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2019 Year in Review

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rescue possible
in South Asia on
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Thank You!

Dear Friend

As we enter this new decade and face unprecedented challenges both at home and around the world, I want to take a moment to look back at 2019 and be grateful for the powerful rescues and transformation that you made possible. It's looking back at these breakthroughs, that enables me to look forward with bold hope – even in this time of uncertainty.

Time and again at IJM, we have front row seats to some of the greatest acts of courage and generosity. In this Year in Review, you will hear stories that I hope will touch your heart. You will meet people who are free because of your support, who are now using their freedom to free others. You will see how your gifts helped to send rescue, restore survivors, restrain criminals and support justice systems to provide protection around the world. You'll also read stories of how UK supporters took on brilliant and brave challenges to raise funds for freedom.

It's my prayer that as you read this, you will be filled with hope. That you will be inspired that change is possible – and is happening – because of people like you.

Thank you for your continued dedication to seeking justice. For me – and the rest of the IJM team – your passion for freedom has been that great source of hope.

Praying for you, and those you love, as together we fight for a world where all are free.

David Westlake

David Westlake. CEO IJM UK

You fought trafficking of all kinds

Dom* was living in poverty and looking for a way out when he was approached by a man from Thailand. He promised to take Dom from his rural Cambodian village and give him a well-paying job on a fishing boat.

It wasn't until he was on the boat that he realised he had been trafficked to a boat captain who would abuse and exploit him for years.



Across Southeast Asia, children, women and men living in poverty are vulnerable to traffickers who lure them with promises of jobs, schooling and a better future. Vast networks of traffickers are thriving in a region with a justice system that is unable to effectively combat their crimes.

With your help, open markets where children were once sold for sex have been shut down. Police and authorities are receiving training on how to proactively combat physical and online sex trafficking. And in 2019, you helped us expand our operations to fight labour trafficking so people like Dom can be free to return home safely to their families.

Today, after six excruciating years in slavery, Dom is back at home and looking forward to his future. He says, "I want to see my children get married. I want them to have a better life. I want to see them well and healthy."



SOUTHEAST ASIA

In 2019, you helped:

RELIEVE	
1,387	VICTIMS FROM VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION
RESTRAIN	
60	SUSPECTED CRIMINALS
CONVICT	
47	PERPETRATORS IN LOCAL COURTS
RESTORE	
66	SURVIVORS TO SAFETY AND STABILITY

You sent freedom to people in slavery

And then they used their freedom to rescue others



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The Released Bonded Labourers' Association (RBLA) is a network of survivors dedicated to ending slavery in their community. With your support, IJM helped the RBLA get its start, and they are now a trusted casework partner.

All across South Asia, slavery traps millions of children, women and men in a relentless cycle of brutal assault, starvation and exploitation. Some are born into slavery, while others are trapped and forced to repay false debts.

Sums as small as £12 have trapped labourers like Kasi for up to 15 years.

Your support made it possible to work directly with government officials and partner organisations like the RBLA to send freedom and lasting restoration to people just like Kasi across South Asia.

On the day of their rescue, Kasi and 41 other survivors were set free and invited to share their experience with authorities. But they worried that speaking up would lead to more violence from the owner.

Just then, an RBLA leader named Kalpana encouraged them, saying, "You must not be afraid of the owner. The owner must be afraid of you. Walk with your head held up high."



In 2019, you helped:

RELIEVE	
1,895	VICTIMS FROM VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION
RESTRAIN	
95	SUSPECTED CRIMINALS
CONVICT	
20	PERPETRATORS IN LOCAL COURTS
RESTORE	
600	SURVIVORS TO SAFETY AND STABILITY



You protected children from violence and abuse

As a young girl growing up in Guatemala City, Jakelin had a happy childhood. She loved school, music and playing with her brothers. Jakelin's father wasn't in the picture, but her mother, Catarina*, worked as a caretaker to support their family.

Jakelin's father returned to their lives when she was 12, beating Catarina and forcing the children to cut and sell wood. Then he began to sexually abuse young Jakelin in secret.

Jakelin's story is devastating, but it isn't unique. In some Guatemalan neighbourhoods, 1 in 4 adolescent girls is a victim of sexual violence. And in the countries where IJM works across Latin America, far too many women and children live each day in fear of

brutal violence, sex trafficking and sexual assault.

But your support brings rescue and safety to vulnerable people and completely transforms the way nations address this type of violence. You have helped train tens of thousands of police and government officials, rescue hundreds of children and women from trafficking and abuse, and restored hundreds of survivors to health and safety.

When you sent IJM to represent Jakelin in court, her father was convicted for his crimes. And just a few months ago, Jakelin joined IJM supporters in Washington, DC to advocate for life-saving funding to help protect even more women and children in Central America.



In 2019, you helped:

RELIEVE	
233	VICTIMS FROM VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION
RESTRAIN	
75	SUSPECTED CRIMINALS
CONVICT	
67	PERPETRATORS IN LOCAL COURTS
RESTORE	



You protect the innocent



On Christmas day in 2015, Patrick Kabuchi was brutally assaulted by a senior police officer, who then falsely accused him of illegally possessing a gun. Patrick's life was turned upside down in an instant, and he could have been put in prison for years for a crime he didn't commit.

For years, we have seen the many ways that corrupt or ineffective justice systems have harmed the innocent and protected the guilty. Authorities pin crimes on innocent people like Patrick, or demand bribes for service, or simply deny a crime has even taken place.

All too often, the people who suffer from this corruption are without status, money or influence. However, your support is providing legal aid, counseling and support to those very same people.

In Uganda, children are protected from sexual assault and widows and orphans have protection from relatives trying to steal their land. In Ghana, young children suffering as slaves are being found and brought to safety. And in Kenya, people just like Patrick have a strong defense against police who abuse their power.

In 2019, a Chief Magistrate in the Kenyan court acquitted Patrick of all charges, saying, "In my view, it will be a travesty of justice if he is convicted based on what the police officers claim."

Thanks to you, Patrick has his life back and is finally free to follow his dreams.



In 2019, you helped:

RELIEVE	
141	VICTIMS FROM VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION
RESTRAIN	
74	SUSPECTED CRIMINALS
CONVICT	
29	PERPETRATORS IN LOCAL COURTS
RESTORE	
211	SURVIVORS TO SAFETY AND STABILITY

Esther* grew up in rural Ghana, hours from the waters of Lake Volta.

But when a woman approached her parents, claiming there was a family near the lake who would send their daughter to school, they allowed the woman to take her. The promise of an education was a lie. Little Esther was forced into slavery when she was just six years old.

Esther was totally and completely hidden from the eyes of the world. But she wasn't alone. Thousands of young children trapped in slavery on Lake Volta today wonder if freedom will ever come as they endure beatings, starvation and life-threatening conditions.

This was Esther's life: Sweep. Clean. Descale fish. Smoke fish. Collect wood. Go to the market.

Week after week. Month after month. Year after gruelling year - for nearly ten years.

Until IJM heard about the exploitation and thanks to your support were able to send a rescue boat to children who had been trafficked.

Esther was one of them. She stepped into a police boat with other rescued children and cried as the island, where she was trapped, vanished into the distance.

Based on the information Esther provided, IJM and police were able to rescue nine more children.



You brought freedom closer to home

Eastern Europe

IJM launched its first anti-trafficking programme in Eastern and Central Europe with the opening of our Romania office.

In 2019, IJM laid the foundation for designing a long-term plan for fighting slavery in Central/Eastern Europe. The small team based in Romania will be focused on building relationships with stakeholders, learning more about trafficking in the region and contributing to combatting the crime.

We are gathering information on sex-trafficking and human trafficking for labour, as well as the online sexual exploitation of children. Long-term, we envision IJM will have a hub that coordinates anti-trafficking efforts across Central and Eastern Europe.

This initial two-year phase ensures that we develop a strong understanding of the context, lay the groundwork for good partnerships in the region and make informed decisions about the way forward.



Africa & Europe Region



In May 2019, IJM launched its 2030 Vision, a decade-long strategy to rally global societies to invest in and urge justice system reform in the areas of the world where people in poverty aren't protected from violence.

In order to accelerate these efforts, IJM has gone through a robust re-engineering of its business operations. IJM will now be organised by five regions and led by regional leaders reporting into IJM Global President, Sean Litton. In order to effectively achieve this vision, IJM's operations across 21 countries have been split into the following 5 regions: North America, Asia Pacific, Latin America, South Asia and Africa & Europe.

In the UK, leaders took notice

Party Conferences

IJM strengthened our relationship with the two major political parties in the UK by sponsoring events organised by Christians on the Left and Conservative Christian Fellowship during the Party Conference season in September.

Our CEO David Westlake spoke at the Church Service which opened the Labour Party Conference, attended by Jeremy Corbyn.



Parliamentary Exhibition

In October, IJM hosted a powerful photo exhibition in Parliament to raise awareness of the online sexual exploitation of children and call for greater action to be taken.

The exhibition, which was positioned in a busy thoroughfare next to the Parliamentary Committee Rooms, led to many meaningful engagements with MPs across parties..

WePROTECT Global Alliance Summit

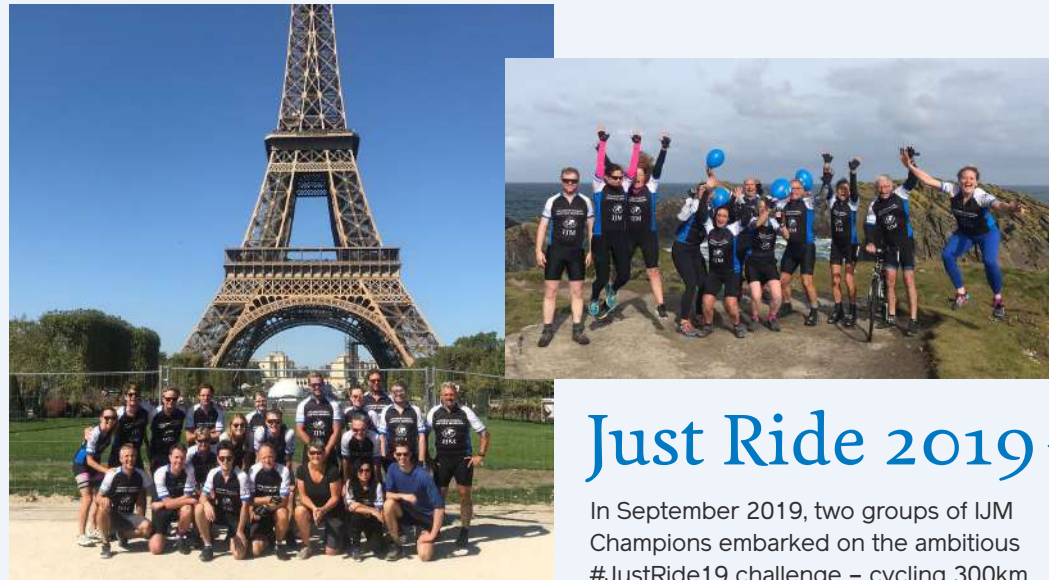
IJM worked closely with the Home Office-led WePROTECT Global Alliance to tackle online sexual exploitation of children.

After sharing insights from IJM Philippines, one of our brave survivors spoke at a global summit in December – sharing her experience with government leaders from around the world.

The Home Office Minister, Victoria Atkins, was so moved by her words, that she personally wrote to thank her.



And we continue to build the movement and raise awareness with your help



Just Ride 2019

In September 2019, two groups of IJM Champions embarked on the ambitious #JustRide19 challenge – cycling 300km in 3 days all in the name of freedom.

Whilst cycling at the same time, the two groups had two very different routes... one team of 18 departed from central-London, finished at the Eiffel Tower, Paris, and featured scorching heat, countless pastries and a sports massage therapist. Meanwhile a team of 10 cycled the Hebridean Way, a remote and spectacular route to the north-western tip of the Scotland, featuring 50mph winds, porridge-galore and miles of dramatic white beaches.

All 28 cyclists showed incredible determination and crossed the finish line to huge celebrations! The teams were made up of a whole range of people – from civil-servants, to students, doctors, carpet fitters and vicars – all rallying together to collectively fundraise nearly £39,000 – enough to fund **more than 7 rescue operations**. We are in awe of our Champions and their gruelling determination, passion and generosity in taking on the #JustRide challenge.



#RunForFreedom

Just Love St Andrews

In 2019, students took on the Edinburgh Marathon (one pair as a three-legged race!) all in the name of freedom. Together they fundraised £2,672.20 – over half of the overall total from the Edinburgh Marathon Festival which funded the equivalent of an entire rescue operation (£5,000).

We were in awe of their creativity, determination and passion as we cheered them on.



John's Walk to Freedom

On Tuesday 12th November, 349 hours 54 minutes and 2,288,191 steps later, John crossed the finish line at John O'Groat's having walked over 1,078 miles from his starting point at land's end to raise over £35,000 for IJM.

John's tremendous feat raised enough to fund eight rescue operations!

John said: 'Approaching John O'Groat's was quite an emotional experience...as I crossed the border from Scotland to England I was amazed as I watched the geese fly overhead - to see how they work as a team to get to their destination, each taking their turn at the front, bearing the burden, then others stepping in to give them a break and share the difficulties, working together. Whether that has been hosting me, joining me as I walk or sponsoring me, **I can't express a big enough thank you for being a community that works together** - sharing in the celebrations, the pains and standing with the oppressed around the world.'



Former Chief Constable locked up for IJM

A group of students, lawyers and civil servants including former PSNI Chief Constable, George Hamilton, gave up their freedom this year to support IJM's fight to bring freedom.

Locked up in an old prison in Northern Ireland, the participants had to raise 'bail money' from friends and family before they were released- all funds raised went to IJM. The team raised a whopping £14,120- the equivalent of almost 3 rescue operations.

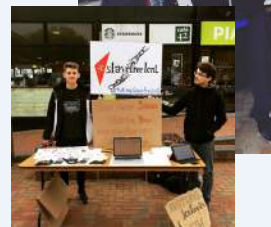
Google Giving Week 2019

IJM was fortunate to be nominated once again by champions at Google to take part in Google Giving Week -the annual charitable fundraising week where Google doubles all donations made by employees to their selected chosen charities. The team spent a day at Google HQ chatting with staff about the work of IJM and the impact we are seeing in stopping slavery. We were delighted to receive £12,000 in donations from their very generous employees.



Summer Festivals

In the summer of 2019, more than 57,000 festival-goers were brought face-to-face with the brutal reality of the hidden plague of slavery and violence. Over 113 days (in what felt like perpetual camping in the rain!), 58 amazing volunteers and 16 staff saw IJM represented at 20 festivals and conventions in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England, sharing of IJM's hope in seminars, talks, plugs, panel discussions, lunches, exhibition stands and cafés (not to mention a worldwide reach of 300 million+ homes online and through God TV!). Thousands choose to fight – to advocate, give, pray and share – these campaigners continue to shine the light on the darkness that once shrouded slavery and violence against women and children.



Stand for Freedom

Just Love Southampton, Exeter and Trinity, Cheltenham

In February 2019, students engaged hundreds of local people in taking action on slavery through a series of Stand for Freedom Events. Stand for Freedom is a student led movement that raises awareness of modern day slavery. Students stand for 24 hours in their campuses and cities. It gives students the chance to raise their voices, rally their communities and be leaders in the fight against slavery.

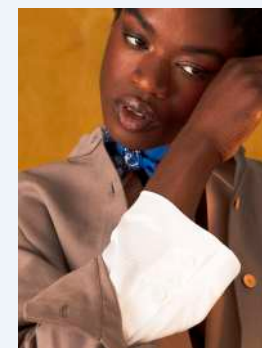


BBC

Following a trip to see first hand the work of IJM Philippines in preventing the Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC), the BBC broadcast several pieces on IJM and OSEC, raising awareness of this dark issue and encouraging more people to join us in fighting it. The broadcasts included BBC World News, BBC Radio 4 and Victoria Derbyshire. The report was the BBC's Most Read article that day, and millions will have heard why this issue needs urgent action. The powerful coverage featured footage from an IJM supported rescue operation in Mindanao and interviews with IJM Philippines's National Director, Sam Inocencio, government and NGO partners, an accused perpetrator and a survivor.

Slave Free Lent

Last year, 800 people took part in #SlaveFreeLent – an interactive 40-day WhatsApp journey to learn about slavery in supply chains. Participants signed up to have stories of rescue and tips on how to shop more ethically delivered straight to their phones. We were so encouraged that 85% said they were more aware of slavery in supply chains and what they can do to help end it after #slavefreelent.



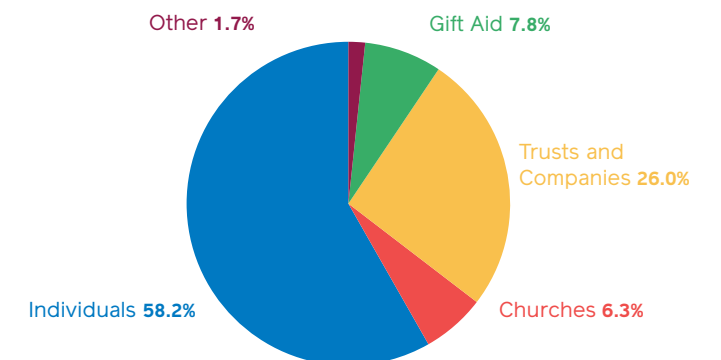
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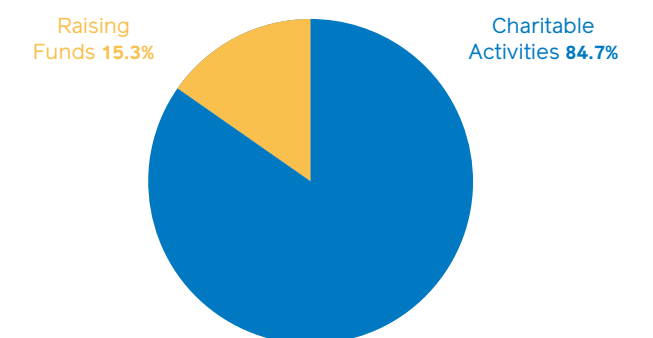
YEAR REVENUE (GBP in thousands)

Nov 2018 - Oct 2019	£ 2068
Nov 2017 - Oct 2018	£ 1730
Nov 2016 - Oct 2017	£ 1555
Nov 2015 - Oct 2016	£ 1277
Nov 2014 - Oct 2015	£1173

2019 UK Funding Sources



2019 UK Expenditure Mix



Thank You!

YOU ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES,
COMMUNITIES AND ENTIRE NATIONS.

Your support has sent IJM to the front lines for more than 20 years, fighting some of the worst forms of violence. Through your generosity and partnership, we are at work in communities across Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Southeast Asia to help victims of violence secure justice and to partner with key authorities in strengthening justice systems.



Rescue

We collaborate with local officials to rescue victims from ongoing violence and bring them to safety.



Restrain

We partner with police to restrain criminals, traffickers and slave owners from hurting others.



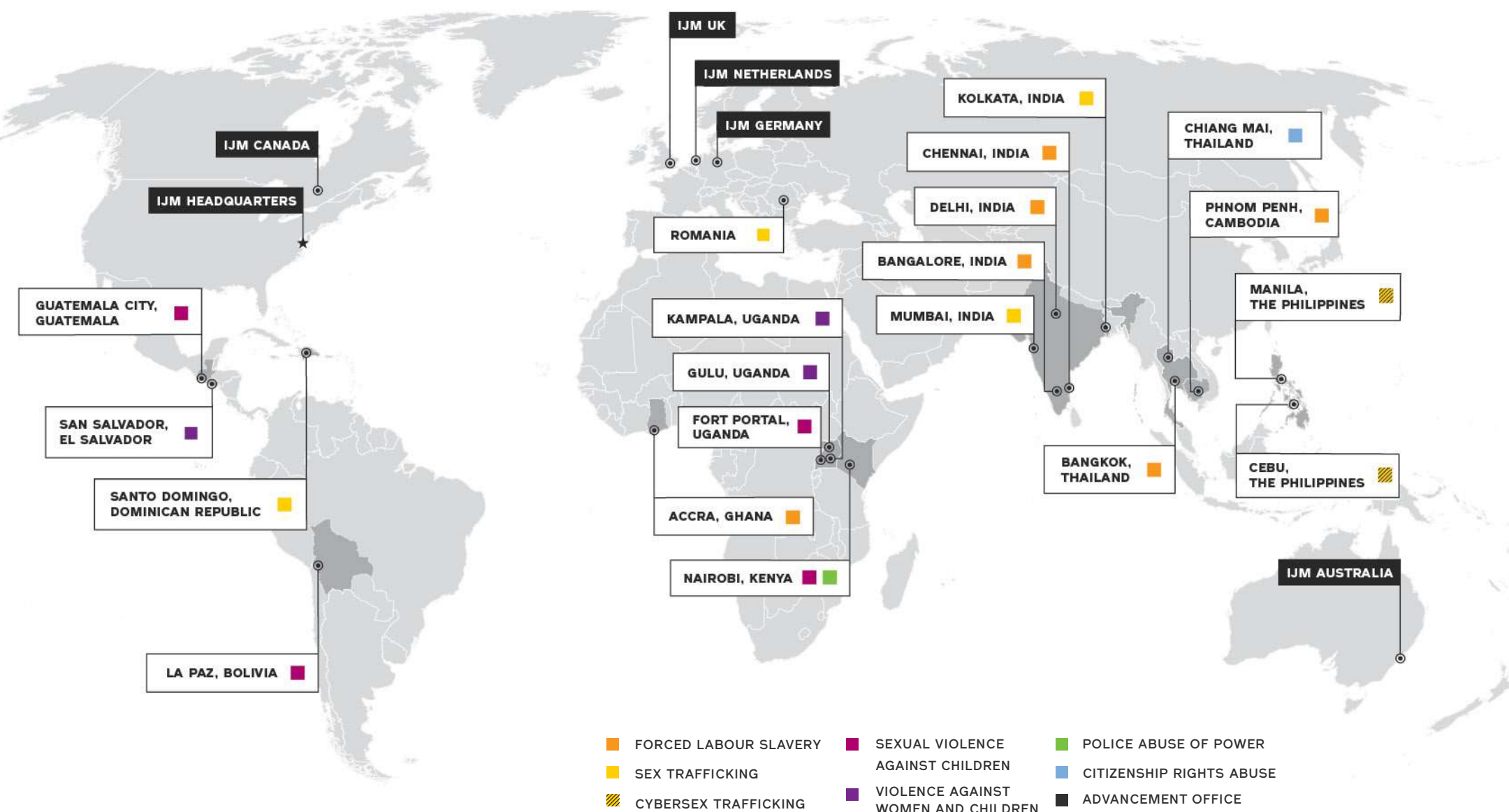
Restore

We join with social workers and aftercare partners to restore survivors to safety and strength through counselling, education and skills training.



Repair

We identify gaps in the justice systems where people living in poverty are not protected and then work with local authorities and courts to address these challenges.



YOUR IMPACT IN 2019

3,656

VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND
OPPRESSION RESCUED BY IJM
AND IJM-TRAINED PARTNERS

1,977

SURVIVORS AND THEIR
FAMILY MEMBERS
PARTICIPATING IN OUR
AFTERCARE PROGRAMS
(AS OF DECEMBER 2019)

99%

OF THE SURVIVORS WE WERE ABLE
TO CONTACT ONE YEAR AFTER THEY
EXITED OUR AFTERCARE PROGRAM
HAVE MAINTAINED THEIR RESTORATION

28,000+

PEOPLE TRAINED, INCLUDING LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, JUDGES,
COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PROSECUTORS
AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROFESSIONALS



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Highlighted as one of 10 non-profits "making a difference" by U.S. News and World Report, IJM's innovative work has been featured by the *BBC*, *The Guardian*, *The Economist*, *The Financial Times*, *Forbes*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *The Today Show*, *National Public Radio*, *CNN* and many other outlets.

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



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