

# UNDERSTANDING MODERN SLAVERY, HUMAN TRAFFICKING & FORCED LABOUR

## Kenya

Estimated number of victims of modern slavery, human trafficking & forced labour:

328,000

Gender of victims:



67%



33%

Case study: **Trafficked for sex**

Asali, a twenty-year-old from Nepal, met an agent who identified himself as Bishal and offered her a job in Kenya. He put her in contact with 'Mr Asif', who arranged a passport and plane ticket to Mombasa for Asali.

Upon arrival, Asif informed Asali she would be performing a dance called 'mujra' at a restaurant called New Rangeela Bar in Nyali. In reality, Asali, along with three other women, was forced to become a 'sex slave'. Asif confiscated the passports of all four women.

Asif has been arrested and charged with three counts of trafficking, promoting human trafficking and interfering with travel documents. The four women have shared their stories with the police.

Biggest challenges in Kenya:



Exploitation of Kenyan workers in Europe, the US and Middle East within domestic sector, massage parlours, brothels and forced manual labour



Refugees and assylum seekers hosted in Kenya are particularly vulnerable to abuse and exploitation, due to limited access to education and employment

Type of exploitation:



Labour

60%



Sexual

20%



Other

20%

Key initiative

In 2018, the government launched a campaign on **Human Trafficking Awareness Day** using highway billboards and community outreach programs. The Government also partnered with the **IOM** to assess human trafficking in the coastal counties of Mombasa, Kwale and Kilifi.

Key organisations

\*Trace Kenya, [www.tracekenya.org](http://www.tracekenya.org)  
\*Haart Kenya, [www.haartkenya.org](http://www.haartkenya.org)  
\*Global Hope Network International, [www.lobalhopenetwork.org](http://www.lobalhopenetwork.org)  
\*Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, [www.knchr.org](http://www.knchr.org)  
\*IOM, [www.kenya.iom.int](http://www.kenya.iom.int)