




# **A PROVEN SOLUTION** TO A GLOBAL PROBLEM

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*How IJM's model has created dramatic  
change in the fight against slavery*





International Justice Mission  
has a simple theory of change:  
**When laws are enforced, the  
violence stops.**

When the justice system protects the poor—and  
slave owners, traffickers and other criminals can  
no longer exploit with impunity—millions of  
vulnerable people will never be abused.  
IJM's work proves that justice systems can change.

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We work alongside government  
authorities to:

**RESCUE** victims from violence

**RESTORE** survivors to safety and strength

**RESTRAIN** criminals by bringing them to justice

**REPAIR** the justice system so that it protects  
entire communities from ever being abused

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**Our model is at work in nearly 20 communities**  
throughout Africa, Latin America, South Asia and  
Southeast Asia.



# CHILDREN PROTECTED FROM SEX TRAFFICKING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

## THE PROBLEM:

Child sex trafficking was flourishing when IJM started working in Southeast Asia in the early 2000s.

Children as young as 5 years old were openly sold for sex in Cambodia, and studies estimated that 15 to 30% of sex workers were minors.

There was **no anti-trafficking law** or specialized unit when we started working in the Philippines. Courts and social services lacked the resources and political will necessary to protect children from traffickers.

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## THE SOLUTION:

**Traffickers will stop selling minors for sex when they face real consequences.**

IJM invested in repairing the broken public justice system. We partnered with authorities in the Philippines and Cambodia to:

- **Rescue** more than 1,775 victims and secure convictions against more than 645 criminals for sex trafficking crimes
- **Train** hundreds of police in Cambodia and help establish and equip the first-ever dedicated anti-trafficking unit within the Philippines National Police
- **Strengthen** anti-trafficking legislation, coach prosecutors on building strong criminal cases, and introduce child-focused protocols in court
- **Develop** a network of well-coordinated aftercare providers that offer immediate to long-term support so survivors can thrive in freedom

*Photo and back cover by Esther Havens*

## THE RESULTS:

Studies show that there are far fewer minors being sold for sex in the cities where IJM has worked.

Each case helped us identify gaps, and we collaborated with Cambodian and Philippine authorities to strengthen the system so it delivers justice to those who need it most.

The number of minors available for sexual exploitation has **plummeted by at least 73%** in our areas of operation.

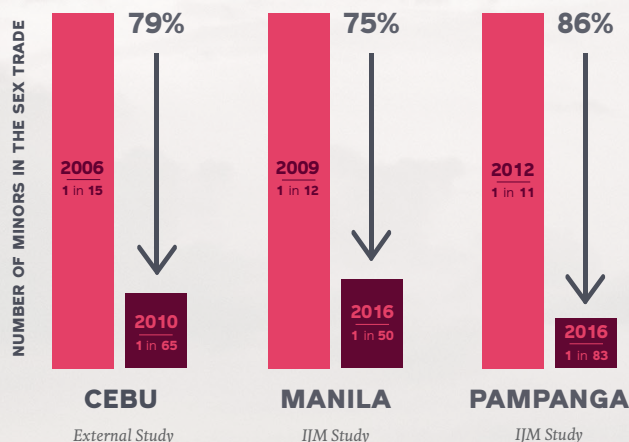
“IJM’s Justice System Transformation approach through the combination of **collaborative casework and targeted justice system reform initiatives** have proven relevant and successful to contributing to a **reduction in the prevalence** of commercial sexual exploitation of children in Cambodia.”

An external evaluation of IJM’s impact in Cambodia from 2004 to 2014

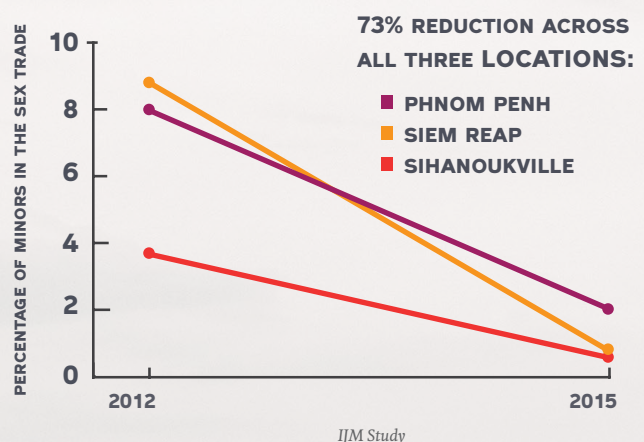
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## PERCENTAGE OF MINORS IN THE SEX TRADE PLUMMETED **FOLLOWING IJM’S WORK** ALONGSIDE AUTHORITIES


### REDUCTION IN **THE PHILIPPINES**



### REDUCTION IN **CAMBODIA**





A woman with long dark hair is seen from the side, looking down at an open book she is holding. The background is a bright sunset or sunrise over a city, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting off the clouds. The woman is wearing a dark blue or purple top. The book she is reading has text visible on its pages, which appears to be a narrative. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

**“Do not lose hope. Don’t think that you are not capable of doing greater things.**

**You will go places, just trust in yourself.**

**There are people who are looking for you.”**

*Elsa\*, a survivor of sex trafficking from the Philippines*





“We have a heart to protect the country—to make sure there is security and social order—by ensuring rights and freedom for all citizens, and by ensuring citizens have understanding and are free from trafficking... **Perpetrators may keep coming up with more trickery, but what we have is our will and our responsibility to fight against them.**”

*General Pol Phie They,  
Director of Cambodia's Anti-Human  
Trafficking & Juvenile Protection Police*

*IJM is leveraging our existing relationships and expertise in Southeast Asia to combat new forms of slavery. In Cambodia, we help authorities fight labour trafficking, and in the Philippines we are protecting children from cybersex trafficking—the live-streaming sexual exploitation of children viewed over the internet.*



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Today, IJM's work is helping to **protect more than 21 million people from violence.**

**INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION** is a global organization that protects the poor from violence throughout the developing world. IJM partners with local authorities to rescue victims, bring criminals to justice, restore survivors, and strengthen justice systems. IJM Canada shares in this mission.

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