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The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, in collaboration with The University of Nottingham, would like to map the current evidence base on contemporary slavery (including human trafficking), especially as it has an impact on the United Kingdom. This is of particular importance in the context of the Prime Minister's Task Force on Modern Slavery.

With this in mind, we are carrying out a survey of current and recent research, both that which is applicable to the UK and that which is carried out by UK researchers; of course much or most work we survey will fall into both categories.

We envisage research covering, but not limited to, the following areas:

- Quantification, including detailed understanding of different forms of exploitation.
- Definition and identification (including legal aspects).
- Processes, including the ways victims are found, liberated, and supported, and the monitoring and evaluation of the various responses to slavery and trafficking.
- Geographical issues, for example, countries of origin of victims, differential characteristics of regions of the UK.
- What is known about how effective the mechanisms are that companies are introducing to their supply chains in order to tackle modern slavery.
- What is known about the law enforcement response to modern slavery – how effective it is, with examples of best practice.
- What evidence has been collected on partnerships between statutory agencies to tackle modern slavery and their outcomes.
- What international interventions have been developed to combat modern slavery flows to the UK and how effective they have been.
- Mechanisms underlying particular forms of recruitment, trafficking and exploitation.
- Patterns in criminal activity linked to modern slavery.
- The differential impact of trafficking/slavery on different groups demarcated by age, gender, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or practice, etc.

We do hope you would be prepared to share in this project, we believe that a comprehensive survey will also be of use to the wider UK research community. The survey will be published with full acknowledgment to all those who have contributed.

If you are prepared to take part, it would be helpful if you could provide a summary of up to two pages in length of your current and recent research and that of your group or organisation, together with appropriate bibliography. It would also be very helpful if you could give some pointers as to what you think is the best work being carried out elsewhere, so that we can contact others to fill out a research map.

We very much look forward to hearing from you. Do let us know now if you are prepared to take part, and it would be good to receive your summary within a few weeks. Do please get back to us if you have any questions.

With all best wishes

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