Meaning and Measurement of Contemporary Slavery

Global Estimates of Modern Slavery



Stock: 40.3 million

Flow: 89 million over five years



40.3 million slaves worldwide

Estimated Prevalence of Modern Slavery

Low

High

meaning no globally agreed legal or operational definition forced marriage? child soldiers? prison labour?

<u>meaning</u> but we know it when we see it





measurement expanding the toolbox









♠ > Technology

Satellites reveal 'child slave camps' in Unesco-protected park in Bangladesh





Workers on a shrimp farm in the Sundarbans national park in Bangladesh CREDIT: NASER KHAN

layering information

satellites + on-the-ground data + time series + counting slaves & murders



Amazonia - slavery, murder, & deforestation

linking modern slavery to climate change

if slavery were a country/US state:population of Algeria/CaliforniaGDP of Bulgaria/Kansas

Carbon emission by country

- 1. China 7.03 billion tons
- 2. USA 5.46 billion tons
- 3. [Slavery] 2.54 billion tons

(larger than any EU member state)

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the Rights Lab

multi-million £ investment more than 120 researchers 15 interconnected projects

... all aimed at ending slavery



Interconnected projects for teambased research and impact



'moon shot' transdisciplinarity

at the Rights Lab, and the GLAA, and the Antislavery Commissioner's Office, and the NCA and the Freedom Fund, and in groups all over the country, we are dedicated to making the <u>intractable</u> problem of slavery <u>tractable</u>

if we work together we will:

- break the code of slavery's meaning and prevalence
- build sustainable pathways to liberation & reintegration
- and work to deliver a future in which slavery no longer suppresses human potential and suppresses economic and social development

the Prime Minister:

'Britain will once again lead the way in defeating modern slavery and preserving the freedoms and values that have defined our country'

Today Britain **is** leading the world in anti-slavery work - but there is still a long way to go.

Fannie Lou Hamer:

'We're never going to get there, unless we all go together.'