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All of the webinar recordings are available on our members' YouTube channel. Join us to take part! And if you're a member, you can share your experiences with us.

8.7 Webinar Series

Belazelkoska, Ulula (Canada). Commonwealth 8.7 Network, including Smarita Sengupta from Destiny Reflection (India) and Vera International Ambassador for Human Rights Rita French, and CSO representatives from the region.

The Dialogue explored the role of the Commonwealth in eradicating modern slavery by building on the full response can be found here.

The 8.7 Network was founded by the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative and is named after the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 8.7 which encourages states to take immediate and effective action to eradicate all forms of modern slavery.

The 8.7 Network is hosted by the Commonwealth Secretariat to the 8.7 Network and the Commonwealth Justice, Peace and Security Secretariat. The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) provides the Secretariat to the 8.7 Network, and the Commonwealth Justice, Peace and Security Secretariat provides the Secretariat to the 8.7 Network.

The Commonwealth 8.7 Network, the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Contemporary Forms of Slavery Affecting Women and Girls in Africa.

Engage Now Africa’s ‘End Modern Slavery’ Programme implements a range of activities that include awareness raising, capacity building, and support for local organizations. To learn more about this mission, please visit here.

The Spotlight focuses on two members of our Commonwealth 8.7 Network and their scale businesses. To learn more about this mission, please visit here.

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Congratulations also to Trokosi (Canada) and Partners who were named as the 2020 Practitioner Award, for their innovative Kufatilia mobile-based impact program.

Trocosi (Canada) has released a report on labour with every grocery trip.

Congratulations also to the U.S. Department of State’s new report on modern slavery.

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In Ghana, one form of ritual servitude is known as "Afi Ano". This is a practice where girls and women are captured and taken into the forest, where they are forced to serve as "housemaids" for tribal gods.

As a result, girls, women and members of the LGBTQI+ community are particularly vulnerable to servitude, ritual servitude, head porterage, debt bondage, child and forced marriage, and sexual exploitation. Prevalent forms of contemporary slavery in the region include forced labour, domestic servitude, ritual servitude, head porterage, debt bondage, child and forced marriage, and sexual exploitation.

Survivors' Network, is herself a survivor of contemporary forms of slavery and how they strive to identify, assist and support victims and survivors in Africa and beyond.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the global economy, it has also exacerbated the risk of modern slavery. According to the UNODC Global Report on Human Trafficking, the number of reported cases of modern slavery decreased by 24% in 2020 compared to the previous year.

But the pandemic has also shown the resilience and strength of survivors and communities around the world, who continue to fight against modern slavery.

Through our work with survivors, we have seen many who have been rescued and helped to rebuild their lives. We have supported survivors to access education, training, and small business opportunities, which have helped them to become self-sufficient.

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