

Media Update

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UNITED NATIONS

SECRETARY-GENERAL MESSAGE

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL MESSAGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY 2 December 2022

As we commemorate the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, we need to recognize that the legacy of the transatlantic trade of enslaved Africans reverberates to this day, scarring our societies and impeding equitable development.

We must also identify and eradicate contemporary forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage and the use of children in armed conflict. The latest Global Estimates of Modern Slavery on forced labour and forced marriage reveal that, in 2021, some 50 million persons were thus enslaved, and this number has been growing.

The most marginalized groups remain particularly vulnerable, including ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, migrants, children and persons with diverse gender identities and sexual orientations. The majority of these vulnerable persons are women.

On this International Day, I call on Governments and societies to recommit to eradicating slavery. Increased action needs to be taken with full participation of all stakeholders, including the private sector, trade unions, civil society and human rights institutions. *I also urge all countries to protect and uphold the rights of victims and survivors of slavery.*

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The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) would cordially like to invite members of the national and international media to the Recognition Event to Acknowledge and Thank the Government and People of Japan for their generous support to UNICEF for assisting the Children in Pakistan.

The Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority: Lt. Gen Inam Haider Malik, has kindly accepted to preside over the event.

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Mitsuhiro Wada, will be the guest of honour.

UNICEF Representative in Pakistan, Mr. Abdullah A Fadil would welcome the guests.

Details:

Date: Friday, December 2, 2022

Time: 10:45 am

Venue: Ambassador Hall 1&2, Marriott Hotel

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