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A PROVEN SOLUTION TO A GLOBAL PROBLEM

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 people who are 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.

We work alongside government authorities to:

Strengthen Justice Systems

We collaborate with justice system and community leaders to respond effectively to violence. Together, we design improvements that serve survivors, deter criminals and dramatically decrease violence.

Bring Criminals To Justice

We work alongside justice system officials to ensure that criminals are held accountable, stopping the cycle of violence and deterring others from abusing vulnerable people.

Rescue And Restore Victims

We partner with local authorities to rescue individual victims of violence and restore survivors to safety and stability.

Scale Demand For Protection

We convene and equip champions to advocate for protection as an essential and tangible future for everyone.

Our model is at work in over 24 communities through Africa, Europe, 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** over 22,000 members of the public justice sector and community, including police, public prosecutors, judiciary, regulatory agencies, social service workers, students, faith communities, and members of the media.
- **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.

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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**

“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*

**A pseudonym*

"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

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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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IJM's successful programs in Cambodia, the Philippines, Uganda and Guatemala have **sustainably protected 7.3 million vulnerable people** from targeted types of violence.

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INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION CANADA is part of a global organization that protects people who are 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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