



# CONFRONTING MODERN SLAVERY



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# WHAT IS MODERN SLAVERY?

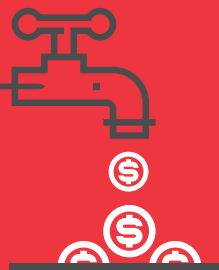
Modern slavery is a global problem.  
It affects an estimated:

**45M PEOPLE** 

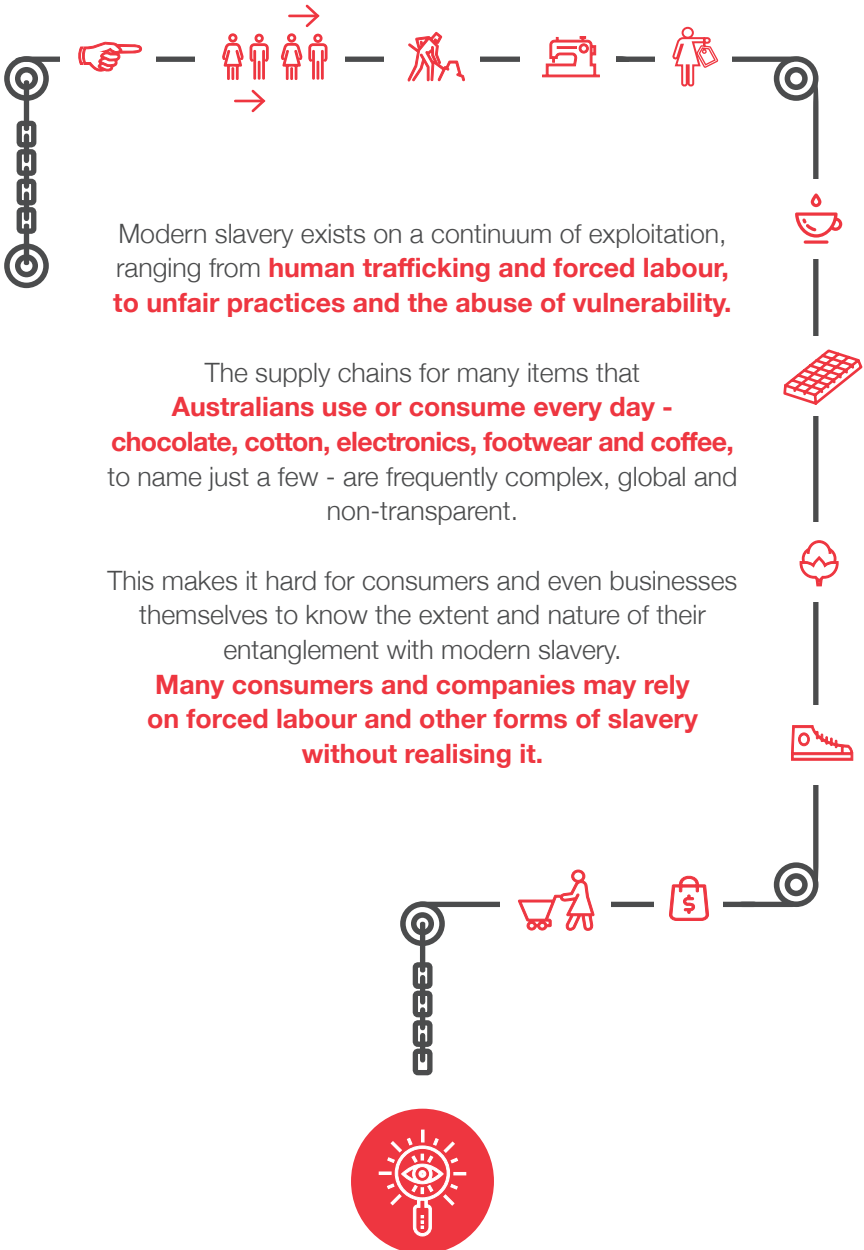
 **IN 167 COUNTRIES**





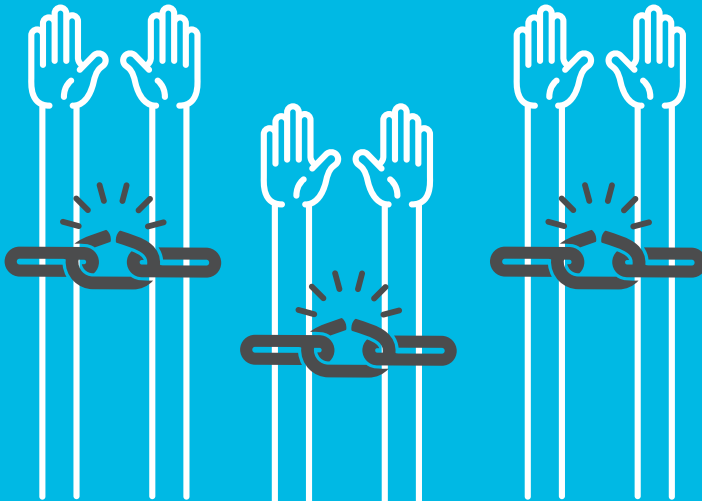


\* Source: [globalslaveryindex.org](http://globalslaveryindex.org)



# SUPPORT FAIRTRADE AND JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY

Fairtrade's work addresses poverty, discrimination, exploitation, a lack of transparency and power imbalances - the root causes of modern slavery.



**By purchasing products carrying the Fairtrade Mark, you can empower farmers and workers**

in developing countries to earn a fair and more stable income (through the **Fairtrade Minimum Price**) and take more control of their lives.



For example, child labour and forced labour are devastating and endemic problems in many parts of the world in which Fairtrade operates. Fairtrade strives to increase proactive understanding, protection and support for the people in the communities we work with.



By investing the **Fairtrade Premium** in their businesses and communities, the farmers and workers we partner with are able to reduce their exposure to the economic and social conditions that can allow modern slavery to take hold.



**Purchasing Fairtrade products as an individual, school, university or workplace, helps to make your own difference in the fight against modern slavery, forced labour and child labour every day.**

# AUSTRALIA'S MODERN SLAVERY ACT

Australia's Modern Slavery Act took effect in January 2019. The Act established a Modern Slavery Reporting Requirement, which obliges large businesses, government departments and other entities, operating in Australia with consolidated revenue of A\$100 million or more, to make annual public reports (Modern Slavery Statements) on their actions to address modern slavery risks in their operations and supply chains.

The statement prepared by these entities must be approved by a board of directors or similar and signed by a director. They will be made available on a central register maintained by the Commonwealth government. Small businesses are not obliged to report but may choose to do so voluntarily.



# FAIRTRADE CAN EMPOWER BUSINESSES OF ALL SIZES



While only organisations with consolidated annual revenues of more than AU\$100 million are required to report under the Act, progressive businesses understand that identifying and managing risk, building sustainable supply chains and addressing human rights issues are core to good practice.

For more than 30 years Fairtrade has been a global leader partnering with farmers and workers, industry and governments to reduce and eradicate child labour and forced labour.

Critical to this is ensuring business purchasing and trading practices cover the sustainable cost of production, enable transparency, and provide decent work for those employed in their supply chains.

We have unique insights and capability to help businesses improve their supply chains and work to counter modern slavery. Our system is built on rigorous standards that are transparent, publicly available and apply to all operators in the supply chain.



# FIND OUT MORE



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