

# Reporter

Autumn 2024

## Advancing justice together

- Victories in forced labour laws
- Supporting children who've been trafficked
- Advocating for human rights in climate talks

## Freedom is a fundamental right

Founded in 1839, Anti-Slavery International is the oldest international human rights organisation in the world. We began fighting to eliminate the transatlantic slave trade and today, we're still fighting to end all forms of slavery and slavery-like practices around the world.

**Our vision** is to realise freedom from slavery for everyone, everywhere, always. We aim to do this by:

- Making the end of slavery everyone's concern;
- Acting as an ally to survivors and people at risk of slavery, elevating their voices and experiences to create radical change; and
- Challenging and changing law, policy and practice so everyone, everywhere can be free from slavery.

Cover image: **During a flood, a mother with her child is crossing flood water and heading towards flood shelters. It is estimated that more than six million people live on the river islands, and in Bangladesh, 60% of the land mass is just a few meters above sea level. Bangladesh is considered one of the most vulnerable countries to sea-level rise.**

Credit: Fabeha Monir

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By reading Reporter, you're part of a movement that has its roots in the transatlantic slave trade abolition movement. We're always keen to learn from our supporters and members and would love to hear what you'd like to see in the magazine. Please drop us an email at [media@antislavery.org](mailto:media@antislavery.org) with any ideas, suggestions and comments – and thank you for being part of our movement.

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# Welcome to your Autumn 2024 Reporter

**In this issue, we look forward to further impact and celebrate a year marked by progress made possible by your dedicated support.**

Thanks to your support, we've celebrated many recent successes. These include a Private Member's Bill led by our patron, Baroness Lola Young, the launch of a new coalition focused on labour rights in the Gulf, and a legal win in the UK that sends a strong message to companies on forced labour. With a new government in the UK, we are calling for greater action to prioritise support for survivors of modern slavery.

Over the coming year, we will be consulting on how our membership works. Please engage with it and let us know what you think; your feedback is so important.

I also wanted to share that, after six and a half years as CEO I am moving to new pastures. Ending slavery is one of the greatest challenges of our lifetime. It has been a privilege to lead this fantastic organisation.

Looking back over past Reporters, I am so proud of what we have achieved together.



**Jasmine O'Connor OBE**  
Anti-Slavery International  
chief executive

I want to thank every person who has raised their voice, signed a petition, made donations, volunteered, and championed the work of Anti-Slavery International over the years.

I will soon join you as a supporter and will continue to call for a world where everyone, everywhere is free from slavery, always. I hope to see you at Anti-Slavery International's supporter events where I'll join you in campaigning for change for people around the world. Working together, this movement is unstoppable.



I want to thank Jasmine for her tireless leadership over these years. She has always upheld the values of Anti-Slavery International and put the mission first. In this Reporter, you'll see some of the impact we've had under Jasmine's tenure.

We now look to the future and will soon announce an interim CEO and plan for a substantive replacement who will lead us forward.

**Sunil Sheth,**  
Chair, Board of Trustees



# A proposed UK law to protect people and planet

**Stronger laws can protect human rights and the environment. Businesses must be responsible for preventing human rights abuses in their supply chains.**

In May, the House of Lords debated a Private Members' Bill introduced by our Patron, Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey OBE, a renowned advocate for human rights. This proposed law would hold companies accountable and ensure they take action to prevent human rights and environmental harms in their supply chains.

## What is a Private Members' Bill?

Private Members' Bills aim to change the law and are proposed by MPs and Lords who are not government ministers. The Bill introduced by Baroness Lola Young is an important step in our mission to end slavery in supply chains.

Why do we need this law?

## 1. Level the playing field for ethical businesses

Serious human rights abuses and environmental harm are occurring in the global supply chains of UK businesses across many sectors. Turning this Bill into law would help make it fairer for

businesses that are already doing the right thing and ensure that companies that don't respect their worker's rights are held accountable.

## 2. Existing legislation is not enough

Under current UK law, there are no effective systems to hold companies accountable when people and the planet are harmed in their supply chains. Also, survivors of human rights abuses, including modern slavery, don't always have access to justice when they have been exploited. New laws would require companies to investigate their supply chains and ensure survivor can access justice through the courts.

## 3. Keeping up

"Due diligence" laws that force companies to address human rights and environmental impacts are being developed or improved around the world. The UK government urgently needs to develop strong legislation to keep up and keep UK businesses competitive.

This Bill has not carried over to the new Parliament unfortunately, but it's time for the UK to take the lead in creating a fairer and more sustainable global marketplace. We hope the Bill will be proposed in Parliament again soon.



# A Q&A with our Patron Baroness Lola Young

**We talked with our patron, Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey OBE, about her commitment to protecting human rights and the environment. She shared her motivations for supporting Anti-Slavery International and helping introduce a new law tackling modern slavery and environmental harms in business supply chains.**

## **Why did you decide to become a Patron of Anti-Slavery International?**

“In 2009, I was appalled to discover that forced labour and domestic servitude were not deemed criminal acts – and that the government at the time thought existing legislation was sufficient. Working closely with Anti-Slavery International highlighted the need for strong, strategic advocacy on modern forms of slavery.”

## **What made you want to bring a Bill about modern slavery and environmental harms to parliament?**

“There has been some movement internationally on combatting modern slavery, human rights abuses and environmental damage in business supply chains. But there hasn’t been much progress in the UK since the Modern Slavery Act was introduced in



**Baroness Lola Young presenting her Private Member's Bill in the House of Lords in May.**

Credit: Parliament TV

2015. We should align ourselves with other countries around the world that have introduced laws that address environmental and human rights abuses in supply and value chains.”

## **Who would this Bill protect?**

“It’s there to protect individuals and communities that experience human rights (including modern forms of slavery) and environmental harms perpetrated through the value chains of commercial organisations and public bodies.”

## **We know the Bill was cut short when the 2024 election was announced. Do you intend to take it forward again?**

“Yes, we intend to keep pushing for this law and will seek opportunities to progress it where possible.”

Call on MPs to stop companies and the public sector washing their hands of abuses. Sign the petition:



Our Head of Thematic Advocacy Programmes, Chloe Cranston, presents a placard from our supporters to lawyers from the Global Legal Action Network.



# Landmark victory: companies risk prosecution for importing goods made with forced labour

**Everyone should experience safe, decent work and be free to leave as they choose. However, for the estimated 17.3 million people in forced labour in the private sector, that's not the case.**

Anti-Slavery International has been supporting a legal case where a Uyghur rights group challenged the UK Government on the imports of goods suspected to be made with forced labour of people from the Uyghur Region in northwest China, where the

**This judgment sends an important message that the UK is not prepared to be a dumping ground for goods made with forced labour. We know there cannot be a “fair price” for goods made with forced labour and we are relieved to see that the appeal has been upheld. This judgment should provide consumers with greater reassurances about the goods they buy as companies now risk prosecution if they continue to use and profit from forced labour.**

Dr Verity McCullagh, Business and Human Rights Legal Adviser at Anti-Slavery International

Chinese Government is systematically persecuting the native Uyghur, Turkic and other Muslim-majority peoples.

In 2022, when the case came to court, the judge ruled in favour of the Government. The Judge determined that more evidence was needed before investigating shipments. The judgment also seemed to suggest that even if shipments of goods made with forced labour were identified, if companies paid a “fair price”, the goods wouldn’t be criminal property.

**We were extremely concerned by this precedent of a “fair price” for goods made with forced labour. With your help we supported an appeal to the ruling.**

## **Your support matters in the fight against forced labour**

Nearly 500 of you signed a pledge stating that there should be no “fair price” for forced labour. In May, as the case began, we presented a placard on behalf of our supporters to our allies at the Global Legal Action Network outside the Court of Appeal.

We were thrilled to learn on 27 June that the appeal had been successful. Overturning the previous decision, the Court of Appeal ruled that **failure to investigate the imports was unlawful.**

## **A milestone judgment**

This case is a milestone for all workers at risk of modern slavery. Together with our allies, we celebrate this victory which sends an important message that companies should not be able to profit from forced labour.

## **Our work continues**

But this judgment is just a first step. The UK needs much stronger laws that will force companies to clean up their supply chains, and to prevent such goods from entering the UK.

We’ve made a short video to help explain the court case and why it’s important. Watch and share it on your social media channels.



# The UK fails children who have been trafficked as they turn 18

**Survivors of human trafficking need consistent support and protection. Yet many young people fall through the gaps of the UK support system as they turn 18. This failure leaves them vulnerable, and at risk of being re-exploited.**

When someone is suspected to be a victim of slavery, they are referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), a UK system that works to identify and support them.

While children do not need to consent to be referred into the NRM, they must do so when they turn 18. We were concerned that many people were dropping out of the system altogether at this point – when they need to give their “consent to remain”.

## What do we know?

The Snowdrop Project – a charity that supports survivors of modern slavery and a member of the Anti-Trafficking Monitoring Group – recently uncovered what was happening to children as they turned 18, and the barriers they faced in getting the support they needed.



During the year 2022 **2,634** children turned 18 while awaiting an NRM decision.

**50%** were suspended as a result of neither consenting to remain nor withdrawing from it and **20%** from seemingly active withdrawal from the NRM.

Of these **70%** ‘withdrew’ from the NRM or their cases were suspended.

Of those who actively consented to remain in the NRM, only **43%** were referred for Modern Slavery Victim Care Contract support and only **20%** received any support at all.



## Findings from the report

What they learned is alarming: the **majority of children are being dropped from the support system as they turn 18.**

Without proper resources and support, young people remain vulnerable and risk being re-trafficked and exploited.

## What do we need to see?

We urgently need the Government to improve their safeguarding response and services so that children can receive the support they need as they transition into adulthood.

**Read about what we want the new Government to do on page 9.**

This shocking story was covered in the *Guardian*, read more here:





# Dear Keir, it's time to put modern slavery on the agenda

Thank you to the thousands of supporters who have signed our pledge calling on the new UK Government to make tackling modern slavery a priority. It's time to reinvigorate our demands:

## **1. Support survivors of modern slavery and respect their dignity.**

Survivors deserve the opportunity to rebuild their lives in dignity. We want to see reforms that truly prevent modern slavery and support survivors.

## **2. Protect workers making the products we buy and hold businesses accountable for harm.**

Many everyday products are made with forced labour. We're asking the UK Government to introduce a law that holds businesses accountable for respecting workers' rights.

**3. Keep products made with forced labour out of the UK.** Every day, people are harmed in business supply chains. We're calling for the control of imports, to prevent products made with forced labour from entering the UK.

**For more on the UK Bill for protecting people and planet, see page 4.**

## You power this movement

By supporting our work, you help protect people from modern slavery and provide vital aid to survivors. Please consider making a donation to help create a safer, fairer world for all: [antislavery.org/donate](https://antislavery.org/donate)



# Protecting migrant workers in the Gulf

**Migrant workers play a crucial role in the economies of Gulf countries, yet they often face severe exploitation and injustice.**

Many countries in the Gulf rely heavily on migrant workers. They're mostly from Asia and Africa and are often employed in construction, hospitality and domestic work. People often arrive on temporary work visas tied to their employers through a sponsorship system known as Kafala. This system can trap workers in exploitative conditions.

The Kafala is a system in which migrant workers must be sponsored by a local employer to get a visa to live and work. It's mainly used in the Gulf, Jordan, and Lebanon. When they get their visa through this system, migrant workers become dependent on their employers and can become more vulnerable to modern slavery.

Despite their hard work and contribution to the country, migrant workers often experience human rights abuses and labour exploitation.

In June 2024, we, alongside human rights and labour rights organisations Equidem, Global Labour Justice, International Domestic Federation, and

Solidarity Centre formally launched the Coalition on Labour Justice for Migrants in the Gulf. Together, we aim to end severe exploitation faced by migrant workers in the Gulf, particularly in Bahrain, Kuwait, and Qatar.

## Did you know?

- 18% of the world's migrant workers live in the Gulf.
- Qatar has the highest percentage of migrant workers among Gulf countries.
- In Qatar, 95% of the working population are migrant workers.

Geoffrey Owino, a Senior Investigator at Equidem, recently shared reflections on the progress being made to improve conditions for migrant workers in the Gulf:

“

A lot of things are being done at higher level, in board rooms, but it doesn't get to the workers on the ground.

”

## Migrant workers deserve dignity and respect

Often, migrant workers won't have the information they need to protect themselves from exploitative recruitment agents who charge high


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 Instagram: @jcmooore

A worker stands on a boat under construction.

fees for falsely advertised jobs. This can lead to forced labour and debt bondage, where workers are trapped by debt and forced to work it off. This urgently needs to change.

**We need abusive employers and dishonest agents to be held accountable, and migrant workers to be able to access justice when they suffer harm.**

Everyone deserves decent working conditions and safety at work. Together, we aim to expose injustices and hold businesses and governments accountable when people are exploited. We know it's important for migrant workers to know their

employment rights so that their human rights can be respected.

As well as amplifying the voices of migrant workers, we're applying international pressure on those in power. Our vision is for migrant workers to be free from modern slavery everywhere, always.



**Coalition  
on Labor Justice  
for Migrants  
in the Gulf**

Take a stand against the exploitation of migrant workers in the Gulf. Read the full article to see how you can raise awareness and make a difference today:





Two women look on to the site where their homes used to be.

Credit: Olivia Acland

# Adding modern slavery to the climate change agenda

**As the links between modern slavery and climate change become clearer, we want to see the prevention of modern slavery becoming part of the solution to the climate crisis. We reflect on some of our goals and progress in this vital area of work.**

## Climate change and green technology

We know that solar and electric vehicle industries have a role to play in the move away from fossil fuels. But both industries use materials from the Uyghur Region, where the Chinese Government is systematically

persecuting the native Uyghur, Turkic and other Muslim-majority peoples.

With the growing threats of climate change, we must be able to buy green technology without fear that products have been made with extreme human suffering.

Over the past year, we've researched and written practical guidance for investors on the risks of human rights abuses in green technology. There is no reason that green technology should go hand in hand with human rights abuses. And **we need swift action by governments and investors to stop this alarming trend.**



## What we need to see

Despite all the evidence, there still aren't strong enough measures to prevent human rights violations as we transition away from fossil fuels.

We have been working with partners and allies active in the UN climate change negotiations process to make sure that human rights and modern slavery are included.

There have been some positive signs. Details of forced labour in the green technology industry and the vulnerability of migrant workers have been added to briefings that civil society will use to pressure climate negotiators.

The climate crisis continues to destroy livelihoods and forces people to migrate because of food and work shortages. This is leaving people vulnerable to exploitation and modern slavery.

## Ongoing research

We're researching the impact of climate change on modern slavery, together with the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and grassroots organisation Ovbashi Karmi Unnayan Program (OKUP).

Shakirul Islam from OKUP explains how climate change is destroying people's homes and ability to work.

*"Bangladesh has a heightened vulnerability to natural disasters. Every year, cyclones and floods destroy houses, trees, cattle, and livelihoods of the coastal people in Bangladesh. Rising sea levels have led to saltwater damaging soil. Unpredictable rainfall and increased heat have caused huge loss and damage to homes, possessions, and the wellbeing of the people in the region."*

**You can find a longer interview with Shakirul on page 14.**



We're developing an online hub to share crucial research about climate change and modern slavery. See a sneak peek above and get in touch if you'd like more information: [c.soletti@antislavery.org](mailto:c.soletti@antislavery.org)

# Partner spotlight: Shakirul Islam

**To uncover more about how climate change can drive people into exploitative situations, we spoke with Shakirul, the founder and chairperson of our partner organisation, the Ovivashi Karmi Unnayan Program (OKUP), a community-based migrant workers' organisation in Bangladesh.**

## **How does climate change contribute to modern slavery in Bangladesh?**

“Let me explain with a testimony from Al Amin\*.

He lived in a small village in the Southeast coastal region of Bangladesh. His family lived off fishing in the river, but in 2007 Cyclone Sidr destroyed their boat and fishing net, so his father took a loan to replace them.

When another devastating cyclone hit them in 2009, it flashed away everything and Al Amin's family fell into a deep crisis. They could not pay off their previous loan, and his father fell ill.

Al Amin went to a new district to work in a brick kiln. He was paid less than what he had been promised but stayed there for two years as he had no alternatives.



**Shakirul  
Islam**

In 2018, Al Amin's family took out a loan to send him to Qatar through a local broker. He worked on a vegetable farm, but he was not given a work permit or any other legal documents. After a police raid, he had to find different work.

Here, he was promised €150 per month but was only paid €100 every three months. Eventually, Al Amin was deported back to Bangladesh, and his family have not been able to repay the loans.

Hundreds of people like Al Amin have experienced the same fate. They are compelled to migrate to help their families survive the consequences of climate change and experience unfair and unethical recruitment and employment practices.”

## **How can your work support people affected by climate change?**

“Knowledge and skills can be transformative. They help people build resilience by increasing their ability to adapt socially and economically.



**A woman in Bangladesh looks out at flood water from her home.**

Credit: Fabeha Monir

Our community-level interventions promote technical and vocational skills, support communities in finding decent work at home and abroad and help them access government support.

We also work at local, national, and international levels to help create laws that prevent, minimise, and address the impacts of climate change on people as they are forced to move.”

## **How can we protect people from the impacts of climate change and modern slavery?**

“Laws need to uphold the rights of people affected by climate change, whether they want to stay or leave because of damage to the environment.

We need safe and accessible paths for migration, with laws that protect people from exploitation, and ensure their right to health, education, and fair and safe employment.

Community-led interventions also need reliable financial support from governments, international organisations, and the private sector to help communities sustainably build resilience.”

\*Name has been changed

Climate change is increasing the risk of modern slavery. Share this article with friends and family and share our social media posts. Together, we can build a world free from slavery.

# Test your knowledge

As a valued supporter, you will have learned a lot about modern slavery and the importance of freedom. Why not put this to the test with a word search?

See how many terms you can spot and take a moment to reflect on the important issues they represent.

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Words:

**FREEDOM**  
**ANTISLAVERY**  
**SUPPORTER**

**MOVEMENT**  
**REPORTER**  
**ABOLITION**

**SURVIVOR**  
**SUSTAINABLE**  
**WORKERS**



# How much do you know about slavery around the world?

**1.** Issues like the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict, and climate change make people more vulnerable to forms of modern slavery. The Global Estimates of Modern Slavery outlined in 2017 that there were 40 million people in slavery. Roughly how many more people were estimated to be exploited in slavery in the Global Estimates of 2021 than in 2017?

- a. 50 million more people
- b. 500,000 more people
- c. 10 million more people
- d. 120,000 more people

**2.** Climate change overlaps with modern slavery in many ways. The impact of climate change hits people who already experience vulnerabilities the hardest. How can climate change increase people's risk of modern slavery?

- a. It can destroy people's livelihoods
- b. It can force people to leave their homes
- c. It can increase food and water shortages
- d. All of the above

**3.** Despite the crucial role that migrant workers play they too often experience severe labour and human rights abuses. Migrant workers are \_\_\_ times more likely than local workers to end up in forced labour in the private sector:

- a. 3
- b. 8
- c. 4
- d. 7

**4.** As a supporter of Anti-Slavery International, what can you do to promote a world in which everyone lives in freedom?

- a. Talk to your employer about hosting a talk on modern slavery
- b. Talk to your employer about the risks of slavery in their operations
- c. Sign up for a fun "challenge" event to fundraise for Anti-Slavery International
- d. Share information with your friends and loved ones to help spread the word
- e. All of the above



Did you know you can do swimming events to raise money for Anti-Slavery International?

# Introducing new ways to Fundraise for Freedom

**Want to make a difference for people in modern slavery, but not sure where to start?**

We've got you covered. Scan the QR code on the next page to download your **Fundraise for Freedom** pack.

## What's inside?

The pack is filled with ideas and practical tips to make your fundraiser a success. There's information on:

- **Physical challenges:** Get inspired to run, cycle and swim for freedom. Pushing your limits and rallying support from your friends go together surprisingly well.
- **Community activities:** Hosting game nights, clothes swaps, or BBQs with friends and family. Getting together with your community makes raising funds so much more fun.
- **Personal challenges:** Feel like challenging yourself to spend a day in silence, give up a favourite indulgence, or learn a new skill? All you need to do is get sponsored to meet your goals.
- **Fundraising at work:** Whether you hold a bake sale, or host an office Olympics, we're sure your colleagues will appreciate a break from their work routine.

We're excited to share with you a new fundraising resource – **Fundraise for Freedom**. This comprehensive pack of practical tips and fun ideas is here to help you raise money and awareness to end modern slavery.

## Other highlights include:

- **Tips on setting up a successful fundraiser:** Step-by-step guidance to help you plan and carry out your event with confidence.
- **Checklists to help you prepare for events:** All the details you need to keep you on track in the run-up to your event.
- **Stories and ideas from other supporters:** Examples from past fundraisers to inspire and motivate you.
- **Resources to thank your supporters:** Tools and templates to help you show appreciation to your friends and family who donate and take part.
- **Legal and safety guidelines:** Important information to make sure your event is legal and safe for everyone.

## We'd love to hear from you

Whether you're planning a virtual challenge, a fun activity with friends and family, or an event at your school or university, our friendly fundraising team is here to support you every step of the way. They can help you brainstorm ideas, provide resources, and promote your activities through our social media channels.

Contact us at [supporter@antislavery.org](mailto:supporter@antislavery.org) or call **020 7737 9434**.

Download our brand-new 2024 **Fundraise for Freedom** pack here:



Running in support  
for Anti-Slavery  
International at the  
London Landmarks  
Half Marathon.



# Easy ways to support Anti-Slavery International

Simple actions can make a big difference as we resist slavery and restore freedom. Here are some of the ways you can help without even leaving the house:

## Create a tribute page

Celebrate the memory of a loved one by creating a lasting tribute with **Much Loved**. A personalised memorial website can become a meaningful space for friends and family to share memories, stories, and donations.

[muchloved.com](http://muchloved.com)

## Donate your unwanted car

Looking to get rid of an unwanted car? With **Giveacar**, you can turn it into cash for Anti-Slavery International quickly and easily. The proceeds from the sale will go directly to supporting our mission.

[giveacar.co.uk](http://giveacar.co.uk)

## Go shopping

**Give as you Live** lets you raise money for Anti-Slavery International while shopping online at over 6,000 stores. From holidays and travel to clothing and gifts, you can raise funds from your everyday purchases at no extra cost to you.

[giveasyoulive.com/charity/anti-slavery](http://giveasyoulive.com/charity/anti-slavery)

## Send a special card

Transform your greetings into a force for good with **Making a Difference cards**. Every personalised card or e-card you send will help support our life-changing work. Your thoughtful gesture can help bring hope and freedom to people trapped in slavery.

[gb.makingadifference.cards/supporting/anti-slavery-international](http://gb.makingadifference.cards/supporting/anti-slavery-international)

## Become a birthday fundraiser

Celebrate your birthday by asking for donations to Anti-Slavery International – it's a great way to make a difference on your special day. All you need to do is set up a **Facebook Birthday Fundraiser** to collect donations and spread the word.

[antislavery.org/donate-your-birthday/](http://antislavery.org/donate-your-birthday/)

## Have a question?

Want to discover more ways to support the movement against modern slavery?

We're here to help. Get in touch with our fundraising team today at [supporter@antislavery.org](mailto:supporter@antislavery.org)



# We're listening!

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent supporter survey. Your insights and feedback are invaluable. They help shape our work and drive our mission to a world free from slavery.

So, what did you have to say? The survey results were overwhelmingly positive and highlighted strong support for both our organisation and our mission:

## Survey highlights:



## However, our work is far from over:



## Your feedback:

“Keep up the amazing work – it's very difficult times. Thank you for what you do.”

“Appreciative of the work you do in campaigning and holding a positive attitude that change is possible.”

“It's increasingly important, and sometimes I feel like we're fighting a losing battle, but every gain makes a difference to someone.”

“I love what you guys stand for, and all you're doing to help stop slavery in the UK. I only wish I could help out more!”

**We're so grateful for your commitment and trust in Anti-Slavery International. Together, we can continue to dismantle abusive systems and end exploitation.**

Keep letting us know your thoughts at [supporter@antislavery.org](mailto:supporter@antislavery.org)



# Could freedom be your legacy?

We all want to leave the world a better place through our actions in our lifetime. We take comfort in the knowledge that our loved ones will build a better future for themselves through the legacy we leave.

Yet, for the millions of people still trapped in slavery, a brighter future can seem out of reach. Many people are born into situations which make them vulnerable to slavery and exploitation, and a way out is not always clear.

This was the case for Leila\*. Born into slavery and orphaned at a young age, she spent 40 years living under her master's control. Her path to freedom came through the help of a religious chief and an awareness-raising meeting organised by one of our partner organisations. At this

meeting, she learned that slavery was illegal, and that freedom was her right. Inspired, Leila became an active member of the organisation and even hosted her own awareness meetings.

When you leave a gift to Anti-Slavery International in your Will, you can help people like Leila escape modern slavery and embrace a life of freedom.

You can choose to leave a gift of any size – whether it's a fixed amount or a percentage of your estate – based on what feels right for you. Every legacy gift contributes to the fight against slavery and transforms lives.

Could you consider remembering Anti-Slavery International in your Will?

Your generosity can help secure a future where freedom is not just a dream, but a reality for everyone.

For more information on how your support can create lasting change, contact us at [supporter@antislavery.org](mailto:supporter@antislavery.org)

\* Name has been changed