



# RWANDA

13,776,698

POPULATION\*

\$2,214

GDP (PPP)\*



55,000



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY\*

52.9/100



VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY\*

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

## TRAFFICKING IN RWANDA

Rwanda received a Tier 2 Watch List ranking on the 2020 U.S. Department of State's Trafficking in Persons report, following a failure to investigate credible allegations regarding the recruitment of Burundian refugees to be child soldiers and victims of sexual exploitation. The country is a source, transit, and to a lesser extent, destination country for labor and sexual exploitation.

The majority of internal trafficking victims are believed to be children, for the purposes of both labor and sexual exploitation. Internal child trafficking is often facilitated through familial networks under the pretense of domestic work. Hotels have especially been linked with facilitating sexual exploitation, notably through sex tourism. Girls have been trafficked from Congolese refugee camps to nearby cities within Rwanda.

The most common external destinations for victims of trafficking include Uganda, other parts of East Africa, and the DRC. With the promise of a job in domestic work, victims are trafficked to the Middle East and can travel on a direct, international flight from Kigali. Other destinations include China, the U.S., Europe, Malaysia, and South Africa.





## LJI RWANDA IMPACT SINCE 2019

930

INTERCEPTS

33

ARRESTS

1

STATION

4

STAFF

## OUR TIMELINE

### 2019

Love Justice Rwanda is established and sees its first interception in October, followed by its first assisted arrest in November.

### 2020

Our teams on the ground in Rwanda distribute food and basic essentials to more than 480 of those most starving due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns.

