

Addressing modern slavery at CSW68

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

The 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place from 11 to 22 March 2024. This comes at a time when human trafficking is the fastest-growing crime worldwide, with over [50 million](#) people estimated to be in situations of modern slavery around the world.

Modern slavery is a highly gendered issue. Globally, women and girls face reduced access to quality education, decent work, and financial independence, creating heightened vulnerabilities to trafficking, forced labor, and other forms of modern slavery. [Women and girls](#) make up 71% of those trapped in modern slavery globally, constituting 99% of forced sexual exploitation, 58% of forced labor, and 84% of all victims of forced marriage. Additionally, women and girls who are survivors are also more likely to face sexual violence in addition to physical violence, economic exploitation, and revictimization.

Despite the widespread nature of modern slavery, the efforts of the international community are falling short of adequately addressing this human rights crisis.

We therefore call on Member States at the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women to take action on the following:

1. Reaffirm and fully implement all existing international agreements to combat modern slavery and human trafficking, ensuring that combating these issues remains a political priority.
2. Develop a concrete strategy and strengthen existing efforts to address the gendered nature of modern slavery and take steps towards its implementations meaningfully incorporating input from civil society, youth, and survivors.
3. Address the root causes, including lack of access to education for women and girls, economic inequality, unregulated supply chains, and discriminatory migration policies to prevent modern slavery and human trafficking.

Modern slavery and human trafficking in all its forms will only be eradicated if gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls is genuinely achieved. Our collective feminism must include the women and girls, in all their diversity, trapped in modern slavery, human trafficking, and all other forms of extreme exploitation.

We must leave no one behind.

Sincerely,

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International Coalition Against Modern Slavery

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1. Child and Youth Protection Foundation. Nigeria
2. Change Action Nepal
3. Defense for Children International- Palestine
4. Centre DIRECT, India
5. Youth Net and Counseling (YONECO), Malawi
6. Defense for Children-Liberia
7. Association pour la promotion de la lutte contre les violences faites aux femmes et la participation au développement de la Femme africaine (LUCOVIFA)- Cameroun
8. Biswas Nepal, Sankata, Newroad, Kathmandu, Nepal
9. Association Camerounaise De Lutte Contre La Traite Des Personnes (ascatp) , Cameroun
10. Lend A Voice Africa
11. NGO Atina, Serbia
12. One Future Collective
13. Armia Zbawienia Polska
14. One Body Village, Inc.
15. One Body Village Canada
16. Defense for ChildrenInternational-Ghana
17. Alliance for Community Transformation Uganda (ACT Uganda)
18. Liluye, USA
19. Aura Freedom International, Canada
20. Human Trafficking Search, USA
21. EverFree, USA
22. AusCam Freedom Project, Cambodia
23. Change Nepal
24. Purnata, India
25. Child Helpline Cambodia (CHC)
26. Child Protection Alliance - The GambiaBiswa Nepal
27. Azadi - Kenya
28. Oasis India
29. Mongolian Gender Equality Center, Mongolia
30. Youth Against Slavery Movement - USA
31. Payoke, Belgium
32. Bakhita Centre for Research on Slavery Exploitation and Abuse
33. Association for Human Rights and Women's Rights in Development (AWARD)Thailand

34. Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center
35. Stop Modern Day Slavery
36. Training and Service Center for the Integration of Women (Cecasem), Bolivia.
37. Human Rights Defenders Solidarity Network - Uganda
38. Canada House of Resilience Society, BC, Canada
39. ONG SIFOS Gabon
40. Treasures Ministries- Los Angeles, CA
41. Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN),
42. Prajwala, India
43. Destiny Foundation India
44. ActionAid International
45. Good Samaritan Association, Ethiopia
46. MISSION FREEDOM e.V., Germany
47. RENATE Europe Network.
48. URAT Network Albania
49. Do Bold, GCC Countries
50. Chab Dai, Cambodia, UK & USA
51. BridgeNorth Women's Mentorship & Advocacy Services, Canada
52. Child Helpline Mozambique - Linha Fala Criança "116"
53. The Salvation Army Sweden
54. Child and Environmental Development Association The Gambia
55. Halley Movement Coalition, Mauritius
56. BME Anti-Slavery Network (BASNET)
57. Instituto para el Desarrollo Humano - Bolivia
58. Antigonish Women's Centre & I Sexual Assault Services Association, Nova Scotia, Canada
59. Fundación Frida Kahlo, Restaurando Vidas ONG-Colombia
60. Young Women Initiative for Development (Ywide), Gulu District in Uganda
61. Women for Equal Chances-Congo (WEC-CONGO)
62. FUNASMED - Medical and Social Foundation (Loja-Ecuador)
63. Salvatorian Pastoral Care for Children Inc.(SPCC), Philippines
64. Tharuni, Telangana, India (www.tharuni.org)
65. Village Focus International (VFI in Laos - www.villagefocus.org)
66. Women's Rehabilitation Center, Nepal
67. Snap Recruitment and Consultancy
68. Bonded Labour Liberation Front Pakistan, 4A Lawrence Road Lahore
69. Advocacy Against Worker's Exploitation in Developing Countries
70. Association for Sustainable Development Livelihood Initiatives (SUSTAIN Cameroon)
71. AKO Foundation

72. Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Ireland
73. Hope for Justice
74. Daughter Project Canada, www.daughterproject.ca
75. Courage Worldwide - USA
76. HerSpace Limited, Australia
77. Fundacion Mujeresen Igualdad, Argentina
78. Rising Angels Awareness & Restorative Care, Canada
79. There Is Hope For Me, Inc. USA
80. The Remedy Project Limited, Hong Kong
81. The NGO Interaction
82. Asabe Shehu Yar'Adua Foundation (ASYARFS)
83. Association des Volontaires pour l'Environnement Sain (ONG AVES)-Togo
84. ALTSEAN-Burma
85. Green Jobs Board Inc.
86. Sin Fronteras IAP, México
87. women and child welfare foundation (www.wcwf.org.in)
88. Project Respect, Australia
89. Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)
90. Coalition Against Trafficking in Women Australia (CATWA)
91. Rose-Project Samaria, Finland
92. EMPOWER PEOPLE, India
93. Udhhar Multipurpose Society
94. Sophie Hayes Foundation, UK
95. The Awakening, Pakistan
96. Divine Era Development and Social Rights Initiative (DEDASRI), Nigeria
97. Defence for Children International, Sierra Leone
98. Street Girls Aid (S.Aid) Ghana
99. Human Rights Commission of Pakistan
100. Centre for Youths Integrated Development UK
101. Platform for Cooperation on Mixed Migration Nigeria
102. CULP - Centre for Unfolding Learning Potentials, India
103. Ella's, UK
104. Survivors' Network SN Cameroon Africa
- 104 NGO El agartuu Kyrgyzstan
- 105 NGO ISTIQBOLLI AVLLOD Uzbekistan
- 106 Foundation for Innovative Social DEvelopment Sri Lanka
107. PF "Daris-2016", Kazakhstan
108. PA "Legal Center for Women's Initiatives "Sana Sezim", Kazakhstan
109. Life Bloom Services International : Kenya
110. Sindh Development Society SDS Sindh Pakistan

111. Tanzania Relief Initiatives
112. Tanzania Network against human trafficking
113. Snehalaya, Maharashtra, India
114. It's a Penalty, UK
115. Challenging Heights, Ghana
116. People Serving Girls At Risk (PSGR) - Malawi
118. ACRATH
119. DMI Spring of Hope Tanzania
120. The Lebanese Center for Human Rights - CLDH
121. Be free cooperative against trafficking violence, and discriminations, Roma (Italy)
122. Union des Juristes Engagés pour les Opprimés, la Paix et le Développement,
123. UJEOPAD/Democratic Republic of Congo.
124. Action Coalition on Human Trafficking (ACT) Alberta
125. Awareness Against Human Trafficking (HAART) Kenya
126. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand
127. Women's Consortium of Nigeria (WOCON)
128. Tanzania Anti-Human Trafficking and Legal Initiatives (TATLI)
129. WARBE Development Foundation
130. Pakistan Rural Workers Social Welfare Organization
132. Asociatia Eliberare
133. SafeHouse Foundation, Russia
134. Feminist initiative against human trafficking for the purpose of sex exploitation "Eurydice"
135. WIPE International, Hong Kong
136. TERRE DES FEMMES e.V., Germany
137. Child Rescue Nepal
138. Delaware Democratic Socialists of America
139. Bonded Labour Liberation Front Sweden (BLLF Sweden)
140. Touch A Life (Ghana, West Africa)
141. Shiva Foundation

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8. Smarita Sengupta Co Founder Destiny Foundation , India
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- 40 Tulegabylova Nurzhan expert
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