

End Exploitation: An Immersive Experience

Garment Industry Station Follow-up

Labor Trafficking in the Garment Industry



Global demand for fast fashion has spurred exponential growth in the garment industry over the last two decades. Clothing production has almost doubled in the past 15 years alone and today G20 countries are collectively importing US\$148 billion worth of apparel goods and US\$13 billion worth of textiles at risk of being produced by forced labour every year.

Big brands based in wealthy countries increase profits by producing in lower-income countries with low wage rates. Garment workers, hidden deep within these supply chains, face poor or exploitative working conditions, including poverty wages, piece-rate pay (that is, pay rate determined by the number of individual pieces made), forced and unpaid overtime, irregular work, health and safety risks, and lack of benefits such as maternity leave. In their most extreme forms, these exploitative practices can lead to situations of forced labour and debt bondage. *From Walk Free's [Global Slavery Index Spotlight "Stitched with slavery in the seams"](#)*

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