. The text 'THE GLOBAL SLAVERY INDEX 2023' is prominently displayed. Below it, a QR code is provided for more information. The 'WALK FREE' logo is also present.

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