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The FTS Blog provides a platform for dialogue about how slavery affects communities around the world—and what can be done to eliminate it.

## Latest Fashion Accessory: An App to Learn if Slaves Made Your

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Posted by Cassie Ann Hodges on January 29, 2014

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Have you ever wondered if the shirt on your back — or that new one on the rack — may have been made by slaves? Now there's an app for that.

FTS frontline partner group [Repórter Brasil](#) has launched a free application for smartphones that evaluates popular clothing brands. It's called *Moda Livre* (Free Fashion). This app highlights that slavery is often found in everyday products—including the things we wear. Unscrupulous businesses reap illicit profits through labor that is cheap or free.

Textile manufacturing is one of Brazil's largest industries. The International Textile Manufacturers Federation reports that Brazil is among the top 10 textile markets worldwide and among the top five as an apparel producer.

Brazil is also a global hot spot for trafficking, with nearly 210,000 people in modern-day slavery, according to the [Walk Free 2013 Global Slavery Index](#).

With assistance from [PiU Comunica](#), Repórter Brasil created the *Moda Livre* app to evaluate efforts of Brazil's major clothing retailers to fight slave labor in their supply chains. The app acts as a real-time shopping aid for consumers, by revealing the actions that Brazilian clothing retailers are taking to prevent their products from being manufactured with slave labor.

To develop the application, 22 companies were asked to answer a questionnaire based on four criteria:

1. Policies: commitment to fight slave labor in their supply chains.
2. Monitoring: measures to monitor their clothing suppliers.
3. Transparency: actions to monitor suppliers and fight slave labor.
4. Background: summary of companies involved cases of slave labor, according to the government.

Based on their answers, the companies were assigned one of three color rankings according to the level of their commitment to prevent slave labor: green, yellow, or red. Companies who did not respond to the questionnaire were automatically tagged as red.

The app is focused on Brazil’s clothing market, but it includes at least one brand that’s familiar to American consumers.

To visit the *Moda Livre* download site, click [here](#).

To learn more about other innovative Free the Slaves work in Brazil, click [here](#).

*Editors Note: FTS Brazil Program Manager Flavia Modell contributed material for this article.*

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A copy of Free the Slaves financial statements may be obtained by contacting us at: (202) 775-7480 or 1320 19th St NW # 600, Washington, DC 20036.

Residents of the following states may obtain a copy of our financial and additional information as stated below:

**Colorado:** Colorado residents may obtain copies of registration and financial documents from the office of the Secretary of State, 303-894-2860, [www.sos.state.co.us/](http://www.sos.state.co.us/) re: Reg.No 20163039484.

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## Mark Your Calendar

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming Free the Slaves fundraising events in your area. You can find us at [facebook.com/freetheslaves](https://facebook.com/freetheslaves).

Scheduled Events:

There are no scheduled events at this time. Keep an eye on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds for updates!

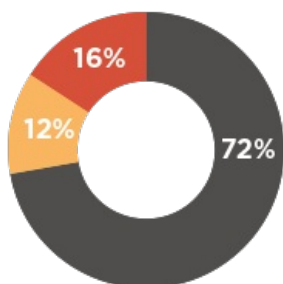


## Impact of Your Donation

All gifts are dedicated to our programs that bring and sustain freedom for entire communities.

- Gifts of \$25, for example, can help feed Indian child slavery survivors attending a transitional school.
- Gifts of \$250 can provide two women in the Congo with a sewing machine and supplies to start a sustainable garment business.
- Gifts of \$500 can help a child attend transitional school in Ghana for six months.

All gifts are used to maintain, support and create programs for FTS and our partners.



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Free the Slaves has established a brokerage account that makes it easy to donate securities!

Please contact your financial advisor to request that your shares be delivered to the Free the Slaves account at Morgan Stanley via DTC. For account details, please ask your financial advisor to contact Linda McNabb at Morgan Stanley: (781) 416-2420, [linda.mcnabb@ms.com](mailto:linda.mcnabb@ms.com).

Thanks!



## Host Your Own Fundraiser

Free the Slaves has developed easy-to-use tools to host a house party or online fundraising campaign with your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers or fellow students. Download our Fundraiser Guide [here](#) and info kit [here](#).



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The Free the Slaves Freedom Circles program is designed to reaffirm the value of annual support at the leadership level. We recognize the vital support of our most generous donors.



Your contributions reduce people's vulnerability to slavery, help those in slavery to freedom, and transform the economic, political and societal circumstances that allow slavery to persist. As a Freedom Circle member, your gift has a direct, immediate and sustaining effect.

## Freedom Circle Levels and Benefits

### Sustainer Circle | Six or more gifts over \$25

- Semi-annual Insider News report mailed to your home
- Recognition in the Free the Slaves Annual Report
- Exclusive monthly webinars with Free the Slaves staff
- Recognition in the semi-annual Insider News

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- Copy of humanitarian photographer Lisa's Kristine's book, *Slavery*
- Special personal briefings with Free the Slaves country directors