05. DATA SHARING
MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS A CRIME HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT, THE TRUE SCALE OF WHICH IS UNKNOWN. RADICAL, SCALED DATA SHARING INCLUDING SURVIVOR STORIES OFFER THE BEST OPPORTUNITY TO TACKLE THIS GLOBAL DATA GAP. STOP THE TRAFFIK GROUP IS DOING JUST THIS BY FACILITATING DATA SHARING ACROSS ALL SECTORS.

This year we have facilitated data-sharing across:

- Law enforcement agencies including the MET Police
- Local authorities (UK)
- Global NGOs with datasets of survivor stories
- Key players in the food & agriculture sector
- Health organisations

And increased engagement with financial institutions that hold critical details on how proceeds of crime flow through legitimate systems.

The below projects illustrate the groundbreaking collaboration between actors, uncovering intelligence and insights that can inform real preventative action. This is the only way we can drive traffickers out of entire sectors, rather than have them push their victims from organisation to organisation.
DATA SHARING
PAN-LONDON PROJECT

BACKGROUND
With funding from City Bridge Trust, STOP THE TRAFFIK has been running the Pan-London Project to transform how London is responding to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. The project enables London boroughs, third sector partners, Health, and the police to safely share anonymised data about incidents of modern slavery, building up a rich picture of MSHT across London and informing local response.

The project is currently running in 7 London Boroughs and is rapidly expanding across the rest of London.

THE CHALLENGE(S)
Many Local Authorities in London are not collecting data on MSHT cases, meaning they do not have an accurate picture of the crime in their borough. Without real time intelligence, it is difficult to coordinate responses. Previously, the only data being shared was the National Referral mechanism (NRM) data, which only provides a small part of the picture.

THE SOLUTION
Increased cohesion, sharing of information, and pooled resources lead to a more informed strategy to ensure survivors are protected. We have built trusted relationships that facilitate data sharing across London. Building a live picture of trafficking in London is a crucial step for both preventions of trafficking and survivor support.

- This year, we have collected 6,036 lines of data on MSHT incidents in London.
- We are using the insights highlighted by the data to understand trends, hotspots, routes, and networks of MSHT on a local scale.
- 7 Local Authorities, 13 NGOs, one hospital, and the Metropolitan Police have signed up for the Pan-London Project so far and are sharing data quarterly.
- We present the data analysis back to data-sharing partners visually, allowing partners to gain insights across their respective boroughs.

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YOUR WORK HAS BEEN VITAL FOR PREVENTION, DETECTION AND PROTECTION. IF MORE PEOPLE SHARE DATA WITH YOU, THEY WILL SEE THE CURRENT TRENDS AND SO BE ABLE TO PREVENT THEM. THEY CAN HELP DETECT CRIMES BY SHARING ASPECTS OF A SURVIVOR’S JOURNEY, AND FROM THEIR DATA MAPPING, SHOW WHERE CURRENT TRENDS ARE AND IDENTIFY PLACES OF INTEREST.

THIS IS WHY WE BELIEVE DATA SHARING IS IMPORTANT; IT PUTS THE SURVIVOR AT THE HEART OF YOUR RESEARCH. PREVENTION WILL ALWAYS BE BETTER THAN DETECTION.
DATA SHARING

MODERN SLAVERY INTELLIGENCE NETWORK (MSIN)

The MSIN database constitutes a groundbreaking collaboration between different actors in the food supply chain, including growers, processors and retailers.

MSIN is comprised of 14 leading food and agriculture companies in the UK, including G’s Fresh, Pilgrim’s, Bakkavor Group plc, Morrisons, Waitrose & Partners, 2 Sisters Food Group, Co-op, Fresca Group, and Marks & Spencer, engaged in an 18-month pilot intelligence-sharing project. Through sharing intelligence, its purpose is to enhance the effectiveness of members to detect, prevent and disrupt modern slavery and labour exploitation activity, protecting workers and improving outcomes for those directly impacted.

- 18 pieces of intelligence shared.
- 9 reports were highlighted as active law enforcement, council, or authority investigations.
- 2 incidences uncovered that would have otherwise been unknown

To learn more about MSIN, click here

THE DEVELOPMENT OF MSIN HAS INVOLVED COLLABORATING ON A UNIVERSAL PROCESS BUT IN A WAY THAT IS RESPECTFUL OF INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES, ALL THE WHILE DEMONSTRATING REMARKABLE CONSISTENCY OF VALUES.

MSIN MEMBER