

# Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner

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1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.

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12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



16 PEACE AND JUSTICE STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



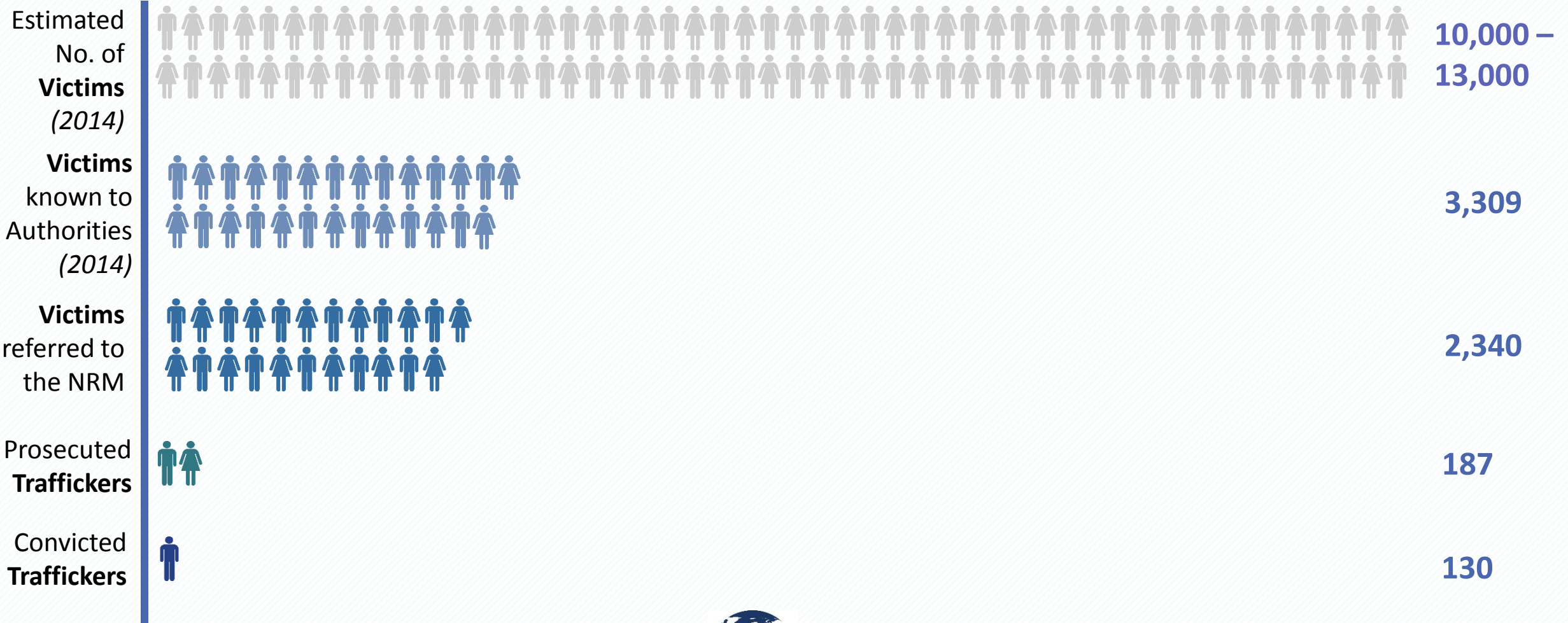
THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development

# Transparency In Supply Chains

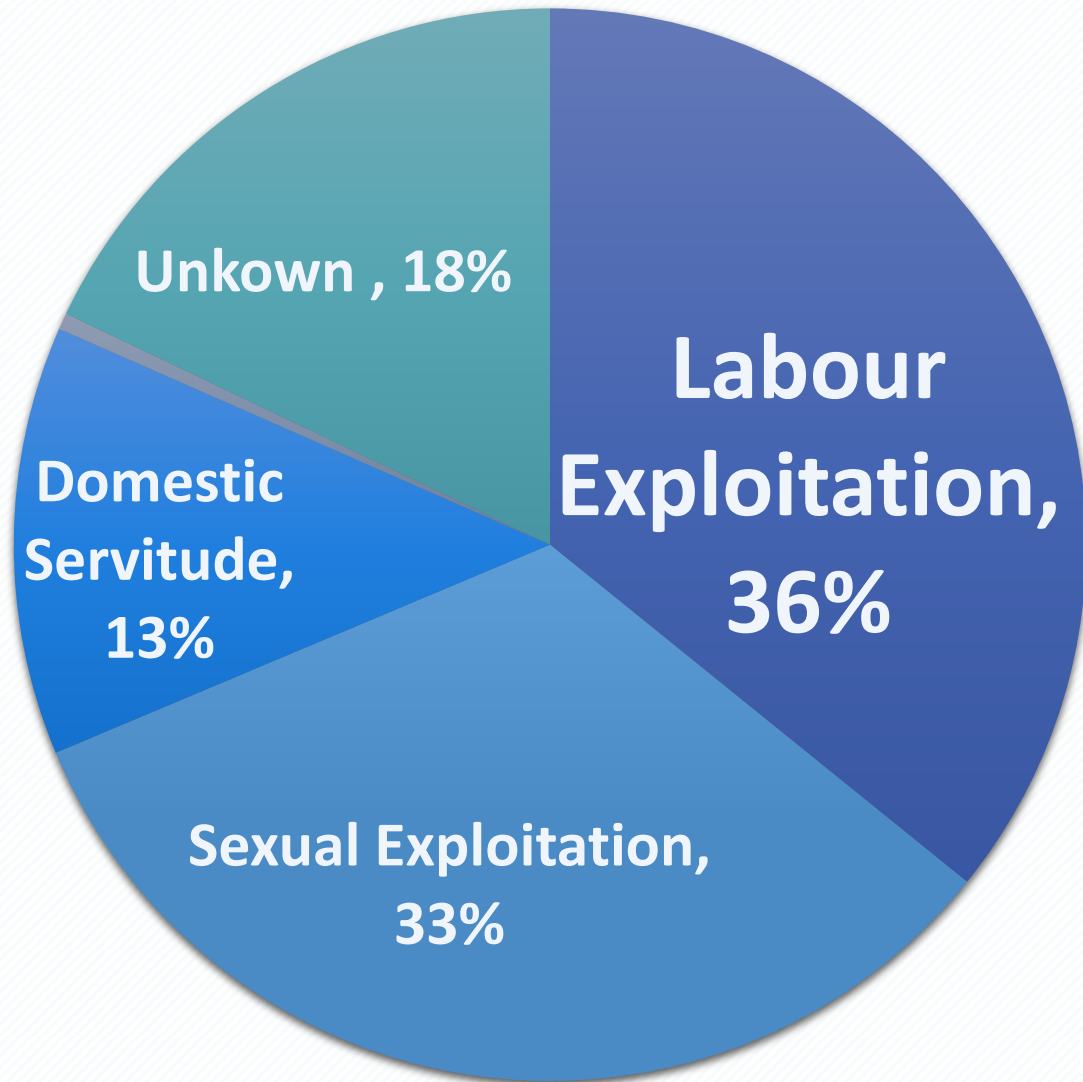
## Modern Slavery Act 2015

A commercial organisation which supplies goods or services and carries on a business or part of a business in the UK that has a turnover of £36 million must produce a slavery and human trafficking statement every year.

# Victim Identification, Prosecutions & Convictions



# Modern Slavery in the UK



- In 2015, 3266 victims were referred into the NRM, a 40% increase on 2014.
- Most victims are trafficked for either sexual exploitation or labour exploitation.
- Recent years have seen an increase in potential victims identified as having been trafficked for labour exploitation.
- The top 5 countries of origin for potential victims are currently , Albania, Vietnam, Romania, Nigeria and Poland.



*You* may choose to  
look the other way,  
but you can never  
say again that you  
did not know.

*—William Wilberforce*

# Responses to slavery in Thai fishing industry.

## GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL

**APRIL 2015**

EU issued a 'yellow card', formal notice to Thai Government for not taking measures in the international fight against fishing.



**MAY 2015**

Thai Government set up multi-agency task force to improve compliance with international fishing standards.



**JAN 2016**

To date over 500 Thai vessels have been inspected. Nearly 1/5<sup>th</sup> of which had broken a law

# Responses to slavery in Thai fishing industry.

- **Governmental:** EU issue formal notice to Thai Government to comply with international fishing standards. Thai Government set up task force.
- **Media:** Brought the issue to the attention of consumers, governments and businesses and are lobbying for change.
- **NGOs:** Further awareness raising and lobbying, using the information to design to target research, and improve prevention projects and victim care
- **Private Sector:** Some companies have changed their business practices and ended contracts:
- **Cross-sector work** → Project Issara





## GOOD PRACTICE SPOTLIGHT

## Project Issara

### Tackling Trafficking in Thailand: Project Issara

Project Issara is a public-private sector initiative launched in Thailand in 2014 to address human trafficking (with a focus on forced labour) within the country's export industry. This involves on-the-ground research into human trafficking, working with supermarkets to help eliminate it from their supply chains, and providing provision of a victim support fund for those found to have been trafficked into forced labour. A multi-lingual 'migrant hotline' number is in place and 1,578 calls were received in 2014.<sup>69</sup> This intelligence gathering, both through the hotline and from Issara's field research, assists in the identification of vulnerable supply chains and how best to overcome the problem. For participant companies this project theoretically provides greater visibility into their supply chains, a reduction in the risk of trafficking and labour violations (solutions are devised in collaboration with suppliers), and develops a pro-active stance on human trafficking which adds to brand value, with the knowledge that workers have good working conditions. All but one of the FTSE 100 supermarkets have joined Project Issara.

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