

# Rescue® THEORY&CHANGE

### . Root Problem

Vulnerabilities are leveraged to sexually exploit and traffic children.

#### **Vulnerabilities**

#### **Physical**

Children are orphaned, abandoned, abused, neglected, or fleeing unsafe environments

#### **Power**

Family violence, forced displacement, regional conflicts, and gender disparities set children up for perpetrator grooming

#### **Poverty**

Extreme economic instability and nonexistent social safety nets leave children hungry, homeless, and desperate

#### Social

Cultural, religious, or societal norms contribute to exploitation and isolate children, especially girls

### 2. Action

Children are identified and **RESCUED** from exploitative situations. The vulnerabilities that led to exploitation are triaged and addressed via one of three paths to freedom.

#### Rescue

### **Undercover Investigations**

in-person and online, often in collaboration with local law enforcement

#### Transit Monitoring

at international borders

#### Street Rescue

to find children in high-risk areas who are selling themselves to survive

#### Enroll

Local community care and residential options with health checks, trauma resilience training, and economic empowerment solutions

Paths

#### Reunify

Return to the care of their families

#### **Entrust**

Cared for by trusted NGO or government partners

#### **Access to Justice**

Assist victims navigating the justice system

### 3. Outcomes

Child survivors experience increased stability in key areas that **PROTECT** them from re-victimization, encounter the love of Jesus Christ, and know their worth and value.

#### Freedom

#### **Children Are Safe**

Not at immediate risk of exploitation and basic physical needs met, often dependent on economic stability

#### **Survivors' Wellbeing Is Cared For**

Emotional, spiritual, and behavioral wellness and connection to life-giving relationships

### **Exploitation Is Diminished**

#### Fewer

exploited children, unchecked perpetrators and unmonitored trafficking sectors

#### More

safe and alert communities, secure survivors and empowered generations

## 4. Impact

Survivors live a full life free from exploitation, wisely mentor the next generation, and inspire change in their families and communities.





#### Resources

People and communities desire to fight exploitation, but are under-resourced and slow-moving against complex, adaptive perpetrator networks

#### **Equip**

partners through education, training, collaboration, technology, and advocacy that fuels rescue efforts

Assist government agencies in compiling strong cases against perpetrators and for survivors' rights

#### **People & Communities are Resourced to Rescue**

and assist exploited children, and aid justice systems in protecting their communities

