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# 2018 Year in Review





# Thank You!

YOU ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES,  
COMMUNITIES AND ENTIRE NATIONS.

Your support has sent IJM to the front lines for more than 20 years, fighting some of the worst forms of violence. Through your generosity and partnership, we are at work in communities across Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Southeast Asia to help victims of violence secure justice and to partner with key authorities in fixing broken justice systems.



## Rescue

We collaborate with local officials to rescue victims from ongoing violence and bring them to safety.



## Restrain

We partner with police to restrain criminals, traffickers and slave owners from hurting others.



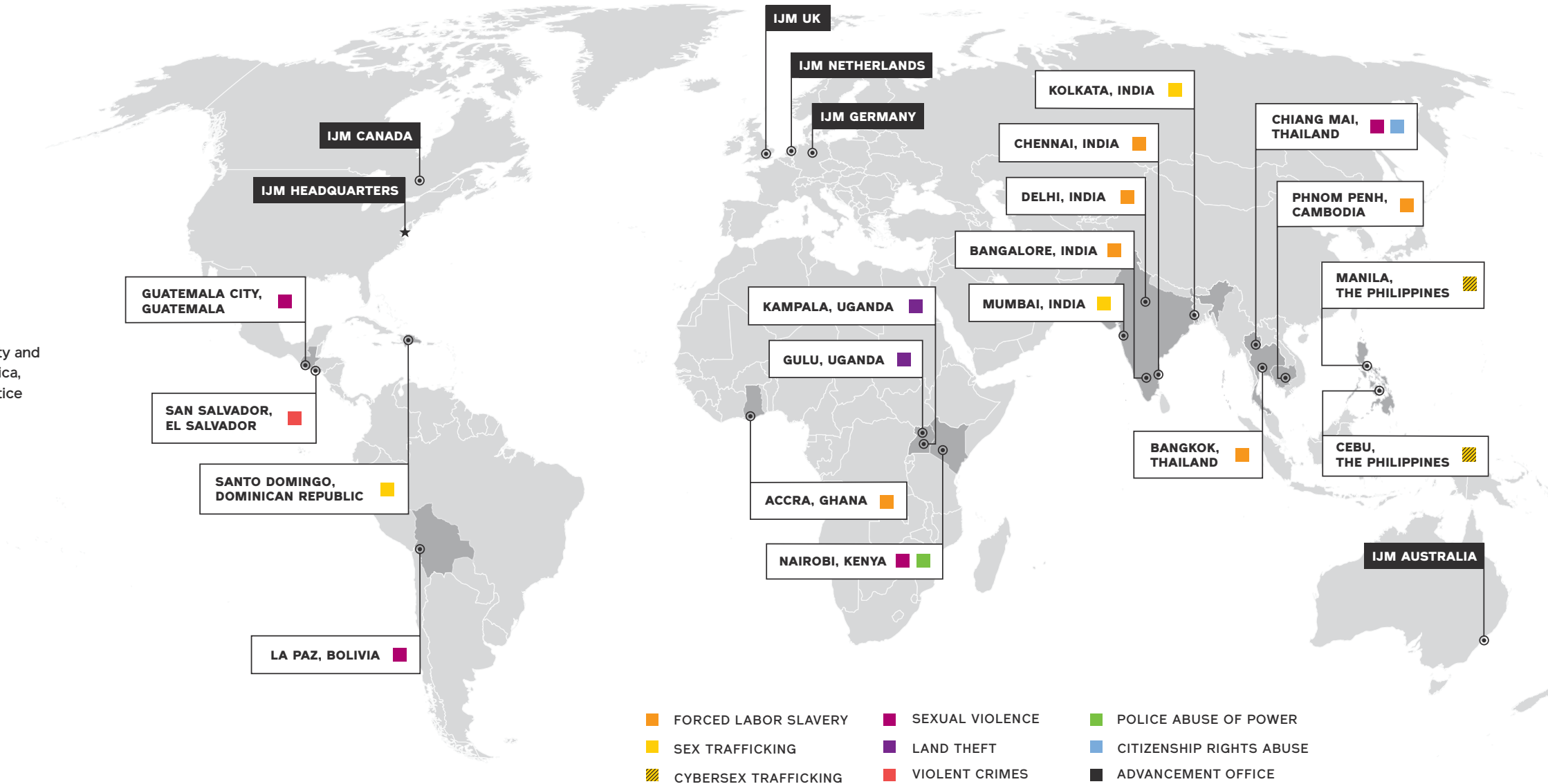
## Restore

We join with social workers and aftercare partners to restore survivors to safety and strength through counseling, education and skills training.



## Repair

We identify gaps in the justice systems where the poor are not protected and then work with local authorities and courts to address these challenges.



### YOUR IMPACT IN 2018

4,660

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND  
OPPRESSION RESCUED BY IJM  
AND IJM-TRAINED PARTNERS

227

CRIMINALS RESTRAINED  
THROUGH COURT-  
ORDERED DETENTION  
OR CONVICTIONS

2,034

SURVIVORS AND FAMILY  
MEMBERS CURRENTLY  
RECEIVING AFTERCARE

29,000+

PEOPLE TRAINED, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICERS, JUDGES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS,  
PROSECUTORS AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROFESSIONALS



# You help survivors heal and thrive

CHENNAI, INDIA

Just two years ago, Gosamani was a much different woman. She had no idea slavery still existed in India, until she followed the promise of a good job at a brick kiln and ended up trapped alongside 332 other victims. Women and men forced to work in the kiln said the owner controlled them with violence, watched them constantly, monitored their contact with relatives and sent around a false “doctor” to keep them working non-stop.

They were terrified and isolated from the outside world—until friends like you sent IJM and local officials to rescue them.

Gosamani joined IJM’s two-year aftercare program that helps bonded labor survivors get back on their feet, learn new life skills and plan for the future safely at home. In September 2018, she was one of nearly 1,000 survivors who graduated the program and are now living confidently in freedom. She’s taking hold of all the lessons you made possible and looking forward to helping her community thrive.

“Officials tell me I am a leader, and I am happy that all my villagers trust me,” she says with a bright smile. “I feel so empowered!”



# You give children a bright future

NAIROBI, KENYA

“God did not want to finish me,” Jina says. “He wanted to use me to become an encouragement to other girls, other people who had gone through that. **I want to say thank you for supporting me.**”



Jina\* and her sisters grew up making dolls out of potatoes and dressing them in clothes they made from sweet peppers from their mother’s garden. Her mother remembers Jina being a child full of joy.

The family was devastated by a sudden change in their once-exuberant Jina when at 16 she told them she had been attacked and raped by a motorcycle taxi driver while on her way home from school.

*“I could not even share my story without shaking, crying,” she recalls.*

Because of you, IJM provided Jina with the legal representation her family could not afford. With the support of her social workers, Jina bravely testified in court, and her attacker was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Your generous support allowed Jina to participate in trauma-focused counseling, and now her joy is returning. This past year, she proudly completed an apprenticeship and secured a job at a hair salon, giving her skills that will help provide for her future. Jina is also a youth leader at her church, and amongst her friends she is beloved for making others laugh with her talent as a comedian.





# You empower survivors to become advocates

CEBU, PHILIPPINES

Your gifts bring rescue and healing where it's most urgently needed—but your impact doesn't stop there. Years after rescue, survivors are empowered to protect and fight for others. Many, like Elsa\* in the Philippines, are rising up to lead a movement of justice advocates ready to end modern slavery.

Like so many other girls who fall prey to traffickers, Elsa was offered a promising job with good pay. But the scheming bar owner where she worked used loans and sham interest to trap her in a cycle of debt. Night after night, she was forced to dance in a skimpy “uniform” and give customers whatever they wanted—even her body.

But you sent IJM and police to rescue Elsa, bringing her and 15 others out of this nightmare. You provided loving social workers to care for Elsa and help her heal. You made it possible for trained lawyers to hold the bar owners accountable in court.

You should see Elsa today—a brave, vibrant young woman ready to advocate on behalf of others like her. “My story has not been easy, but it is my story,” she said, taking the stage in September in front of a crowd of nearly 5,000 people.



She continued: “Let’s bring light and healing to those who are still waiting to be rescued. **Let us combine our light and overcome the darkness.**”



# You make community transformation possible

GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA



“Because of the help we received,  
we aren’t stuck in the past.  
**We are able to move forward.**”  
—Jeny,\* a survivor

When IJM first began working in Guatemala, experts warned us that Guatemala was “too broken” to protect the poor. They discouraged IJM from even trying. But courageous supporters like you believed that change was possible, and now IJM and local authorities are working together to protect thousands of children from sexual violence.

Since 2006, friends like you have made it possible for IJM Guatemala to work alongside government officials to protect 298 children, help restore 213 survivors and secure 273 convictions against perpetrators.

And the transformation you have helped make possible in Guatemala only continues to multiply; in 2018, your gifts allowed IJM to identify and train two Collaborative Casework Partners (CCPs)—local organizations who learned IJM’s model and will replicate our methods in providing legal and aftercare services to child survivors of sexual violence.

These two organizations are now actively supporting over 50 survivors and their families—expanding IJM’s reach beyond what we could accomplish on our own. In addition, the team is currently training three more CCPs who will start replicating IJM’s model in 2019.

Thank you for investing in our work in Guatemala. Because of faithful donors like you, our team is empowering local organizations to walk alongside survivors of sexual violence.







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