

FROM SLAVE TO FREE

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF TRAFFICKED CHILDREN

More people are enslaved today than at any other time in human history. Millions of them are children. Forced to be soldiers, fishermen, servants, miners, weavers, and sex workers, these children live in danger and fear, denied their most basic rights.

The Global Fund for Children invests in grassroots organizations around the world that are taking a stand against modern-day slavery. They work courageously to prevent trafficking, to rescue enslaved children, and to help survivors heal from trauma and regain their rights. Operating on the front lines, GFC's grassroots partners are in touch with the needs of their communities—they have the skills, knowledge, and power to transform lives.

5.5^M

The International Labor Organization estimates that 5.5 million children and youth are engaged in forced labor worldwide.

A COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH: THE STEPS TO FREEDOM

REACH OUT

On street corners, in nightclubs, and across neighborhoods ruled by fear and violence—our partners know how and where to find enslaved children who have nowhere else to turn.



Understanding that most teenage sex workers in Hong Kong are solicited on the Internet, **Teen's Key** conducts outreach online, as well as in nightclubs and on the streets. After gaining the girls' trust, Teen's Key offers them legal advice, health services, and counseling.

RESCUE

Sometimes at great personal peril, our partners remove children from the brothels, mines, factories, and farms where they work against their will.



Negotiating with armed rebels in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is not typically found on a job description—but that's exactly what staff and volunteers do at **Bureau pour le Volontariat au Service de l'Enfance et de la Santé** as they work for the release of child combatants and sex slaves.

REHABILITATE

Children who experience trauma need comprehensive support to heal. Our partners provide shelter, legal services, medical care, life skills training, psychological counseling, and more.



One of the few organizations in Turkey working with trafficking survivors, **Aile Danismalari Dernegi** offers women and girls a range of services, including family and individualized counseling and assistance with safely reintegrating into their communities.

REINTEGRATE

Responding to each child's hopes and needs, Our partners help children safely and securely reunite with their families, continue their education, and prepare for a healthy and productive future.

Finding work is hard enough for young people—now imagine entering the job market as a trafficking survivor. Young victims of sex trafficking in Nepal gain the skills and confidence they need through **Asha Nepal's** holistic program, which includes reintegration workshops and employment assistance to help them rebuild their lives.



GRASSROOTS PREVENTION & AWARENESS

Our partners not only transform the lives of survivors—they also use innovative methods to stop slavery and trafficking before it starts and to educate the public about the issue. The result: stronger communities that are better prepared to prevent, recognize, and stop modern slavery.



South Kolkata Hamari Muskan targets a population that is at extreme risk of entering the sex trade—the children of sex workers in the red-light district of Kolkata, India. Through its day center, the organization provides more than 125 children with a safe haven, counseling, and educational support, so they can be empowered to make healthy decisions about their lives.



Roshni Research and Development Welfare Organization in Pakistan facilitates a quick-response system to recover abducted children within 48 hours of their disappearance. The Roshni Helpline coordinates and distributes information about the missing child to a vast network that includes police, hospitals, and community groups. Last year Roshni reached 4,536 children with trafficking prevention, recovery, and rehabilitation services.



While helping Liberia to rebuild after a decade of conflict that forced thousands of children into sexual slavery, *Touching Humanity in Need of Kindness* became the lead advocate for the 2011 Children’s Act. The organization raised awareness of the law and how to implement it, in addition to annually serving more than 800 survivors of gender-based violence.

Last year, The Global Fund for Children invested more than \$648,000 in grassroots organizations working with victims of trafficking. We partnered with 49 organizations that serve children who have been trafficked or are at risk, working in 27 countries around the world.

GRASSROOTS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Working in impoverished communities around Lagos, Nigeria, **Centre for Children’s Health Education, Orientation and Protection** (CEE-HOPE) rescues survivors of violence, abuse, and exploitation and helps them reach their full potential. Counseling, as well as medical and legal aid, helps the girls build confidence and get back on their feet. CEE-HOPE then makes sure they stay in school, offering after-school tutoring, leadership training, mentoring, and school supplies to girls who have been rescued or who are at risk of trafficking or teenage pregnancy. Last year, CEE-HOPE reached 550 girls, including many who have been displaced by terrorist activities in northern Nigeria.



GET INVOLVED

The Global Fund for Children specializes in finding small organizations with big potential and helping them to grow into sustainable resources for their communities. Our locally based partners understand how to find, rescue, and rehabilitate trafficked children so they can rebuild their lives. Our role is to help them achieve their goals and maximize their impact. If you are interested in joining the fight against modern slavery, please visit www.globalfundforchildren.org.