

# UGANDA

45,850,000

POPULATION\*

\$2,294

GDP (PPP)\*



190,000



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY\*

61.0/100



VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY\*

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

## THE PROBLEM

Uganda is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking. Based on the official numbers from various government departments, it seems as though internal and cross-border trafficking are similar in volume. According to the Ministry of Internal Affairs' 2013 report, the most common form of internal trafficking is "use in illegal activities," while the most common form of transnational trafficking is labor.

NGOs report that most child trafficking is internal and for domestic labor. Existing research indicates that girls are more affected than boys, but boys are reportedly trafficked at an early age (mainly around 10 years old) while girls are usually moved between 15 and 19 years old. Researchers believe this is because younger girls are more protected and their movements restricted as compared to boys. Most female victims end up in prostitution-prone environments while boys enter hazardous work like fishing on lakes, agriculture, markets, metal scrap, or stone quarries.

According to police statistics in 2014, the Middle East and Kenya are the top destinations for trafficking. India, Malaysia, Germany, and South Africa are also common destinations. The Ugandan government reported in 2016 that the top destination countries were UAE, South Sudan, and Saudi Arabia, with the largest number of Ugandan victims identified in UAE.





## LJI UGANDA IMPACT SINCE 2018

5,847

INTERCEPTS

122

ARRESTS

4

STATION

20

STAFF

## OUR TIMELINE

2018

Love Justice Uganda is established and has 4 interceptions in their first month, June.

2019

LJI Uganda launches its investigations team and sees its first two arrests in February.

