

UNDERSTANDING MODERN SLAVERY, HUMAN TRAFFICKING & FORCED LABOUR

Pakistan

Estimated number of victims of modern slavery, human trafficking & forced labour:

3,186,000

Gender of victims:



64%



36%

Key organisations

*SPARC, www.sparcpk.org
*Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Child Protection and Welfare Commission, www.kpcpwc.gov.pk
*Insan Dost Association, www.ida.org.pk
*Huqooq-ul-Ebad Development Foundation, www.hedfpc.com
*Bonded Labour Liberation Front, www.blfpk.org
Bedari, www.bedari.org.pk

Key initiative

In 2017, the **Federal Investigation Agency (FIA)** developed a human trafficking & migrant smuggling awareness campaign in partnership with **UNODC**. Designed to make the public aware of the dangers, the campaign saw 300,000 flyers & 80,000 posters distributed & advertisements placed in newspapers & local radio stations.

Biggest challenges in Pakistan:



Bonded labour in brick kilns and in agriculture



Children working on the streets subjected to forced begging



Children sold or coerced into becoming soldiers in Pakistan, Afghanistan or bordering regions



Domestic servitude and sex trafficking

Case study: Debt Bondage in a Brick Kiln

Sangita Muqsood was 16 when she and her husband began working at the brick kiln on the outskirts of Lahore after a landowner threw them out of their home. For 14 years, she and her family have worked in the kiln attempting to pay off interest on a loan from the kiln owner. Sangita took out a succession of repeated loans to pay for midwives. Her weekly pay is 1,100 rupees, around half of which is docked and given to the owner.

Labour conditions are also dangerous, with Sangita attesting to a culture of sexual violence and threats, physical and emotional abuse and hazards including asthma, reproductive problems and hepatitis.

With the help of a human rights activist from the Bonded Labour Liberation Front, Sangita has been learning arithmetic, reading and writing and developing skills such as embroidery and collective bargaining.