



# BURKINA FASO

22,100,000

POPULATION\*

\$2,274

GDP (PPP)\*



77,000



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY\*

55.6/100



VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY\*

\*Global Slavery Index 2023 data. For more information on their findings, visit [GlobalSlaveryIndex.org](https://www.Globalslaveryindex.org)

## TRAFFICKING IN BURKINA FASO

Though it is considered a source, destination, and, increasingly, a transit country for human trafficking, the prevalence of the crime in Burkina Faso does not appear to have been extensively studied. Moreover, much of the available literature focuses on the trafficking and exploitation of children, though the knowledge base on the exploitation of adults is growing as well. That said, the 2018 Global Slavery Index estimates that there are about 82,000 people living in modern-day slavery in Burkina Faso, or around 4.5 people per 1,000. These figures place Burkina Faso at 40th out of 51 African countries in terms of prevalence.

With regards to key trafficking industries in Burkina Faso, gold mining has generated significant concern due to both labor trafficking and the sexual exploitation of women in and near the mines. The majority of publicly available information regarding trafficking within Burkina Faso seems to be focused on the trafficking and exploitation of children, primarily in two key forms: child forced begging and the recruitment of child soldiers. Children, particularly talibés (students at Quranic schools), may be exploited via forced begging in Burkina Faso. Also, children are recruited by extremist groups to be used as child soldiers. A recent Associated Press article, which cited an unpublished report from international aid and conflict experts, indicated that Burkina Faso has seen at least a five-fold increase in the number of child soldiers recruited since the start of 2021. Given both the recruitment of child soldiers and the increasing frequency of attacks on children themselves, Burkina Faso was added to the UN's 2021 Children and Armed Conflict report (the first time it has ever been included).





## LJI BURKINA FASO IMPACT SINCE 2018

242

INTERCEPTS

0

ARRESTS

1

STATIONS

6

STAFF

0

SHELTERS

## OUR TIMELINE

2018

Love Justice Kenya is established and has 51 interceptions in their first month, October, followed by their first arrest in December of that same year.

2020

By July of 2020, LJI Kenya staff grows to 10 members and two stations, and together, they have intercepted over 900 individuals to prevent them from being trafficked.

