IJM CASEWORK SERIES

SLAVERY

Slavery is illegal almost everywhere—but today millions of children, women and men are trapped in slavery around the world.

Traffickers and slave holders use deception, threats or violence to force people into grueling labour or sexual exploitation for little or no pay. These individuals are often denied adequate food or sleep, and they're often barred from leaving for school or medical care.

IJM addresses labour trafficking, sex trafficking and the online sexual exploitation of children in communities around the world. In India, entire families are enslaved working in brick kilns, rice mills, garment factories and other places—some up to 20 hours per day. In the Dominican Republic traffickers lure vulnerable women and children into sex trafficking with promises of school or a job, but then force them to sell their bodies over and over again. In the Philippines, the live-streaming of sexual exploitation, oftentimes of very young children—is on the rise in the digital age.

OUR IMPACT AROUND THE WORLD

27,000+

People rescued from slavery by IJM and our partners since 1998

5,300+

Survivors restored to safety and strength through IJM's aftercare program and partners since 2013

564

People freed in our largest rescue to date (2016)

QUICK FACTS

There are an estimated **40.3 million people** held in slavery today

An estimated **90% of forced labour** takes place in the private economy—homes, businesses and supply chains[2]

Human trafficking generates about **$150 billion a year**—two-thirds from commercial sexual exploitation[3]

Labour Trafficking on Lake Volta

IJM Ghana works with local law enforcement to rescue teenagers like Godwin, who was trafficked into life-threatening work on Lake Volta. After being taken to safety, Godwin twice returned to the island with police to help them identify other trafficked children and bring them to safety as well. He is now back in school pursuing his dream to become a doctor.

[1]Walk Free, ILO and IOM, [2]Human Rights Watch, [3]ILO

WHERE WE WORK AGAINST SLAVERY

Cambodia

Dominican Republic

Ghana

India
Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai

Myanmar

Philippines
Cebu, Manila

Romania

Thailand

OUR SOLUTION

In the face of abuse, IJM and our partners collaborate with local authorities to build communities where all people can expect to be safe and protected. Together, we:

Strengthen Justice Systems
We offer training for government officials combating slavery, equipping them to respond to cases of slavery sensitively and proactively. Together, we design improvements that serve survivors and deter other potential traffickers.

Rescue and Restore Victims
We identify brothels, homes, factories, fishing boats and farms where people are trafficked, and partner with local police to conduct rescue operations. We then walk with survivors on the path to restoration, developing care plans focusing on physical health, trauma counseling and economic self-sufficiency.

Bring Criminals to Justice
We work alongside justice system officials to build strong cases against traffickers and hold them accountable under local laws. We aid public prosecutors by collecting evidence and researching legal precedents.

Scale Demand for Protection
We convene and equip champions—from grassroots community leaders and survivors of trafficking to global corporations and development institutions—to call on governments to protect people from slavery.

SCALING TRANSFORMATION THROUGH PARTNERS

India

Helped by a grant from Google.org, IJM has trained other organizations to utilize our effective model. Today, they're partnering with local authorities across India to free people in slavery. Thousands have been rescued already, and millions have seen the thrilling results in local media.

JOIN US

Help us make justice unstoppable. Use your time, talents and passion to help protect people in poverty from violence today.

Join us at **IJM.ca/our-work**

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