



# ZIMBABWE

15,999,000

POPULATION\*

\$2,251

GDP (PPP)\*



74,000



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN MODERN SLAVERY\*

74.8/100



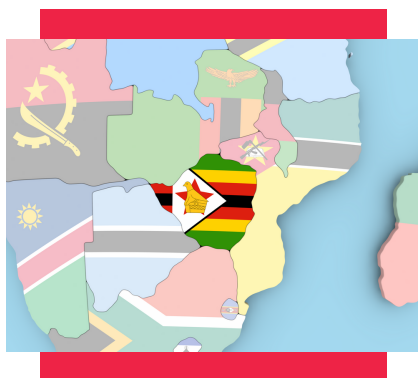
VULNERABILITY TO MODERN SLAVERY\*

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

## TRAFFICKING IN ZIMBABWE

As reported over the past five years, human traffickers exploit domestic and foreign victims in Zimbabwe, and traffickers exploit victims from Zimbabwe abroad. Traffickers take advantage of women and girls from Zimbabwean towns bordering South Africa, Mozambique, and Zambia, enslaving them in forced labor, including domestic servitude and sex trafficking in brothels catering to long-distance truck drivers on both sides of the border.

Zimbabwe is also a transit country for trafficked Somalis and Ethiopians en route to South Africa. There have been reports of traffickers subjecting children from Mozambique to forced labor in street vending in Zimbabwe. Additionally, the practice of ngozi, giving a family member to another family to avenge the spirits of a murdered relative, creates a vulnerability to trafficking.





## OUR COUNTRY CHAMPION

Originally from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Jephath attended a university in Harare. In 1994, he married his wife, Kudzanai, and they have two children: a daughter, Michelle, and a son, Tinomutenda. During their first year of marriage, Jephath became a church elder responsible for the children's ministry, and he has been a children's church teacher for more than 35 years. Currently, Jephath is a professor of physiology and a deputy dean at the University of Zimbabwe Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. Jephath is also actively involved in the evangelism of children as well as orphan care work throughout the country of Zimbabwe. He is a coordinator and board chair of Love Justice Zimbabwe, and he was invited to the LJ board in June 2019.

## LJI ZIMBABWE IMPACT SINCE 2015

1,572

INTERCEPTS

18

ARRESTS

5

CONVICTIONS

5

STATIONS

9

STAFF

### 2016

Love Justice explores possible expansion in Zimbabwe.

### 2017

Transit monitoring is piloted, and Love Justice Zimbabwe is established.

### 2020

Our teams on the ground pivot to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic by finding and feeding more than 20,000 individuals on the brink of starvation.

## OUR TIMELINE

