# Frequently asked questions - addressing modern slavery with data science methods

### Can there be international partners on these calls? Can international partners be the third sector partner?

Yes, international partners are eligible on this call. Projects must be led by a UK higher education institution or independent research organisation eligible to receive UKRI funding and projects must collaborate with at least one UK based third sector organisation. However, projects may also collaborate with international partners on this research. International partners can receive up to 30% of the total project cost at 100% full economic cost. For more details see the call document. Full costings details will be sent to stage two applicants.

### Can individuals without a University affiliation join research teams?

Individuals might be eligible to join research teams. We would recommend the lead organisation for the application speaks with the research office at their institution to find the best arrangement, this might be via a sub-contractor route or by having the individual as a named researcher on the application. For specific eligibility advice, please email office@modernslaverypec.org

### Can businesses be project partners?

Businesses can be partners on these projects. A business's role/tasks in the project will determine if they are eligible for funding (see the rules on subcontractors on page 13 of the call doc). We also support businesses being involved in projects by providing in kind support. For specific eligibility advice, please email office@modernslaverypec.org

### Can a project narrow the scope to one type of exploitation, for example, child slavery and data science?

Yes, as long as there is a data science approach, all forms of exploitation under the UK definition of modern slavery are eligible.

### Does passing stage one mean that you are selected for funding?

No, passing stage one does not guarantee funding, it opens the opportunity to submit a full application that will be assessed at stage two.

### Can a project focus on modern slavery responses outside of the UK if it can demonstrate benefit to UK (international) policy?

Yes, it is possible to have a more international focus. Modern Slavery PEC funded work needs to be producing evidence that is of benefit to UK policy makers, so that could include FCDO and the UK's international development policy

### Will you support/facilitate approach to stakeholders for data?

An element of assessment at stage one is feasibility, this includes the availability of data to the research teams. So whilst we do not require a full data sharing agreement in place at

stage one, this could be of benefit. After funding the Modern Slavery PEC can support in the set up of a data sharing agreement and from stages one to two, we will be offering feedback to projects, so this could include feedback on partnerships to access data. We'd recommend teams look at initiatives such as Administrative Data Research UK, a project that facilitates the use of public administration data for researchers. We also recommend using the Modern Slavery PEC Google Group to reach out to potential partners for this call.

## Glossary of Terms

**Principal Investigator (PI)** – the lead researcher or academic in charge of the project

**Co-investigator(s) (Co-I)** – the collaborating researcher(s) or academic(s) working alongside the PI on the project

**Project Team** – the combination of PI, Co-I(s) and other researchers who are working on the project