

Modern Slavery in Supply Chains:

A Review of the Research

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Purpose

There is increasing recognition that modern slavery is occurring in global supply chains, but little is known about its nature and extent. For companies who want to prevent and mitigate the risk of modern slavery in their supply chain, this presents a challenge. ETI commissioned this review of recent and ongoing research to find out what was known about modern slavery in particular sectors or regions, and to provide an evidence base for businesses and other practitioners to draw on.

Scope

- Survey circulated to 4,000+ respondents
- 20 responses received; 18 individual projects described
- Low response rate may indicate that more needs to be done in this area
- ETI will invite further submissions on an ongoing basis

Which countries are being researched?



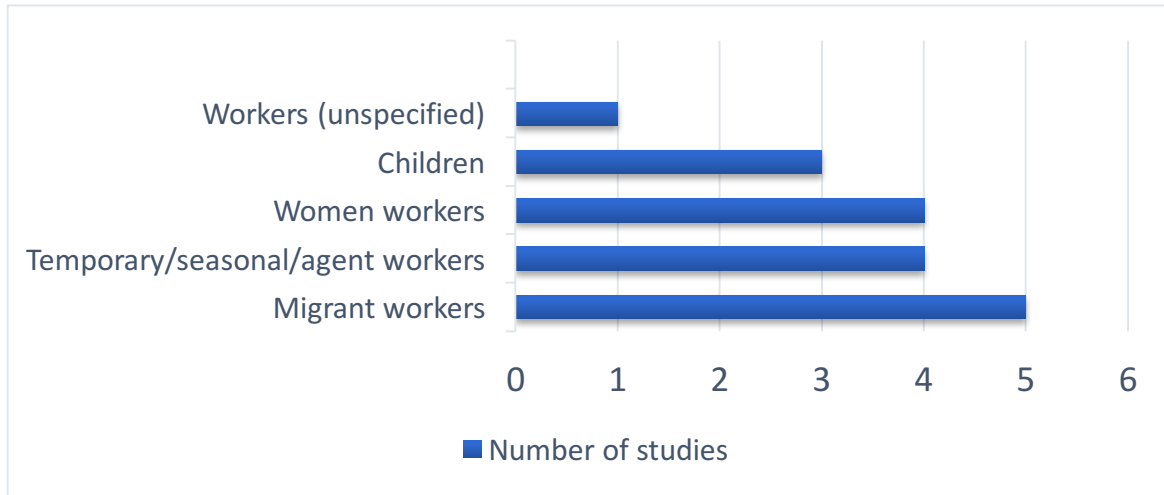
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Which workers are covered?



What are the major gaps?

Since the responses to this survey represent only a very limited pool of researchers, it is difficult to draw firm conclusions from it. However, there are obviously a number of areas not covered, many of which ETI would be keen to see in-depth research on, including: the role of worker representation and trades unions, supply chains in difficult environments such as conflict-affected states, the use of technology by business, and in general what works in what business does to address modern slavery risk (such as participation in multi-stakeholder initiatives). ETI will set out a more comprehensive list of research priorities in due course.

Further information

Full research findings will be available soon at www.ethicaltrade.org

Also see related modern slavery materials available at <https://ethicaltrade.org/issues/modern-slavery>

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