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Every person
deserves to be free
from violence.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Thanks to you, the progress we’ve made so far has been incredible. With your partnership, we can bring justice to some of the world’s most vulnerable.

Earlier this year, I had the privilege to see our work in Asia and witness the harrowing reality of modern slavery. It was heart-breaking to drive past disturbing scenes of men, women and young children working with heavy equipment, risking their limbs and lives to build bricks.

With the help of IJM’s efforts and our partners, many people in similar situations have been freed and are now on the path to healing. That’s why our work is more important now than ever. Our vision at IJM Australia is to empower Australians to understand the urgency of slavery and the solution that IJM provides: compelling action.

Thanks to you, the progress we’ve made so far has been incredible. In FY22, **you helped us rescue 11,664 people from slavery and other forms of violence**—an extraordinary feat we accomplished together. As we continue to send rescue, we hope to raise survivor voices and equip them to lead the fight against slavery in their communities. We’ve seen **299 brave survivors empowered to share their stories** and their journey to restoration. This is a huge milestone for us and a true testament to our mission of ensuring survivors have the space and support they need to heal.

IJM Australia has positioned ourselves as a leading voice to galvanise legislative action against modern slavery. We helped pass the *NSW Modern Slavery Act*, holding businesses accountable for their labour practices. Our advocacy efforts, along with your continued support, were pivotal in winning this landmark achievement.

We have increased our local involvement in Australia and made it our priority to bring together private and public corporations to combat violence and slavery. We launched our *Spot Fires in Supply Chains* report which revealed the prevalence of modern slavery in Australian supply chains and the role corporations play in addressing it. Through our report, we actively engaged with multinational businesses and key stakeholders to help them eradicate modern slavery within their supply chains and urged them to take immediate action.

In February, IJM was quick to respond to the refugee crisis in Ukraine where we saw streams of women and children fleeing the country who were at risk of

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trafficking. Our staff on the ground worked closely with local partners to provide emergency assistance and support services to ensure the safe passage of refugees and reduce the risk of trafficking. We provided trauma-informed training to partner shelters and charities to recognise the risks of trafficking, whilst also providing material support such as transport, accommodation and sim cards to reduce the risk of trafficking for refugees.

Throughout the year, we continued to earn valuable media coverage with over 120 mentions of *International Justice Mission Australia*, putting the issue of Modern Slavery in front of Australians. Looking back on the success of the past year, we are deeply humbled and grateful for your unwavering support. On behalf of all of us at IJM Australia, I want to thank each of you for helping us achieve more than we thought possible and create an impact where it matters most.

As you read through this report, we hope the stories will inspire you as much as they have inspired us. With your partnership, we can bring justice to some of the world’s most vulnerable. Together, we can create an unstoppable movement to end slavery once and for all.

Until all are free,



Steve Baird
CEO, IJM Australia



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

When IJM began 25 years ago, it had a bold mission: to end slavery in our lifetime. That goal launched a global movement to defend and protect people in poverty from violence—whether sex trafficking, online sexual exploitation of children, labour trafficking, land theft, domestic violence or other forms of injustice.

Since then, IJM has worked with partners around the world to see **over 76,000 people rescued from slavery and violence** to embark on journeys of freedom and restoration.

And with your help, it’s just the beginning. Compassionate Australians like you have been instrumental in helping the justice movement make significant progress.

As we continue to grow, we have developed a strong leadership team, supported by robust infrastructure and more sustainable processes to integrate our work and multiply its impact. We have successfully recruited diverse talent across the organisation, shaping a workplace where people can thrive and succeed.

During FY22, IJM Australia welcomed two new Board members: Mario Falchoni and Grant Dawson. Mario brings over 20 years of experience as a trusted advisor to boards and senior management teams ranging from start-ups to top 50 ASX-listed companies. Having served on Finance, Audit, and Risk committees for many years, Grant will chair our new Governance, Risk, Audit, and Finance (GRAF) committee. We are delighted to have them join our board.

With the generosity of our supporters like you, we continue to reach milestones that fuel our mission in new

ways. IJM has increased its global presence by opening two new offices in Asia Pacific—proving just how far we’ve come. Together with local authorities in 14 countries worldwide, IJM seeks to build safer communities where everyone can live freely without fear of violence or slavery.

By 2030, we aim to scale our work in justice with our most ambitious goal yet: **to rescue millions, protect half a billion and make justice for people in poverty unstoppable.**

But we can’t do this alone. In order to deliver protection to half a billion children, women and men, we continue to equip partners to join us, mobilise advocates to demand justice and help governments and corporations to end slavery in our lifetime.

I would also like to express our appreciation to Steve and his wonderful team who have managed the past year with great agility and decorum. As we move forward together, I want to thank you for joining us in this fight to prove that justice for people in poverty is possible. We look forward to your continuing support and prayers.

Sincerely,



Dr Lindsay McMillan OAM
Board Chair, IJM Australia



OUR VISION

Rescue millions, protect half a billion and make justice for people in poverty unstoppable.

IJM Australia supported three key programs in our region in FYE22.

- SOUTH ASIA**

FORCED LABOUR SLAVERY:

To secure the protection of 317 million men, women and children from forced labour by 2030.
- ASIA PACIFIC**

ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN (OSEC):

To secure the protection of 6 million children from OSEC in the Philippines by 2030.
- ASIA PACIFIC**

FORCED LABOUR AND LABOUR TRAFFICKING:

To secure the protection of over 70 million people living in poverty by 2030.

Millions of men, women and children live in fear of violence every day. But these people can be protected. And we intend to do it at scale.

By 2030, we aim to protect 500 million in poverty from violence throughout the world. Our vision is audacious, but not impossible. With your partnership, we can make it a reality.

At IJM, we strive to build a future of protection where slavery, violence and exploitation have no place—where every person can lead lives in safety and freedom.

The fight against slavery isn’t over but thanks to people like you, we’re making great progress towards ending it. Read on to discover how your invaluable support is transforming lives.

WHO WE ARE

At IJM, we are working all around the world to free people trapped in slavery.

But we don’t stop there. Our goal is to prevent the violence from ever happening in the first place, collaborating with local justice systems to build communities where all people can be safe and protected.



We rescue and restore victims

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



We bring criminals to justice

We collaborate with justice systems and community leaders to respond effectively to violence.



We strengthen justice systems

We work with justice system officials to ensure that criminals are held accountable, stopping the cycle of violence and deterring criminals.



We scale demand for protection

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

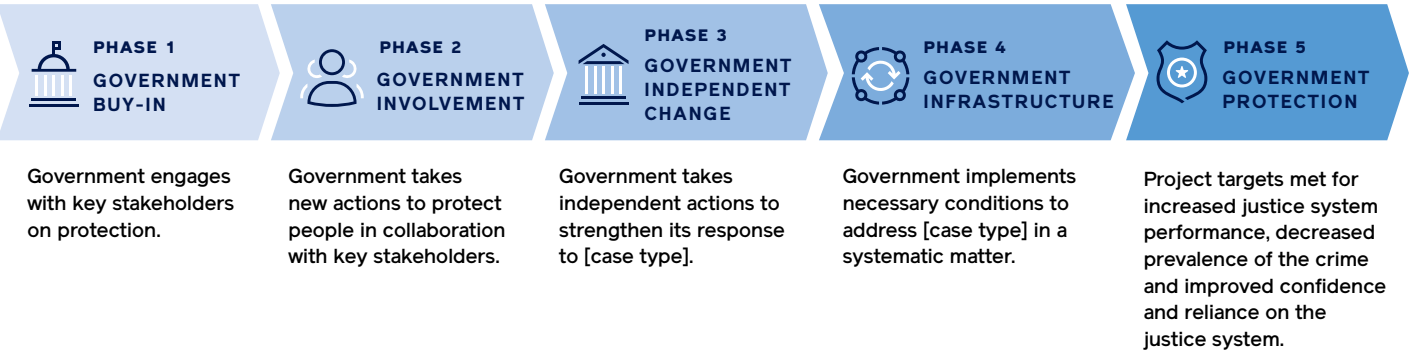
Global Protection Model

To achieve our 2030 vision of protecting 500 million people, IJM is scaling its delivery of protection in communities through our global protection model. Our unique model helps victims of violence secure justice and focuses on partnering with key authorities to fix broken justice systems in the countries where we work.

At the heart of our model is our collaborative casework approach: mentoring and collaborating with justice system officials on real and ongoing cases of violence.

By working side by side on delivering justice to survivors of violence, our experienced IJM staff establish long-term relationships with counterparts in the public justice system, enabling the sustainable transfer of skills built on open engagement and trust.

We believe that through this model, we are uniquely equipped to permanently dismantle systemic injustices through sustainable community protection.





As we celebrate 25 years of justice as a global organisation, we embrace a bold vision to protect millions.



OUR IMPACT

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF JUSTICE

IJM Globally have spent 25 years on the front lines fighting some of the worst forms of violence.

When IJM started in 1997, IJM responded to one massive problem: **children and families in poverty around the world desperately needed a defender.** This was the idea that inspired IJM—a vision of putting together a group of lawyers, investigators and social workers who would bring rescue to victims of violence and oppression and bring criminals to justice, so the cycle of violence stops.

For 25 years, International Justice Mission has been on the front lines, standing against injustices toward people who are poor or mistreated. Through persistence and valued partnerships, we have helped over 76,000 children, women and men out of abuse and into freedom—and held their abusers accountable for their crimes.

RESTORED

76,000

children, women and men rescued from abuse and into freedom

Today, we have a team of more than 1,200 around the world in over 20 different countries working to protect people from violence and slavery. And in the eight years since IJM launched in Australia, the organisation has grown from a small team into a prominent leader in empowering Australians to unite against modern slavery. **This kind of growth has only been possible because of your partnership.** Your generosity enables IJM and our partners to provide holistic support to survivors of slavery and strengthen justice systems to protect the most vulnerable from slavery.

At IJM Australia, we commit our time and resources to support programmes overseas, allowing us to expand our reach and make a profound impact on the lives of people affected by violence.

From 2014 onwards, **IJM Australia has been able to provide 15.7 million AUD in funding for international programmes and protection services worldwide**—an unprecedented milestone for us and a true testament to your generosity.

As we celebrate 25 years of justice as a global organisation, we embrace a bold vision to protect millions.

We look forward to standing with you in solidarity in the next 25 years and beyond—until all are free.

GLOBAL IMPACT AT A GLANCE

With your help in 2022, IJM and our partners:

**Reflective of information compiled from April 2021 to March 2022.*



RESCUED



11,664

victims from violence and oppression



RESTRAINED



4,926

suspected criminals

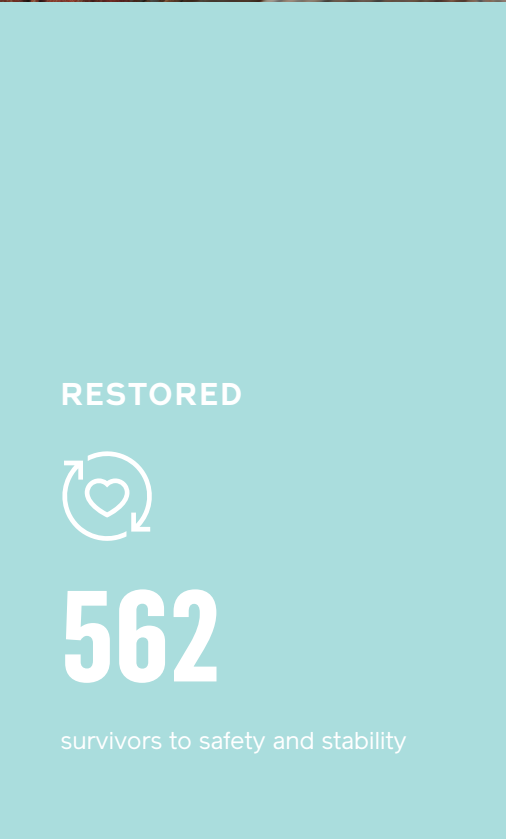


CONVICTED



1,698

perpetrators in local courts



RESTORED



562

survivors to safety and stability



EMPOWERED



299

survivors to tell their story



TRAINED



49,979

justice system officials and community members to recognise and respond to violence







WHERE WE WORK

We are a global team of lawyers, social workers, community activists and other professionals in **39 offices** across **26 countries** who share in the mission of protecting people in poverty from violence. Through our network of field offices, we are reaching some of the world's most vulnerable and empowering them to pursue safe and secure futures.



2022 GLOBAL IMPACT

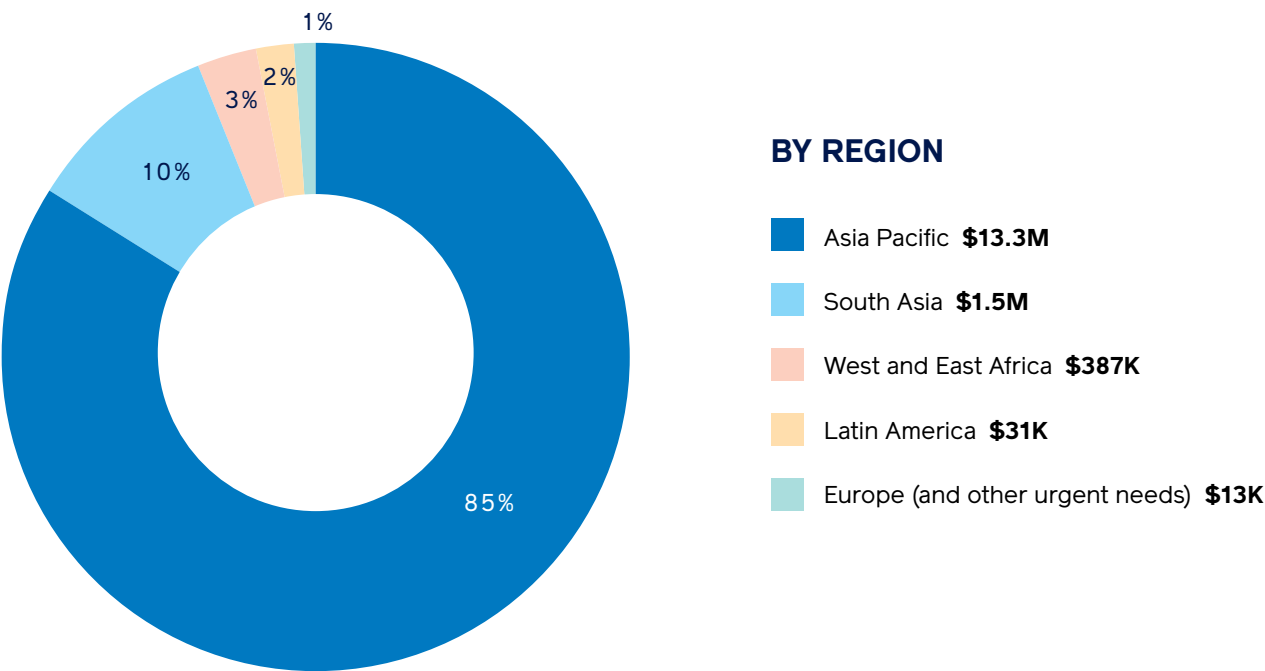
IJM has rescued thousands of vulnerable people from violence and protected thousands more in 2022, helping to end modern slavery across the globe.*

	Forced and Bonded Labour Slavery	Online Sexual Exploitation of Children	Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children	Police Abuse of Power	Violence Against Women and Children
 <div>Victims rescued by IJM and our Partners</div>	4,985	118	503	10	6,048
 <div>Perpetrators restrained</div>	61	15	258	51	4,541
 <div>Perpetrators convicted</div>	14	25	80	16	1,563
 <div>Survivors restored</div>	84	66	220	3	189

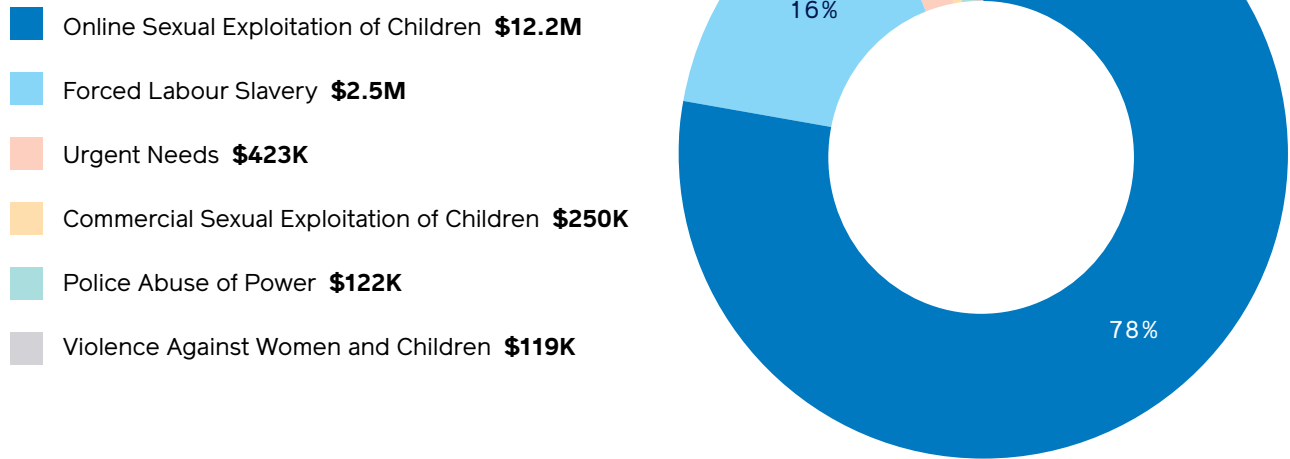
*Reflective of information compiled from April 2021 to March 2022.

OUR IMPACT

IJM Australia International Program Distributions from 2014–2022



BY CASEWORK



OUR WORK

RESCUING AND RESTORING SURVIVORS TO SAFETY

We partner with local authorities to rescue people from ongoing violence to safety and join with social workers to restore survivors to their communities through counselling, education and skills training.



RESCUED

11,664

victims rescued from violence and oppression

RESTORED

94%

of survivors have remained restored¹ one year after

EMPOWERED

299

survivors empowered to tell their story

PHILIPPINES

ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC) is a complex, hidden crime that is particularly challenging for the global community to measure and address. IJM's Centre to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children in the Philippines partners with governments, industries, NGOs, and stakeholders around the world to put an end to this abuse.

Scaling the work of IJM Philippines globally, the Centre to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children works towards improving the detection of the technology and financial sectors, reporting of livestreamed child sexual exploitation and increasing accountability in demand-side countries.

IJM's Centre to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children has made great strides in ending the demand for online child abuse through the generous support of Westpac Banking Corporation.

¹ The percentage of restored Primary Aftercare Participants who have sustained restoration one year post the completion of their treatment plan.



PHILIPPINES

ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

Philippine Internet Crimes Against Children Center (PICACC) marks its third year with more than 500 rescued.

In March 2022, the Philippine Internet Crimes Against Children Center (PICACC) marked its third anniversary.

Philippine National Police, together with the Australian Federal Police (AFP), international law authorities and IJM launched PICACC in 2019 to strengthen global law enforcement collaboration in combating the online sexual exploitation of children.

The success of PICACC is evident in the dramatic increase of rescue operations. In 2015, the Philippines saw 12 victims rescued, but in the three years since PICACC's inauguration, 563 victims were brought to safety.

35.5% of the 563 victims rescued and 29.3% of the 121 suspects arrested and/or charged were a direct result of AFP referrals. This indicates Australians are fuelling the online sexual abuse of children in the Philippines in a significant way.

Detective Superintendent Andrew Perkins, Australian Federal Police Senior Liaison Officer to the Philippines, said: "The exploitation of children is a global issue and we need to tackle it as a global community. It requires an international, collaborative and coordinated approach and this is why the PICACC has been established. The Australian Federal Police remains committed to supporting the continued growth and maturity of the PICACC and the united effort to combat child exploitation in the Philippines."

“In just over three short years the PICACC has grown from an aspiration to become an essential element in the Philippine law enforcement [online sexual exploitation of children] livestreaming process.”

– U.K. NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY
INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER
STEVE COBBOLD



UGANDA

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Three young boys liberated from abuse by a school headmaster

Elijah*, a young boy of 10, began attending a primary school when the headmaster, Michael*, offered to pay his tuition. But once he arrived, things quickly took a turn for the worse. Michael began raping and abusing him, insisting it was what he had to do to be a student at the school. With nowhere else to go, Elijah felt scared and alone. After weeks of abuse, he finally ran away and hid.

But he wasn't the only one. Several other boys came forward, including Isaac* and Martin* and sought medical help.

“I felt like a burden had been lifted off my life.”

– ISAAC*, A SURVIVOR OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST CHILDREN

As the case unfolded, IJM supported investigators and Michael was arrested in April 2019. After two years of delays and six months of trial proceedings, Michael was found guilty of all charges and convicted to life imprisonment. Elijah, Isaac and Martin are now free from their abuser. They no longer live in fear of being hurt or mistreated and can begin new lives with hope for the future.

*pseudonym used

SOUTH ASIA

FORCED LABOUR SLAVERY

Enslaved as young as five, free at last after a decade

Since he was five, the boy shepherded goats for a local farmer in South Asia. His family had borrowed 150,000 rupees (less than AUD 2,700) from the farmer, and the boy was forced to work to repay it.

The boy had never been to school and has been on his own for years. He slept outside with the 300 goats and barely ate enough food. There was one instance a goat got lost and the owner beat him until he bled. He suffered beyond belief.

IJM's trained casework partner, SHED India discovered the case and worked with the One Stop Crisis Team, a government task force that responds to bonded labour and human trafficking. The team followed this boy for months and found him at an open grassland where he was finally brought to safety.

Rescuers gave him his first hot meal in years and a Release Certificate, breaking his false debts to the farmer. The boy was taken to a safe, government-run shelter to receive the care and support for his healing and recovery.



BRINGING CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE

We work relentlessly in local courts to ensure traffickers, slave owners, rapists and other criminals are restrained from hurting others. Securing justice empowers the survivor, keeps the whole community safe, and deters others from committing the same crime.

THAILAND

FORCED LABOUR SLAVERY

Authorities arrest Thai boat owner

A Thai boat owner was arrested for trafficking a Cambodian fisherman and forcing him to work without pay or food.

The accused boat owner worked with Vanna, a Thailand-based broker who routinely sold Cambodian men to Thai fisherman. Vanna made a false promise to the fisherman, Sitha* and wasn't paid a single dollar. Sitha often asked to leave the ship but was denied and sometimes beaten.

The arrest follows the investigation by Thailand's Department of Special Investigation who exposed an infamous trafficking ring in Thailand—made up of a network of recruiters and brokers who exploit hundreds of Cambodian workers in the fishing industry.

IJM helped Sitha request compensation from the Thai government's Trafficking in Persons fund for the wages he should have earned and for the abuse he endured. Sitha was overjoyed when he received 112,500 Baht (about \$4,600 AUD). He plans on repairing his home and buying land to help provide for his family.

*pseudonym used

2 The number of alleged perpetrators who have been restrained through pre-trial detention or conviction.
3 The number of suspects for whom a judgment is issued by a competent court finding the perpetrator guilty of the crime charged or of a lesser included offense.

RESTRAINED

4,926

criminals² restrained



EL SALVADOR

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

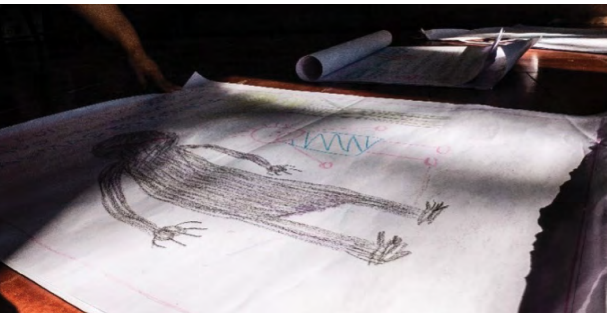
IJM's implementing partner achieves first conviction

After 11 months of hearings, IJM's partner, the Salvadoran Association for Rural Health (ASAPROSAR), got its first conviction. The court ruled in favour of two young sisters and sentenced the attacker, their stepfather, to 26 years in prison for sexual assault.

Nancy* and Liseth* live with their mother and stepfather in a violent neighbourhood. Once the mother learned about the stepfather abusing her daughters, she filed a formal complaint with ASAPROSAR's help. Additionally, IJM mentored investigators of the National Civil Police to assist them in complex cases such as these.

“It takes a village to protect a child from violence. This is why IJM is collaborating with community partners.”

– MARLA GONZALEZ, IJM EL SALVADOR COUNTRY DIRECTOR



A drawing made by a survivor of violence in a training with community leaders in El Salvador

Despite court backlogs, IJM and ASAPROSAR supported Nancy, Liseth and their mother at their first court appearance. The perpetrator was convicted and declared guilty.

IJM in El Salvador and ASAPROSAR have partnered to train ASAPROSAR's staff on legal and aftercare support for women and children like Nancy and Liseth. Today, the young sisters are safe with their mother and continuing their therapy.

CONVICTED

1,698

perpetrators³ convicted

KENYA

SEX TRAFFICKING

First arrest in IJM child sex trafficking project

Local police in Kenya arrested a man for sexually abusing and exploiting Saida* after luring her into a villa with the promise of helping with school fees.

Investigations revealed that the man promised to give the girl's mother a bursary (a grant that the Kenyan government offers to families in poverty), so she took Saida to meet him in a luxury hotel.

The suspect remained free for months after Saida reported the abuse due to his deep pockets, political connections, and influence. The Justice Centre would follow up, but the police did not take any action.

With IJM's help and the persistence of the Justice Centre, the suspect was arrested and charged.

This is the first case of Child Sex Trafficking that IJM has engaged in under its new project on the Kenyan coast. The project aims to increase reporting of Child Sex Trafficking cases and strengthen the effectiveness of the justice system in investigating and prosecuting Child Sex Trafficking perpetrators.

OUR WORK

STRENGTHENING JUSTICE SYSTEMS

We provide training and support to justice system authorities and community members to identify and respond effectively to violence.

We trained⁴ 49,979 justice system officials and community members to recognise and respond to violence.

TRAINED

15,808

trained in Africa Europe

5,463

trained in Asia Pacific

14,526

trained in Latin America

14,182

trained in South Asia

⁴ This figure is compiled for the 2021 calendar year only.

📍 SOUTH ASIA

Tamil Nadu marks Bonded Labour Abolition Day

In February 2022, government agencies, local NGOs and survivor leaders in Tamil Nadu celebrated their second annual Bonded Labour System Abolition Day (BLSA).

For several years, IJM and our NGO partners had encouraged the state government to mark its progress on the issue with an annual celebration. In 2022, government officials planned their commemoration and recommitted to justice without IJM's help.

The Shout for Freedom Coalition, a network of 45+ NGOs advocating for issues on bonded labour, organised a meeting between Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister M. K. Stalin and the survivor leaders of the Released Bonded Labourer's Association to express thanks for the government's efforts.



IJM team with PRF officials

📍 LATIN AMERICA

NAGTRI and IJM join forces to train prosecutors and investigators

In April 2021, the National Attorneys General Training and Research Institute (NAGTRI), the training and research arm of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) and IJM joined forces for the first time to train prosecutors and investigators from the Ibero-America region on case management and specialised care for victims of violence against women and children.

The training focused on creating a safe space for reflection, sharing experiences and practical tools to improve the care for victims. El Salvador's Attorney General, Raul Melera, judges, and investigators who serve as experts in the fields of wellness and trauma, were among those who attended.

Public servants joined weekly webinars on the impact of trauma on victims of violence, and vicarious trauma towards public servants. Participants also learned about abbreviated criminal proceedings that can reduce or prevent the retraumatisation of victims and help obtain prompt justice.

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Silence is a powerful weapon that intensifies violence against women and children. This training will provide prosecutors and investigators additional tools and skills to support victims and fight against this scourge.”

– NAAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHRIS TOTH

NAAG is the nonpartisan national forum for America's state and territory attorneys general. It provides a community for attorneys general and their staff to address issues important to their work, as well as training and resources to support attorneys general in protecting the rule of law and the United States Constitution.

SCALING DEMAND FOR PROTECTION

We equip champions with the tools they need to advocate for protection, preventing people in poverty from ever being exploited in the first place.

We help empower survivors to be advocates against slavery and pursue justice for themselves and their communities.

PHILIPPINES
OSEC
Scale of harm

In May 2020, IJM published a study on the scale and nature of online child abuse, along with promising practises to eradicate it. Building on the recommendations of this study, IJM’s Centre to End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children launched the Scale of Harm Project in March 2021 to estimate the prevalence of child sexual exploitation materials in the Philippines and other countries.

The Scale of Harm project demonstrates that the child protection sector is mobilised to collaborate and innovate against online exploitation.

In partnership with the University of Nottingham Rights Lab and External Advisory Council, IJM successfully positioned research methods to develop an accurate prevalence estimate and implementing preventions to tackle online child abuse. By 2023, IJM expects to have a final prevalence estimate of online child sexual exploitation in the Philippines.

*pseudonym used

SOUTH ASIA
FORCED LABOUR SLAVERY

Survivor leaders help rescue 13 people from charcoal business

Thirteen people—including five children—are now free from bonded labour at a charcoal business, thanks to the work of diligent local authorities and a courageous survivor advocacy network.

These three families had been exploited for the last three years, until their plight was discovered by the Released Bonded Labourers Association (RBLA) in April 2022. The RBLA includes more than 2,000 survivors across Tamil Nadu, who support one another and work together to end bonded labour in the state.

After a successful rescue operation on 10 April, the families are now resettling in a safe community and taking control of their own lives once again.

PHILIPPINES
OSEC

Compensation in Cooper Case

IJM, in collaboration with the law firm Jones Day, was able to obtain victim compensation for April*, an OSEC survivor in the Philippines. This is a significant milestone since it is the first time an OSEC survivor in a foreign country was able to obtain compensation from an Australian perpetrator. In the criminal case in Australia against Phillip John Cooper, Jones Day made an application to the court for a reparation order, using a rarely-used provision in the Crimes Act 1914 (Cth). After having read the application and the victim impact statement, Cooper offered to pay compensation to April in an out-of-court settlement.



LATIN AMERICA
SURVIVOR LED-ADVOCACY

40 survivors of violence join forces to share their story of hope and resilience.

40 survivors of violence from across Latin America gathered virtually for IJM’s first-ever “Public Narrative: Advocacy and the Power of Story” training. “We are a force of resistance and resilience,” shared a survivor from Bolivia in the opening ceremony.

Without a doubt, survivors bring a uniquely powerful and credible voice in calling those in power to action. In this training, survivors of sexual and physical violence, sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation from Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Guatemala learned a new storytelling structure and are now empowered to harness their own stories in the service of leading others to action.

EMPOWERED

299

survivors to reclaim their voice and tell their story

“It wasn’t an easy rescue today. There were a lot of challenges, yet all of our pain vanished when we saw the survivors receive Release Certificates.”
– GOVINDHAMMAL, RBLA LEADER

EMPOWERING SURVIVORS TO STAND FOR JUSTICE

They survived violence. Now they're sharing their stories.



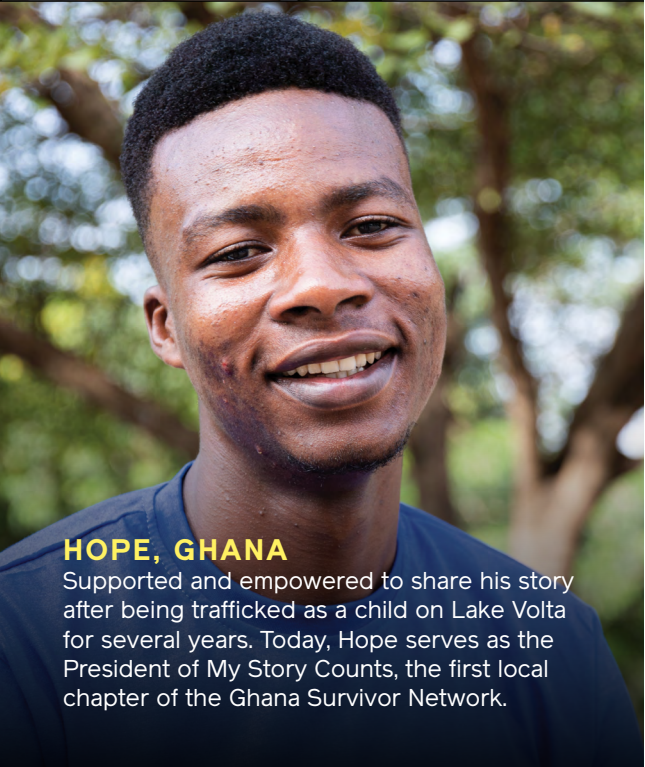
AUNG, MYANMAR
Trafficked to work in fishing boats at 16, his mother sought the help of local law enforcement for his release. Aung was taken to safe shelter for counselling and is grateful to be back in school.



RUBY, PHILIPPINES
Rescued from a cybersex den, Ruby received care and support from an IJM aftercare partner and graduated with her bachelor's degree.



CASSIE, PHILIPPINES
For almost 5 years, 12-year-old Cassie* was repeatedly abused and raped in front of an online audience. Finally free, she found safety in an aftercare shelter and raises awareness about trafficking in her community.
**pseudonym used*



HOPE, GHANA
Supported and empowered to share his story after being trafficked as a child on Lake Volta for several years. Today, Hope serves as the President of My Story Counts, the first local chapter of the Ghana Survivor Network.



GRISELDA, GUATEMELA
Empowered to testify against the man who abused her at gunpoint when she was 13. This led to the man's conviction and 15-year prison sentence.



SONIYA, SOUTH ASIA
Freed from slavery, along with her husband, from the abusive rice mill where she lost her baby in her womb. Today, Soniya and her husband have rebuilt a life in freedom with their three children.



KUMAR, SOUTH ASIA
Forced into bonded labour at a brick kiln at just seven years old. Since his rescue, Kumar has completed his master's degree in Social Work and now serves with IJM's team in Chennai, India.



MALA, SOUTH ASIA
Rescued from a sugarcane farm, Mala, with her family, found freedom; now she serves as a survivor leader in the Released Bonded Labourer's Association, an advocacy network that raises awareness for bonded labour and human trafficking.



TATIANA, GUATEMELA
As a survivor of sexual violence, Tatiana found support from Mi Historia Importa (My Story Matters), an IJM survivor group where she serves as an assistant coach, empowering fellow survivors to share their stories.



MANIKANDAN, SOUTH ASIA
One of the 94 people freed from a brick kiln and now a loving parent and advocacy leader.

CHAMPIONING PROTECTION THROUGH ADVOCACY

We strive to amplify the voices of survivors impacted by poverty and violence and lead the national conversation with governments, corporates and the Australian public on how we can all work together to end modern slavery.

The primary role of IJM’s advocacy work in Australia is to “create the problem”: to demonstrate that modern slavery is an issue that is urgent and requires a response from Australians. A key part of our strategy is to raise awareness by growing our social media following, reach and engagement, and our media presence.



Get It Don: The Campaign for the NSW Modern Slavery Act

The NSW Modern Slavery Act was passed with bipartisan support in June 2018—ahead of the Federal Act, passed later that year. IJM helped draft the original NSW legislation, which was widely regarded as one of the strongest pieces of anti-slavery legislation in the world.

However, the NSW Act did not come into force despite repeated calls from civil society over the following three years. Special interests tried to keep the Act from being proclaimed and commenced, effectively turning it into an “orphan” Act.



IJM revived interest in the legislation through a humorous public campaign focused on the Minister with carriage of the Act, former Senator Don Harwin. “Get It Don,” which was aimed at getting the minister’s attention included short, sharp and catchy actions—from a larrikin video to a ditty by children’s singer-songwriter Colin Buchanan—recruiting Australians to “Task Force Don” to a stunt involving a giant invitation for the senator to become the “next great Don” by proclaiming and commencing the Act.

Moreover, we gathered faith leaders and civil society members to sign open letters to the government. These initiatives were covered by Sydney newspapers, radio and TV news. By pairing these public communication efforts with private negotiations with strategic MPs, we were able to get the legislation back on the agenda.

On 19 November 2021, NSW Parliament passed an amendment bill to bring the Act into force on 1 January 2022.

IJM continues to campaign for a stronger Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act and hope that IJM supporters will join us in this.

The amended legislation included key provisions that IJM and other organisations had advocated for:



Appointment of a NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner (Dr James Cockayne was appointed to this role at the end of June 2022)



Accountability for government procurement



Support for victims of modern slavery



Provisions around the online sexual exploitation of children and child marriage



NSW Government to lobby the Federal Government to strengthen the Commonwealth Modern Slavery Act



Spot Fires in Supply Chains: Engaging Corporates

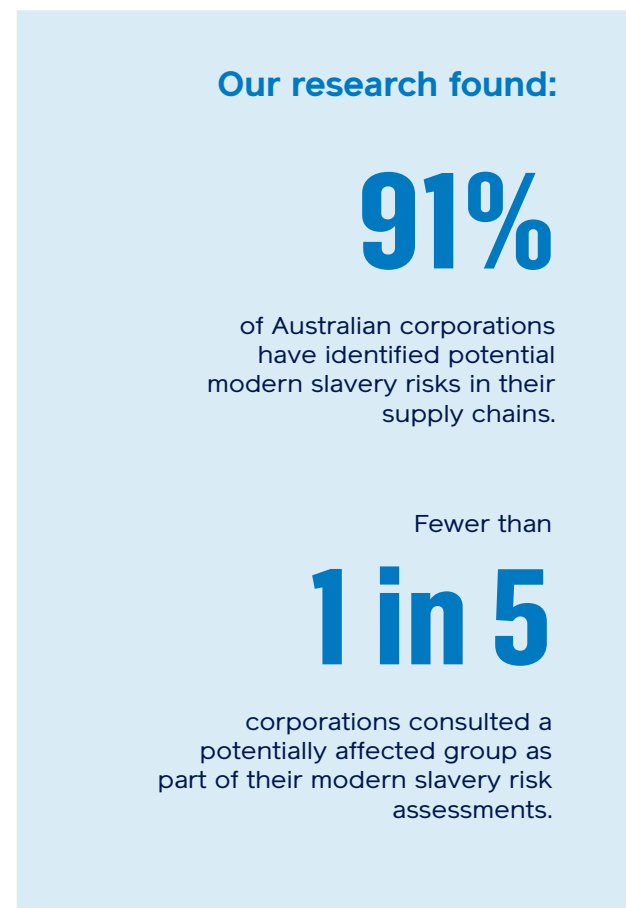
IJM Australia led a team of researchers, including interns and volunteers, who analysed 404 company modern slavery statements submitted under the Commonwealth legislation.

The study uncovered a shocking gap in corporate understanding of modern slavery in supply chains and the effective and sustainable coordinated responses to address it.

In April 2022, we released the [Spot Fires in Supply Chains](#) report and made recommendations to government and businesses based on our findings. We engaged with significant corporations like KPMG Australia who partnered with us in launching the report in Sydney and Melbourne.

Strategically, the report is shifting the focus of businesses beyond mere compliance to a real understanding of the problem and take action in ending modern slavery. IJM's solution to slavery in supply chains is to strengthen justice systems in "source countries" so that vulnerable people are protected from being enslaved in the first place.

The launch of the report also attracted significant media interest, with IJM featuring stories of our work across the globe, alongside leading brands Outland Denim and Kathmandu.



Find the report at [IJM.org.au/studies](https://www.ijm.org.au/studies)



Mobilising Australians to end slavery

As our supporters come to learn more about the reality of modern slavery, many go beyond their giving and are compelled to take action.

This year, we launched [IJM Masterclass](#), a free, self-paced online course to help supporters gain a deeper understanding of IJM's work and how they can equip themselves as advocates.

Visit [IJM.org.au/masterclass](https://www.ijm.org.au/masterclass) to learn more.

We also created a Facebook group for passionate Australians to connect with IJM and each other and explore ways to seek justice.

Australians can request to join the group at: facebook.com/groups/ijmjusticeseekers (or search for "IJM Justice Seekers" on Facebook).

Our [Justice Advocates](#) are long-term IJM supporters who mobilise their networks to seek justice and end slavery. They volunteer their time and skills as speakers for IJM, provide support at IJM events, organise fundraising and awareness events, and champion and represent IJM in their communities. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing commitment of our supporters to IJM's mission.

WE ARE JUSTICE SEEKERS

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PROTECTING REFUGEES FROM TRAFFICKING IN UKRAINE AND BEYOND

When war broke out in Ukraine, millions were forced to flee their homes in search of safety. The crisis displaced an entire nation of people, making them vulnerable to exploitation.

For two years, IJM's team in Romania has addressed cross-border trafficking in Europe, making them well-positioned to respond to the crisis and emerging needs of refugees.



There is the potential for human trafficking. And we already know that it exists, we know that it exists in large numbers between Romania and the UK, between Poland and the UK and other western European countries. Trafficking already existed, and this current crisis just exacerbates the possibility that there will be human trafficking.”

– SHAWN KOHL, IJM DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

As many continued to cross the border from Ukraine, IJM saw the risk of trafficking increase drastically. In response to this, we provided urgent support to refugees to protect them from exploitation on the border and beyond.

In March, we launched a [Ukraine Crisis Appeal](#) to help sustain the efforts of our team in Romania and continue to provide safety and support to those vulnerable to trafficking.

Our global teams worked together to align on key messaging and create resources, which we could share on our online platforms in a timely manner. With major news outlets and social media filled with regular updates on the conflict, [the clear link to current events of this appeal as well as the urgency of the matter drove donations and allowed us to raise a total of \\$127,715.](#)

Donors were encouraged by regular updates on the impact of their giving, which includes direct support for refugees, training of other organisations and partners on identifying vulnerability and providing trauma-informed care, and trafficking prevention through awareness campaigns at the border and in shelters.

Thanks to the generosity of our Australian supporters, we raised over \$127,000 for the refugees at the Ukraine border.

BRINGING LARYSA TO SAFETY

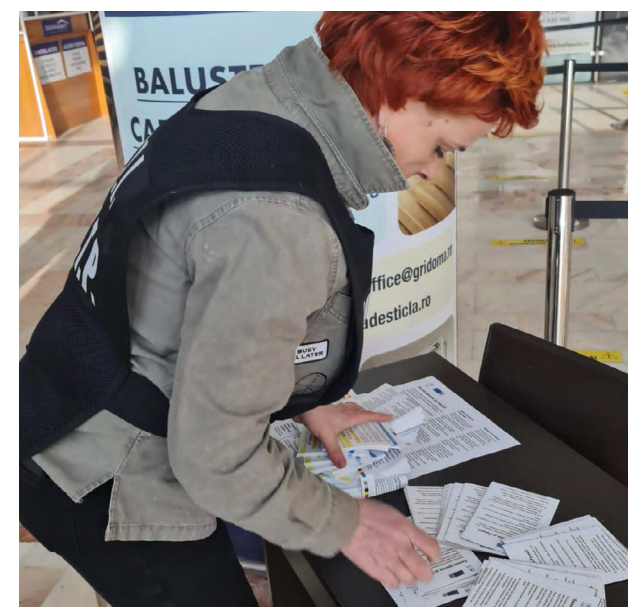
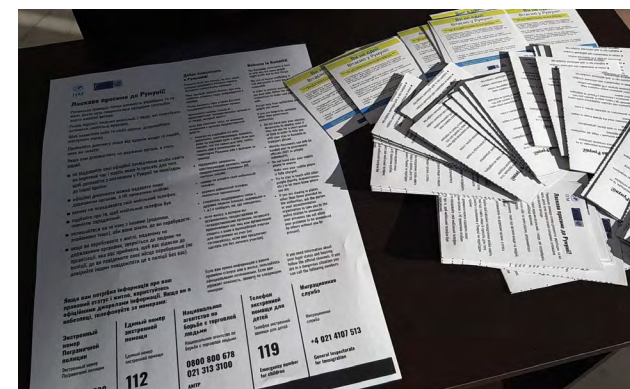
While trying to escape the conflict in Ukraine, Larysa* met a man who promised to keep her safe. [The man's intentions became clear after he stole €700 euros \(\\$1000 AUD\) from Larysa and left her at the Romanian border.](#) She was then picked up and cared for by a local shelter, which also facilitated her safe journey to Germany—her chosen destination.

On the way to Nuremberg, Larysa was contacted by another man who she met online whilst in Romania. He convinced Larysa to change buses and head towards Berlin instead. Fortunately, the shelter team remained in close contact with Larysa and became aware of the unexpected change of plan. They supported Larysa by arranging for a trusted person to accompany her and explain why this could have been an exploitative situation.

She was then taken to the train station to continue her safe journey to Nuremberg. Now, Larysa is in a safe place. Staff have continued to work with her to help her understand the risk of trafficking.

[Larysa's story demonstrates the importance of raising awareness, offering protection solutions and keeping in touch with refugees throughout their journey.](#)

In response to the evolving crisis and needs of refugees, IJM is extending its protection presence and focusing on the prevention of trafficking and the provision of long-term aftercare to support survivors.



Top left clockwise: IJM Romania produced educational materials on the risks and signs of trafficking for refugees crossing the border. The team also organised transport and created shelters within buildings to ensure safety for those affected by the war.

OUR FINANCES

We make sure your generosity counts in the fight to end slavery.

International Justice Mission Australia adheres to the highest standards of accountability and transparency. We ensure that funds are allocated wisely to bring relief to the people we support and fund programs where the need is deemed to be the greatest.

\$9,751,708

Total Revenue

\$3,564,979

Donations Received

\$6,100,000

Grants Received

\$6,600,609

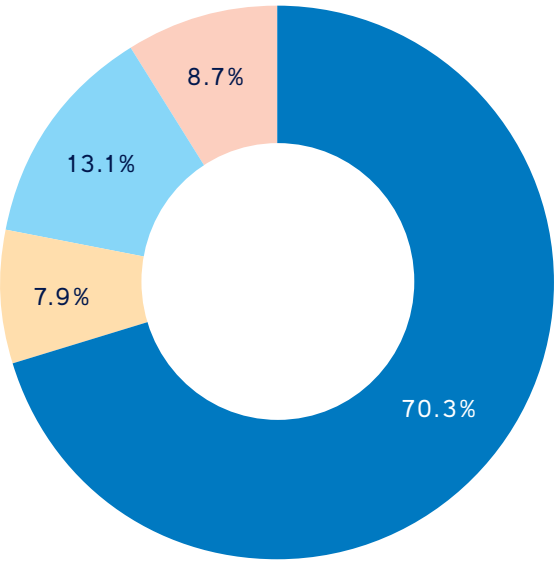
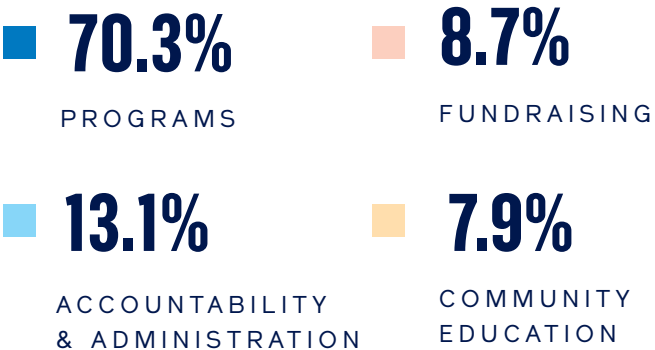
International Program Contributions

Our 2021–2022 accounting period, now aligned with that of International Justice Mission in the United States of America, saw a significant increase in both our Donation Revenue and corresponding International Program Contributions.

This hugely successful year has been achieved from increased corporate giving, loyal support from foundations, trusts and individuals, enabled by our strategic investments over prior years. From this, IJM was also able to increase our local involvement in Australia, advocating for an end to slavery and violence against those living in poverty across the world.

Between now and 2024, IJM Australia is part of a global strategy that will position ourselves as the leader to inspire this movement. We are doing this by investing in building deeper partnerships with churches, corporations, NGOs, Government Departments and individual Australians that will bear significant fruit in the years to come.

EXPENSE PERCENTAGES



YOUR IMPACT

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DISTRIBUTIONS

\$6,600,609

\$5,320,000

Online Sexual Exploitation of Children

\$30,000

Violence Against Women and Children

\$1,160,609

Forced Labour Slavery

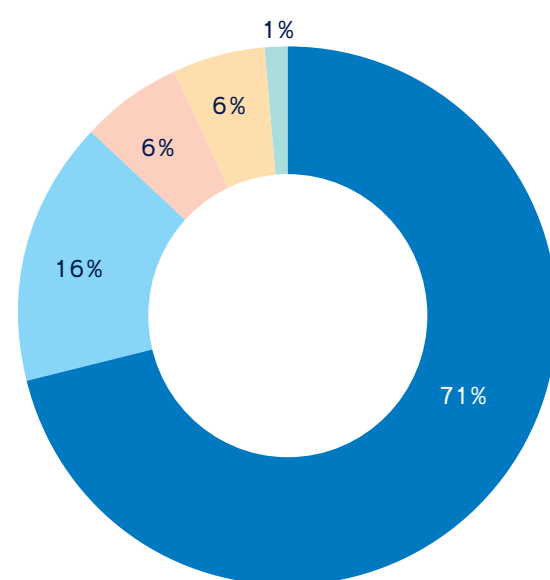
\$90,000

Forced Labour and Sex Trafficking

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

15 month period ended
31 March 2021

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022	2022	2021
REVENUE	\$	\$
Donation income - monetary	3,564,979	2,814,682
Bequests and legacies	-	25,000
Grants		
Other Australian	6,100,000	6,600,000
Investment income	117	581
Other income	86,612	39,779
Other income - Government stimulus package	-	271,450
TOTAL REVENUE	9,751,708	9,751,492
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	6,600,609	6,800,000
Program support costs	375,615	279,794
Community Education	782,525	517,917
Fundraising costs public	867,230	761,649
Accountability and Administration	1,296,147	1,078,774
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	9,922,126	9,438,134
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9,922,126	9,438,134
EXCESS/ (SHORTFALL) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	-170,418	313,358
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	-170,418	313,358



SOURCE OF INCOME

- Household **71%**
- Foundation **16%**
- Corporate* **6%**
- Church **6%**
- Non-profit **1%**

**Excludes a significant 3-year grant specifically supporting the important work of OSEC*

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID website at www.acfid.asn.au
Full financial audit reports available on request to contact@ijm.org.au

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2022	2022	2021
ASSETS	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	636,665	562,072
Trade and other receivables	95,861	278,250
Inventories	3,735	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	736,261	840,322
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Plant and equipment	119,153	118,148
Intangible assets	84,860	130,097
Right-of-use asset	553,643	698,071
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	757,656	946,316
TOTAL ASSETS	1,493,917	1,786,638
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	162,419	205,048
Lease liabilities	133,980	122,798
Short-term provisions	105,710	69,176
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	402,109	397,022
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Long-term provisions	44,607	38,017
Lease liabilities	445,494	579,474
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	490,101	617,491
TOTAL LIABILITIES	892,210	1,014,513
NET ASSETS	601,707	772,125
EQUITY		
Accumulated surplus	601,707	772,125
TOTAL EQUITY	601,707	772,125

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

2022	Accumulated surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 April 2021	772,125	772,125
Deficit for the year	-170,418	-170,418
Balance at 31 March 2022	601,707	601,707
2021	Accumulated surplus \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 January 2020	458,767	458,767
Surplus for the period	313,358	313,358
Balance at 31 March 2021	772,125	772,125

LETTER FROM AUDITOR



IJM Australia Ltd
ABN 56 164 514 694

Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2022, the statement of income and expenditure and other comprehensive income, and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial report of IJM Australia Ltd for the year ended 31 March 2022.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report.

Annual Report

The financial statements in the annual report do not contain all the disclosures required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. Reading the financial statements in the annual report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor's report thereon. The annual report and the audited financial report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial report.

The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 1 September 2022.

Board's Responsibility for the Annual Report

The board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements in the annual report.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

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*To protect survivors, we have used pseudonyms, obscured some images and included photos that do not depict actual victims where appropriate. Consent gathered for all images.



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