

World of 21st century slavery

Two centuries after the abolition of the slave trade, an estimated 27 million men, women and children around the world – more than at any time in history – continue to lead lives as slaves. They are forced to work for little or no pay, are sold like objects, and are controlled by violence

■ **Chattel slavery:** Like 18th century slavery, people are captured and sold into permanent servitude. Children of slaves are also treated as property. **Affects 80-90,000 people**

■ **Sex trade:** Estimates of up to 10 million child sex slaves worldwide. **Trade generates about \$34 billion annually**

France: 10,000-12,000 sex and domestic slaves.
UK: 4,000 sex slaves

■ **Bonded labour:** Affects some 20 million people who work to pay off debts. Loans – as little as \$35 – can be passed down for generations. **Valued at \$19 billion annually**

