

COVID-19 increases risks of forced labour and human trafficking in Asia

10 August 2021

Global Estimates of Modern Slavery



40 million

victims of human trafficking and slavery around the world

The prevalence is highest in
Asia and the Pacific

62% of victims for forced labour are found in the Asia-Pacific region

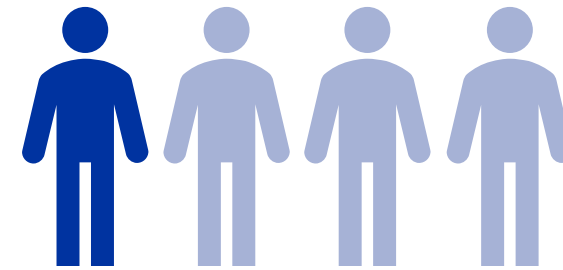


25 million

people are in situations of forced labour

More than
16 million are in the private sector

50% are affected by debt bondage



One in four

of the victims of forced labour are
international migrant workers

Migrant workers
are at greater
risk of abuse due
to the COVID-
19 pandemic



Lack of access to information

Loss of livelihoods, re-migration

Being pushed to irregularity



Non-payment of wages

Increased migration costs



Smuggling and trafficking networks

Lack of victim identification and support

IOM's response

Corporate Responsibility in Eliminating Slavery and Trafficking (CREST) programme

Supporting Migrant Forum Asia and networks of civil society organizations

Relief assistance, research, policy dialogue



Recovering better



Leave no one behind



Corporate responsibility to protect, respect and
remedy



Collaboration



Thank you