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*Ambassador Luis CdeBaca
U.S. Department of State
Office to Monitor and Combat
Trafficking in Persons (G/TIP)*

THE TEST

With funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, International Justice Mission initiated Project Lantern to test a powerful concept: **When laws are enforced, children are protected from sex traffickers.**

In partnership with the local government of Cebu, the Philippines, IJM lawyers, social workers and investigators:

- Trained police and prosecutors
- Assisted local law enforcement with rescue operations
- Helped local organizations strengthen victim aftercare
- Represented victims, ensuring their cases were heard in court

THE RESULTS

Between 2006 and 2010, IJM and local authorities rescued more than 220 individual victims and secured the arrest of nearly 90 suspected perpetrators. After four years of IJM casework, **independent researchers found 79% fewer children being sold for sex in Metro Cebu.**

Researchers also found increased response and commitment to resolving sex trafficking cases in the justice system, as well as increased victim services, like shelter and counseling.

As a result of Project Lantern, **thousands of children in Metro Cebu will never be victims of sexual exploitation.**

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“The work that IJM does in the Philippines—for instance, the path-breaking program combatting child sex trafficking in Cebu—has resulted in real momentum in holding perpetrators and law enforcement accountable.”


THE BIG PICTURE

International Justice Mission is building a different future for communities around the world by:

- Bringing **rescue** to victims of violent oppression
- Securing long-term **aftercare** for victims of abuse
- Pursuing **accountability** for perpetrators under local laws
- Partnering with local authorities to **transform** broken public justice systems

IJM's philosophy is simple: When public justice systems are made to protect the poor—and slave owners, traffickers and other criminals can no longer act with impunity—**millions of vulnerable children, women and men will never be abused.**

Project Lantern proves that the IJM model is *working*.



On the night a trafficker attempted to sell her for the first time, Glenna was rescued in an IJM-supported police operation. Through the support of aftercare partners, she has been able to pursue a stable career. IJM attorneys are seeking the prosecution of her perpetrator in court.*

**A pseudonym*



PROJECT LANTERN AT A GLANCE

IJM's Project Lantern proved that when laws are enforced, people are protected:

- IJM collaborated with law enforcement in Metro Cebu to ensure that police and court systems worked for the poor.
- At the project's conclusion, an independent study found 79% fewer children being sold for sex in Metro Cebu.
- As a result of Project Lantern, thousands of children will never be victims of sexual exploitation.

International Justice Mission is a human rights agency that secures rescue for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators and social workers partner with local authorities to secure immediate victim rescue and aftercare, to prosecute perpetrators, and to ensure that public justice systems—police, courts and laws—effectively protect the poor from violence.

The work of IJM has been featured by *The New York Times*, *The Times of India*, *The Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Forbes Magazine*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *The New Yorker*, *Christianity Today*, NPR, *BBC World News*, CNN, *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *Dateline NBC*.



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