



# MOZAMBIQUE

32,080,000  
POPULATION\*

\$1,297  
GDP (PPP)\*



93,000

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY\*



67.1/100

VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY\*



\*Global Slavery Index 2023 data. For more information on their findings, visit [GlobalSlaveryIndex.org](https://www.globalslaveryindex.org)

## TRAFFICKING IN MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique is a country of origin and transit for forced labor and sex trafficking. The principal destination for trafficked Mozambicans is South Africa. Mozambique is a transit country for nationals from Somalia and the Great Lakes region of central Africa, many of whom are reportedly headed for South Africa. Internally, people are trafficked from rural areas to cities, with the city of Maputo being the main destination for victims.

**Sex Trafficking:** According to a 2014 study funded by Save the Children, women and children are the main victims of human trafficking, used primarily for labor and sexual exploitation. A 2003 study by the International Organization on Migration (IOM) estimated that 1,000 Mozambican women and children were being trafficked to South Africa every year, mainly for sexual exploitation. The current number is likely much higher, since the 2003 number is dated and likely underreported. There have been more recent studies on trafficking in Mozambique, but they are limited in scope and acknowledge that more data is needed.

Within Mozambique, commercial sexual exploitation is prevalent in border towns and the urban regions of Beira, Maputo, Nacala, Nampula, and Tete. It occurs in bars, roadside clubs, restaurants, and at overnight stopping points along the southern transport corridor that links Maputo, Swaziland, and South Africa. One missionary reports that he has seen an increase in prostitution given the recent growth of Mozambique's petroleum and coal industries, and the Mozambican police have roadblocks to check IDs, including those of children, though fake IDs are easy to procure.



## LJI MOZAMBIQUE IMPACT SINCE 2020

1,330

INTERCEPTS

1

ARRESTS

6

STATION

18

STAFF

## OUR TIMELINE

2020

Love Justice begins expansionary research for piloting our anti-trafficking strategy in Mozambique.

2021

After working hard to overcome multiple obstacles, the Mozambique team intercepts one person in their first month of operation, March!

