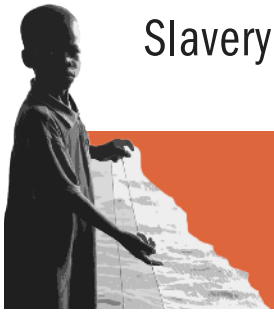
FREE THE SLAVES

TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY FACT SHEET

TENS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE IN SLAVERY TODAY

Estimates say **21-36 MILLION** are enslaved worldwide [1,2]

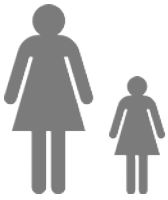


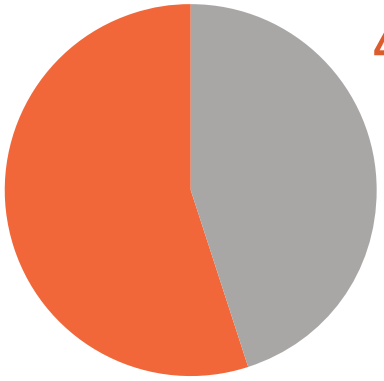
Slavery generates **$150 billion** for traffickers each year [3]

78% of slavery victims today are in labor slavery [1]

22% of slavery victims today are in sex slavery [1]

55% of slavery victims today are women and girls [1]





45% of slavery victims today are men and boys [1]

26% of slaves today are children under age 18 [1]

SLAVERY is not legal anywhere but happens EVERYWHERE

The U.S. has **60,000** victims in slavery today [2]

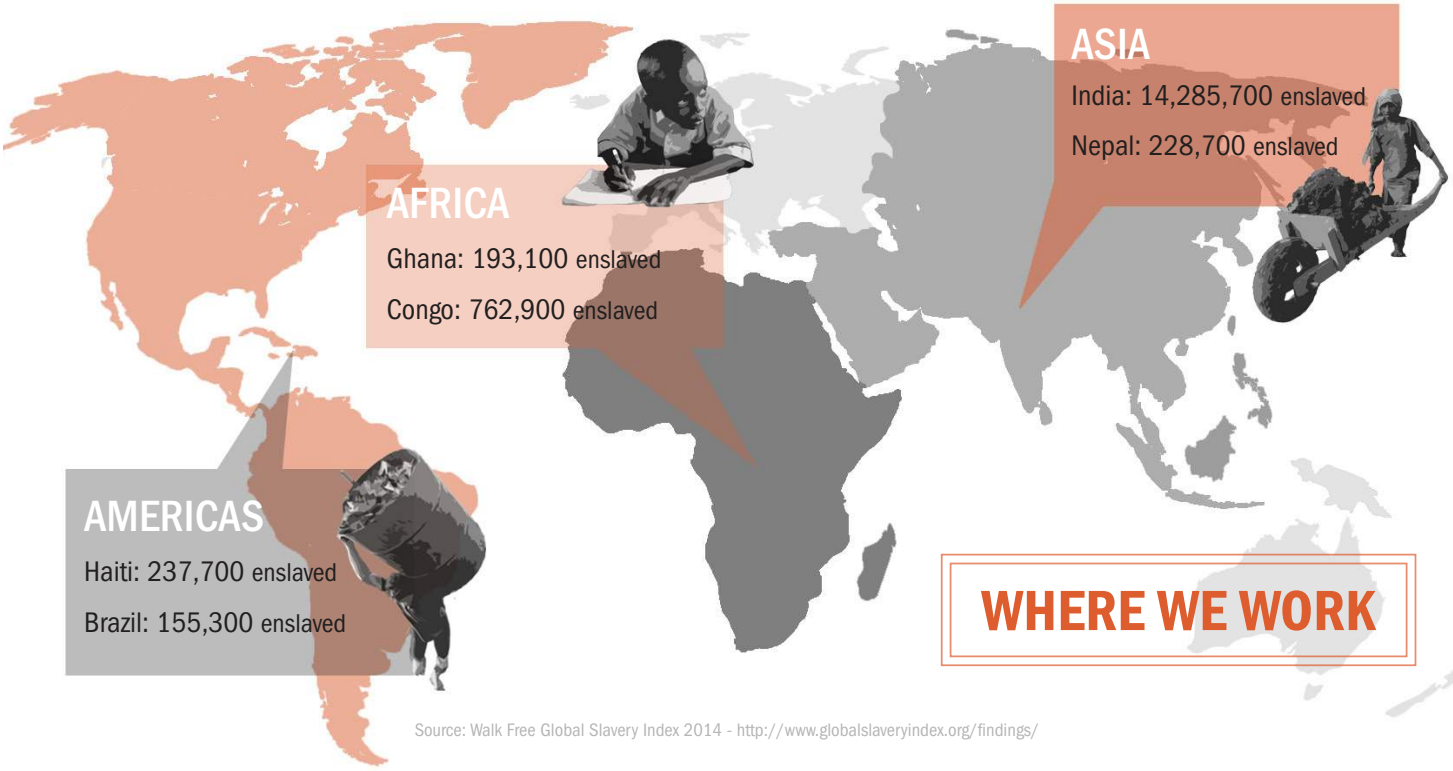
The U.S. ranks 145th out of 167 countries for slavery prevalence [2]

India has the largest number of people in slavery: **14 million** [2]

Mauritania has the highest percentage of its population in slavery: **4%** [2]

1. U.N. International Labor Organization Global Estimate of Forced Labor 2012 - http://www.ilo.org/washington/WCMS_182004/lang--en/index.htm
2. Walk Free Global Slavery Index 2014 - http://www.globalslaveryindex.org/findings/
3. U.N. International Labor Organization: Profits and Poverty, The Economics of Forced Labor, 2014 - http://www.ilo.org/global/topics/forced-labour/publications/WCMS_243391/lang--en/index.htm

Free the Slaves on the Front Lines



Source: Walk Free Global Slavery Index 2014 - http://www.globalslaveryindex.org/findings/

Human trafficking is the modern-day slave trade.

WHAT IS SLAVERY?

Slavery: being forced to work without pay, under the threat of violence, and being unable to walk away.

ARE YOU SUPPORTING SLAVERY?

Many everyday products are made by slaves, or with slavery-tainted parts or raw materials -- such as cars, computers, chocolate, cell phones and clothing.

WHERE DO SLAVES WORK?

Slaves work in-farm fields, factories, mines, construction sites, logging camps, restaurants, hotels, retail stores, brothels and private homes – anywhere slave owners can feed their greed.

WHO CAN END SLAVERY?

Everyone can help put an end to slavery: governments, businesses, investors, international organizations, faith communities, schools, consumers, and YOU.

WHAT WORDS ARE USED FOR SLAVERY TODAY?

Slave holders use many terms to avoid the word "slavery" – such as debt bondage, bonded labor, attached labor, restavec, forced labor, indentured servitude and human trafficking.

FREE THE SLAVES

Free the Slaves liberates slaves, helps them rebuild their lives, and transforms the social, economic and political forces that allow slavery to persist. We support community-driven interventions in partnership with local groups that help people to sustainable freedom and dismantle a region's system of slavery. We convince governments, international development organizations and businesses to implement key changes required for global eradication. We document and disseminate leading-edge practices to help the anti-slavery movement work more effectively. We raise awareness and promote action by opinion leaders, decision makers and the public. Free the Slaves is showing the world that ending slavery is possible.

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