



DELHI, INDIA

THE PROBLEM FORCED LABOR SLAVERY

Millions of children, women and men are being enslaved, degraded and silenced across India today—and IJM cannot rescue them alone.

To tackle a crime as widespread and far-reaching as modern-day slavery, IJM's team in Delhi has been working with local, grassroots partners across the country to root out slavery where it still exists and train law enforcement to better protect the poor long-term. Working from India's capital city, IJM Delhi partners with other NGOs to rescue thousands of families and learn how modern-day slavery looks in different contexts. We also work with like-minded organizations on impactful advocacy campaigns aimed at strengthening anti-trafficking laws and increasing public demand for an end to this crime.

IJM DELHI PROGRESS SINCE 2012



9,660+

children, women and men rescued from slavery



10,300+

police, government officials, NGOs and others trained by IJM



THE FACTS



40.3 million people are estimated to be held in slavery worldwide.¹

1 in 4 victim of modern slavery is a child.²

South Asia has the largest number of people in bonded labor slavery: an estimated 15.5 million.³



“Now I can eat when I like, and sleep when I like...
there is no more pressure.”

—Urmila, rescued from a life of slavery

How IJM Delhi Combats Forced Labor Slavery

We rescue children and families by partnering with other organizations fighting slavery throughout India. We train and provide direct support as these partners help authorities rescue forced labor slaves. Our impact has multiplied through this network of partners: We've assisted with rescue operations in 12 of India's 29 states.

We bring criminals to justice. Traffickers and owners who use forced labor slavery to run their business must be restrained to stop the cycle of violence. We collaborate with our partners to support public prosecutors seeking justice in local courts.

We restore survivors by helping partner organizations develop individualized care plans for each family and their community. IJM social workers equip our partners with training and tools they need to respond to trauma, provide one-on-one counseling, and facilitate group meetings that will enable survivors to thrive in freedom. We help adults pursue dignifying jobs and ensure children can enroll in school.

We strengthen justice systems by training and mentoring law enforcement, government officials and non-profit organizations. Our partner organizations regularly conduct rescue operations without needing our direct assistance, and they are training new partners in new regions. We also lead IJM's national advocacy efforts to strengthen laws against slavery and raise awareness through media and social outreach.

IJM DELHI MILESTONES

2012

IJM DELHI OPENS

2013

INDIA'S FIRST HELP-LINE

IJM helped district officials issue their first release certificates formally emancipating 5 people from forced labor slavery. The media and local courts took notice, and soon the state launched the nation's first toll-free help-line for victims of forced labor.

2013

BIGGEST RESCUE OPERATION

179 people rescued from an oppressive brick factory in India's newest state—one of IJM's largest operations ever.

2014

HEADLINE NEWS

A woman who voted for the first time after decades in slavery was featured in a front-page article in one of India's leading newspapers— finally making forced labor slavery headline news.



DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS SHAMIRA MANWAR

Shamira joined IJM Delhi in 2012 to lead government relations and advocacy on the issue of modern slavery, and then until recently led the team's engagement with institutional and business partnerships. With a background in business and grassroots mobilization, she brings a sharp mind and a warm spirit to our national fight against slavery and trafficking in India.



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