

Global call for evidence

Survivor engagement in international policy and programming

Introduction

In early 2022, the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) commissioned a team of researchers from the University of Liverpool, working with the Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre (Modern Slavery PEC), to conduct an independent research project. The purpose of this project is to review and learn from best practice in survivor engagement within international development policy and programming on modern slavery and human trafficking worldwide.

This study is being conducted in collaboration with survivors and survivor-led organisations working in a range of global regions including: East Africa, North America, Europe, South, East and South-East Asia and is funded by the UK Government. We would like to know what works well and where gaps exist in order to inform and improve the FCDO's engagement of survivors in future programming on modern slavery.

Alongside this global call we are conducting a desk-based review of literature on the topic and working with a team of consultants to gather evidence from a number of regions worldwide.

The Goal of this Global Call for Evidence

The purpose of this call is to identify evidence on good practice in engaging people with lived experience in policy and programming to tackle human trafficking and/or modern slavery in different contexts around the world.

We are especially interested to hear about examples of the active involvement of survivors in policy or programme design (including at organisational strategy level), implementation or evaluation. In addition, we are interested to hear about any ethical frameworks, principles or guidelines that have been developed to support good practice in survivor engagement, inclusion, involvement, empowerment and leadership.

We are also interested to hear about the impacts of this work: the positive or negative outcomes of such engagement for survivors themselves, their communities as well as other project partners.

Examples of work from any sector are welcome, this might include work in partnership with civil society and third sector organisations, identity-based organisations, issue-based networks, activists, governments, non-governmental organisations, intergovernmental organisations, businesses, public health institutions and others.

What can be submitted

The Modern Slavery PEC and the University of Liverpool especially welcome examples of policy, programming and practice in the form of reports, evaluations, published or unpublished research papers, articles, policy briefs, presentations, reviews, fact sheets, manuals, policies, strategies, news media, conference papers and other resources relating to active survivor engagement.

You can email any document or answer the questions below, or both!
For information on definitions, please see our Definitions and Guidelines below.

Questions

1. What do you believe are the benefits of survivor involvement in policy and/or programming to address modern slavery and human trafficking?
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 - Do you have any examples of practice, reports, evaluations or any other resource to support your views?
 2. What policies or programmes are you aware of where there has been active involvement of survivors/people with lived experience of human trafficking or modern slavery in design, implementation, evaluation or at strategy level?
 - Do you have any examples of practice, reports, evaluations or any other resource to support your views?
 3. What have been the positive and/or negative impacts of the involvement of survivors/people with lived experience of human trafficking or modern slavery in policy or programming to tackle these issues?
 - Do you have any examples of practice, reports, evaluations or any other resource to support your views?
 4. What ethical frameworks, principles or approaches are you aware of that have been developed to guide good practice in involving survivors/people with lived experience in policy or programming to address human trafficking and/or modern slavery?
 2.
 - Do you have any examples of practice, reports, evaluations or any other resource to support your views?

How to make a submission

Submissions can be provided by sending any evidence to w.asquith@liverpool.ac.uk. This call will close on the 10 June 2022.

Please get in touch if you would like access to this call in another language.

More information

Please read the Definitions and Guidelines below for more information on key terms, how your submission will be used, safeguarding and data protection issues. For any queries about this project, please contact us at w.asquith@liverpool.ac.uk.

Definitions & Guidelines

What is Modern slavery and Human Trafficking?

For the purpose of this project Modern slavery and Human Trafficking are used as umbrella terms to encompass the forms of exploitation set out in UN SDG 8.7 (including forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and the worst forms of child labour including recruitment of child soldiers). We also recognise that there are many more forms of context-specific exploitation that may not be named within SDG8.7, but constitute experiences in which people are trapped, controlled and exploited in situations they can't escape (see more on definitions here: <https://modernslaverypec.org/resources/what-is-modern-slavery>) We welcome evidence of survivor engagement in policy and programming to overcome these forms of exploitation too.

What is survivor engagement?

Survivor engagement is used as an umbrella term within this project and would encompass work that empowers, actively involves and includes those with lived experience of modern slavery and/or human trafficking in the 'development or delivery of a [policy], process or project that is being carried out 'with' or 'by' survivors rather than being 'for' or 'about' them'. This definition is based upon guidance set out by the [Survivor Alliance](#) in collaboration with the University of Nottingham's Rights Lab and briefing notes by the [National Institute for Health Research \(NIHR\)](#).

We recognise that survivors and people with lived experience of exploitation are diverse, affiliating with many and multiple identities. We welcome evidence relating to engagement of survivors regardless of gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability or any other demographic.

One of the aims of this study is to explore what forms survivor engagement has taken to date in policy and programming on modern slavery and human trafficking worldwide, so we welcome any evidence that will help us to better understand how these key terms are defined by varied stakeholders.

What is policy and programming?

Within the context of this study, a policy is a plan of action or a strategy presenting high-level objectives and approaches to tackling modern slavery and/or human trafficking. A programme can be an individual project, or a collection of projects and procedures, developed to achieve the aims of a particular policy: in this case to address modern slavery and/or human trafficking and its legacies.

How your submissions will be used

Any evidence submitted in response to this call will be reviewed and analysed and will contribute to the dataset we will use to develop recommendations for improved practices of survivor engagement in policy and programming to address modern slavery and human trafficking. Results of this study will be publicly disseminated through the publication of a report and article and may also be shared at focus group events/workshops. If you would like a copy of the published report or article, please clearly state this in your email when you submit evidence.

Statement on safeguarding and personally identifiable information

The purpose of this global call is to identify evidence on good practice in the active involvement of people with lived experience in design, implementation or evaluation of policy and programming that seeks to address human trafficking and/or modern slavery in different contexts around the world.

If you wish to report a case of abuse, exploitation or modern slavery, the Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline can provide assistance: <https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/>

With regards to any documentation submitted in response to this global call for evidence, Modern Slavery PEC and University of Liverpool have safeguarding duties to report any concerns about issues where there is threat/risk to an individual due to exceptional circumstances that require an immediate response (such as abuse to a child). If you raise any concerns about ongoing or suspected abuse in your evidence, we may be required to report these to the relevant authorities.

Please refrain from including any identifying information or personal details about individuals in your evidence. You may include information that is available in the public domain such as listed legal decisions, news media reports or other such publications. Please also refrain from submitting any evidence that shares someone else's story, even if unidentified or anonymised, unless you have their explicit permission to do so.

If you would like attribution for evidence submitted, please state this clearly in email when you submit evidence and include your contact information so that we can discuss this with you. You will be informed of any planned published use of evidence submitted before publication.

In instances where you are concerned that someone is at risk of harm, please contact the relevant agencies or organisations in your country. If you would like to raise any concerns with Modern Slavery PEC or the University of Liverpool directly, please contact Modern Slavery PEC's Safeguarding Lead, Izzy Templer at i.templer@modernslaverypec.org or Dr Wendy Asquith, Project Co-Investigator at the University of Liverpool at w.asquith@liverpool.ac.uk.

Privacy and data protection

Modern Slavery PEC and the University of Liverpool recognise the pressures and risks faced by survivors, practitioners, advocates and researchers around the world. Anyone submitted evidence can indicate how they allow their submissions to be used, presented and communicated by the project team.

For more information, please read the [Modern Slavery PEC's privacy policy](#) and the [University of Liverpool's data protection policies and protocols](#), which sets out how we use and protect any personal data that are shared with us.