



GHANA

27,582,821

POPULATION*

\$4,301

GDP (PPP)*



133,000



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY*

52.16/100



VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY*

*Global Slavery Index 2018 data. For more information on their findings, visit [GlobalSlaveryIndex.org](https://www.Globalslaveryindex.org)

TRAFFICKING IN GHANA

Ghana is a source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking. The exploitation of Ghanaians, particularly children, within the country is more prevalent than the transnational trafficking of foreign nationals. Ghanaian boys and girls are subjected to forced labor within the country in fishing, domestic service, street hawking, begging, portering, artisanal gold mining, quarrying, herding, and agriculture.

Much of the research and work on child trafficking is focused on the fishing industry on Lake Volta. Created by the construction of the Akosombo Dam in the early 1960s, Lake Volta is one of the world's largest artificial lakes. A number of fishermen report that fish stocks are decreasing, making it difficult to survive off fishing alone. The depletion of stocks is one of the key reasons why children are needed as workers in the fishing industry. In addition to being cheap labor, their small fingers are useful in releasing the fish from smaller nets.

Ghanaian girls, and to a lesser extent boys, are subjected to sex trafficking in Ghana. Sex trafficking of Ghanaian girls has been reported in the Greater Accra, Ashanti, Central, Volta, and Western regions. As part of a ritual to atone for sins of a family member, Ghanaian girls are subjected to servitude that can last up to several years. Ghanaian girls and young women from the rural northern regions move to urban centers throughout Ghana to seek work as porters; they are at risk for sex trafficking and forced labor.





LJI GHANA

LJI Ghana was first established in 2019 with staff implementing transit monitoring on the border of Ghana and Togo. The team quickly strategized to figure out how to combat child trafficking on Lake Volta. Kete-Krachi was identified as a strategic location for transit monitoring, and we resolved to pilot a station near the ferry points.

Our Ghana team formulated a plan, and a month later we deployed a team of four monitors in two locations. Within a month, we had the first intercept, and over the next six months, the team intercepted over 20 children and helped the authorities effect two arrests, both leading to convictions.

LJI GHANA IMPACT SINCE 2019

280

INTERCEPTS

5

ARRESTS

3

STATIONS

11

STAFF

OUR TIMELINE

2019

Love Justice Ghana is established and has their first interception in October and then their first arrest in November.

2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns, we partner with another organization to provide food and aid to almost 200 of those most desperately affected and hungry in Ghana.

