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Africa’s slavery lives on, 400 years after trade began

As the world marks 400 years since the first recorded arrival of slaves in the Americas, modern-day slavery remains a major scourge, putting some 21 million people at risk of forced labor, forced marriages or other forms of servitude every year, according to the International Labour Organization.

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The government insists it is delivering food and providing protection to the 14,000 or so Nigerian women the International Organization for Migration (IOM) had said were in Libya as of 2016. But networks of smugglers continue to facilitate the movement of women and girls.

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