

Combating modern slavery

*“1. Budgets/funding or any other resources **directly** allocated by the Department towards anti-trafficking activities and/or activities to combat ‘modern slavery’ in 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years (i.e. dedicated projects, anti-trafficking operations, members of staff, information campaigns etc.) and what these activities are.*

2. If available, a copy of the organisational strategy or any other document which sets out what actions are to be taken by the Department to combat trafficking in human beings and/or ‘modern slavery’ as mandated by the UK Government Human trafficking Strategy (2011), Modern Slavery Act (2015) and Modern slavery strategy (2014).”

DFID holds information relevant to your request. Much of this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 (1) (Information accessible to the applicant by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act as it is already reasonably accessible to you, for example through the web pages listed below.

DFID is working in support of the UK’s Modern Slavery Strategy (2014) through direct programming such as the *Work in Freedom* programme which is DFID’s main project with an explicit anti-trafficking and modern slavery focus. Detailed information on this programme, and its spend in 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years, is available [here](#) on the Development Tracker on the GOV.UK website.

A number of wider programmes also have activities that contribute to tackling human trafficking or modern slavery. You can find further information on these programmes on the Development Tracker using the links provided below:

[Support to the Ethical Trading Initiative](#)

[Responsible, Accountable and Transparent Enterprise programme \(RATE\)](#)

[Trade in Global Value Chains Initiative](#)

[Creating Opportunities for the Poor and Excluded in Bangladesh \(COPE\)](#)

In addition, DFID operates a wide range of programmes and activities that ‘indirectly’ contribute to tackling trafficking and other forms of modern slavery (for example, education, livelihoods or skills programmes, which help to reduce vulnerability to exploitation).

As regards Part 2 of your request the links provided include detailed information on the actions taken within each of the programmes to combat human trafficking and modern slavery.

I have also attached the following document which is relevant to your request:
Disclosure 1: DFID and Modern Slavery (summary of relevant DFID projects or programmes)

Disclosure 1

DFID and modern slavery

Geographical focus	Project value and timescale	Project description and results we are trying to achieve
<p>Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Lebanon, Jordan</p> <p>(South Asia Regional Team)</p>	<p>£10.5m</p> <p>2013-18</p>	<p>Work in Freedom programme</p> <p>Led by the International Labour Organisation with a number of global and local partners, Work in Freedom tackles human trafficking and promotes safe migration for women in South Asia and the Middle East, primarily the garment and domestic work sectors.</p> <p>The programme supports a wide range of activities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pre-departure training and skills development for women in their communities; b. Improving codes of conduct and standards of practice of recruitment agents and employers; c. Supporting women at their destination, for example through local unions and support groups, and ensuring their ability to access information and communicate with others; and d. Working with governments to improve the legal and policy frameworks and their implementation and enforcement (such as regulation of placement agencies). <p>The programme also includes a research and evaluation component with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to build a strong evidence base on ‘what works’ in this field, which will help to ensure a much wider impact across other countries in the future.</p>
<p>Geographically non-specific</p> <p>Up</p>	<p>Up to £21.8m</p> <p>by Mar 2019</p>	<p>Responsible, Accountable and Transparent Enterprise (RATE) programme.</p> <p>RATE has three elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Responsible business projects’ managed centrally in DFID - including support to voluntary standards (ISEAL), non-financial company reporting (GRI); UN Global Compact • Spreading responsible business approaches more widely throughout DFID’s economic development programming • Innovation on business and human rights, including UK support for the UK National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises