

# 2024 Impact Report

Glimpse what rescue  
made possible

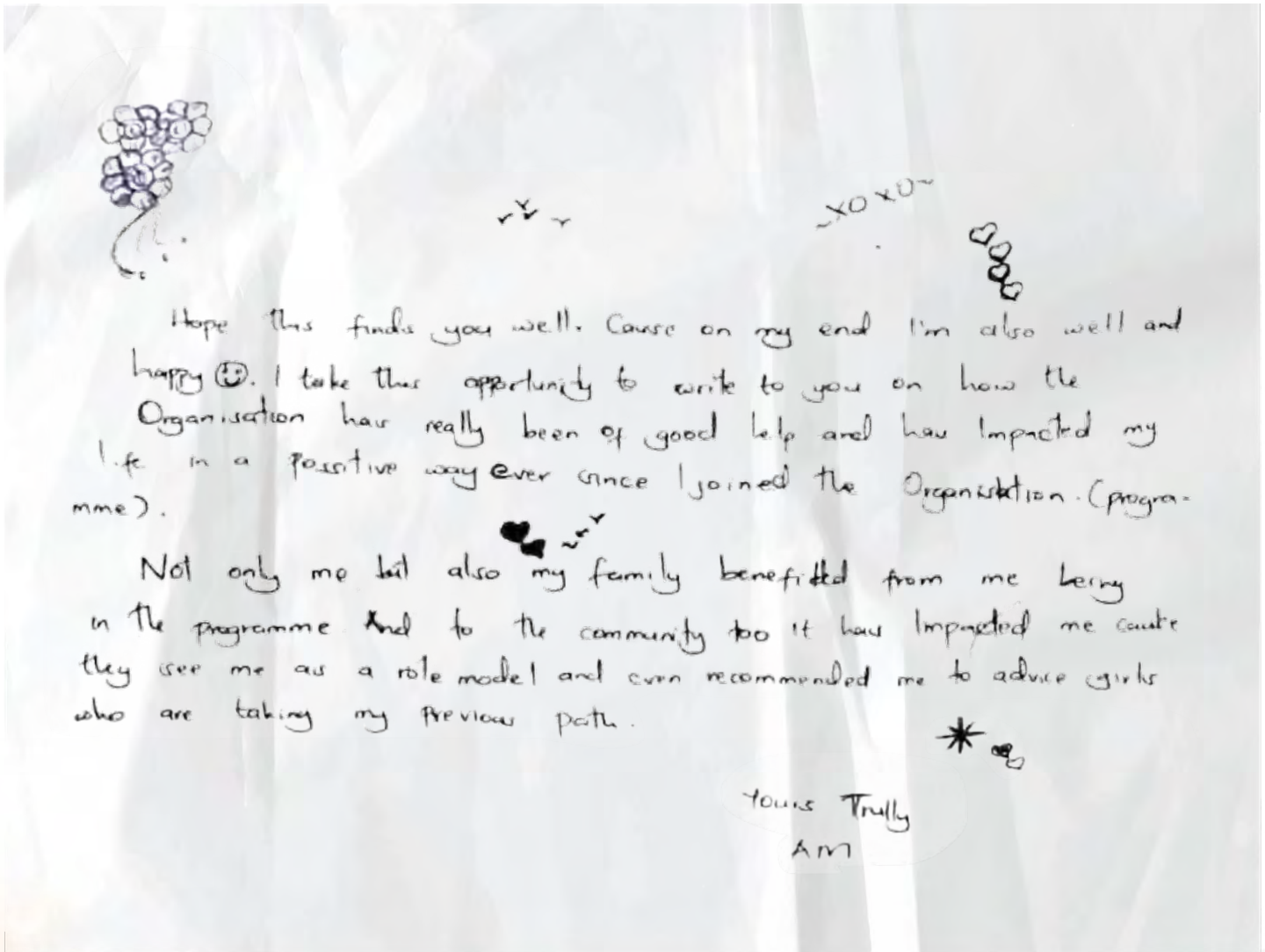
DEAR SIR/MADAM:

DESTINY RESCUE HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON MY LIFE  
BOTH ME PERSONALLY AND MY FAMILY. I HAVE  
SEEN A GREAT AND AWESOME POSITIVE CHANGE

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## Penned by a survivor in Kenya, these words perfectly introduce Destiny Rescue's 2024 Impact Report.

If you read anything in this report twice, re-read her letter and take a moment to reflect on the personality and confidence shining through the page.



### NOTE:

The following data encompasses Destiny Rescue's activities and outcomes performed and/or reported in 2024.

Due to the verification process for all records, figures are subject to minor changes as new information becomes available. Quotes are transcribed or translated words from survivors, staff or community members and were gathered with their knowledge and consent.

Pseudonyms have been used to protect identities.



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# Global Look at Impact

**Exploitation is a darkness that preys on vulnerabilities, strips away choice and compounds hardship.**



Your vulnerability is not your identity and with the right help, you can overcome this situation.

-ALIYA, SURVIVOR, SOUTH ASIA

Survivors *rescued* from human trafficking & sexual exploitation

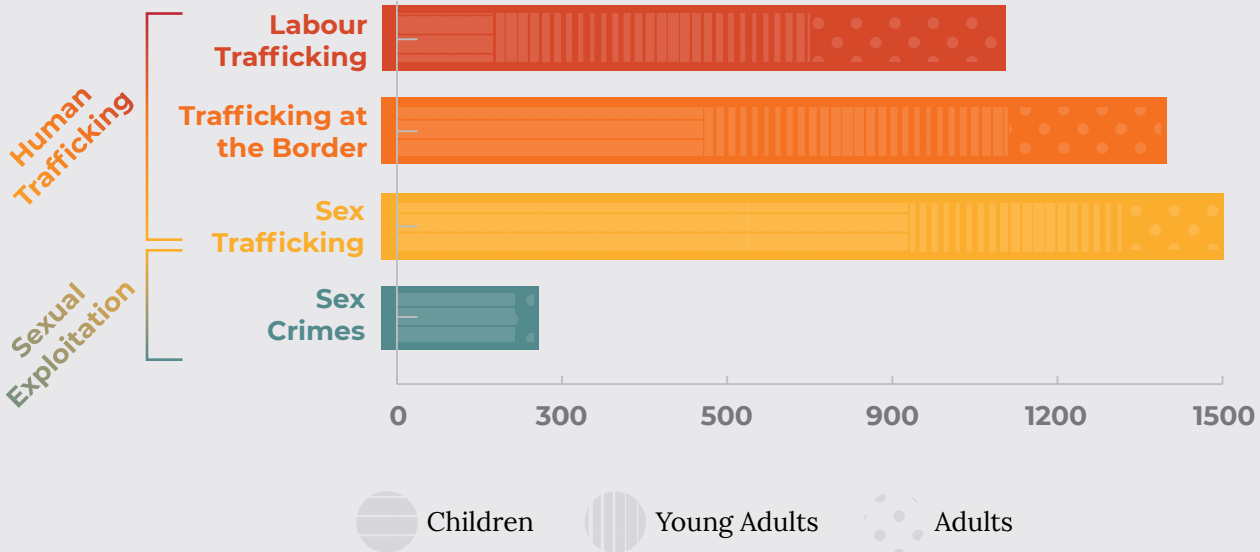


Figure 1: Type of exploitation and age range at rescue

**Glossary of Terms:**

**Labour Trafficking:** Also referred to as forced labour. Unpaid or underpaid labour demanded without consent and under the threat of penalty.

**Trafficking at the Border:** Also referred to as transit trafficking. Individuals found under the control of a trafficker while in transit to their final destination.

**Sex Trafficking:** Commercial sex acts obtained by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act is under 18, either online or in person.

**Sex Crimes:** Ongoing sexual abuse of a vulnerable person without the monetary component that exists in sex trafficking.

The survivors we assisted this year faced harsh and exploitative realities and were subjected to one or more of the following harmful circumstances:

“  
I didn't know what I was living for.”  
- SURVIVOR, ZIMBABWE

523 children

1,324 adults

were controlled and exploited by a trafficker.

407 children

and 20 young adults

were selling their own bodies to survive.

322 children

were victimised or put at high risk by a trusted family member or friend.

717 children

1,839 adults

were lured out of their home country by a trafficker.

46% were being exploited in a foreign country.

54% were being trafficked across the border.

109 children

153 adults

were being harmed or put at high risk by their proximity to situations of sex trafficking.

While none were being trafficked, 42% of children were being sexually abused

115 children

18 young adults

had their abuse recorded and distributed online.

1,064 children

459 adults

being sexually exploited or abused.

87% sex trafficking.

13% sex crimes.

Labour Trafficking

Trafficking at the Border

Sex Trafficking

Sex Crimes

NOTE: The numbers throughout this report overview Destiny Rescue data from its work in 2024; this is not necessarily and indication of situation prevalence throughout global anti-trafficking work.

# Relentless efforts in the face of darkness rescued 1,876 children!

In addition, 1,511 young adults and 790 adults have also been rescued!

# 1,876

CHILDREN RESCUED



Figure 2: Age range of rescued survivors

Age Ranges:

Children: 0-17 years old • Young Adults: 18-24 years old • Adults: 25+ years old



# Covert and relational rescue efforts secured freedom for 602 children throughout Asia and Africa.

81 adults also stepped into freedom because of these efforts.

## Covert Rescue Snapshot

Destiny Rescue agents found 17-year-old Sopheary in late 2023 while working undercover in a bar in Cambodia. After building rapport with her, they offered her an opportunity at freedom, which she gladly and courageously accepted. Later, in 2024, while enrolled in her **Freedom Plan™**, she shared this reflection with our team.



*I never gave up hope while I was employed there. I was holding out hope that I could get out of there because I was still studying. I felt so happy when I decided to stop working in that place.*

— SOPHEARY



Sopheary at the time of her interview

97% of child survivors rescued using these methods enrolled in a Freedom Plan after rescue.

Figure 3 shows post-rescue path with adults included.

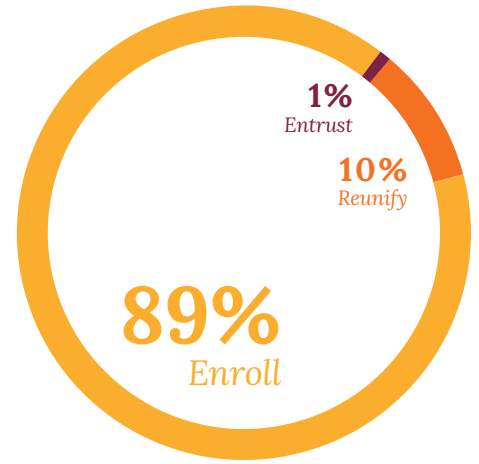


Figure 3: Post-rescue paths for survivors rescued through covert and relational efforts

## Community trust leads to hundreds of tips and cases

Because staff have established credibility and built community connections, our teams initially learn about most cases through tips from the local community. After receiving a tip, our teams then go undercover or work to build relational equity so they may offer the vulnerable or exploited child freedom.

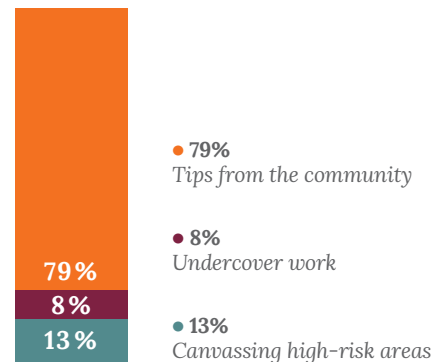


Figure 4: First case lead

**Freedom Plans™** are Destiny Rescue's comprehensive tool to guide and document the recovery and reconnection process for survivors who enter our care after rescue.

## Border interception thwarts traffickers and rescued 554 children from being trafficked out of Nepal.

**550 young adults and 274 adults over the age of 25 were rescued as well.**

More than 99% of survivors at the border were reunited with their family after rescue.

A few survivors were entrusted to the care of shelters suited to meet their needs.



April 2023

Border agent escorts a young girl during the interview process

# Women on the front lines speak out

All across the Nepal border, our brave agents stop pedestrians, cars and even full passenger buses in their quest to rescue victims of trafficking. Without them, traffickers can slip past the border unhindered, selling their victims into brutal brothels or hard labour jobs.

**“When we lose our girls, my heart breaks. It is so painful to see so many children trafficked across our border. The girls lost across the border are the mothers of the future.”**

— **Ehani**, Partner Organisation Founder, Nepal

Our border agents work diligently to stop the surge of victims. Once they identify a suspicious situation, they separate the girl from the suspect and investigate. If they determine that she is indeed a

victim, they help her see through the trafficker’s lies.

**“At this border, we have drawn a line in the sand. We tell women and girls that if you cross this line, we don’t know what happens to you. As long as you are on this side of the line, you are safe. We are with you.”**

— **Kasmitha**, Case Manager, Nepal

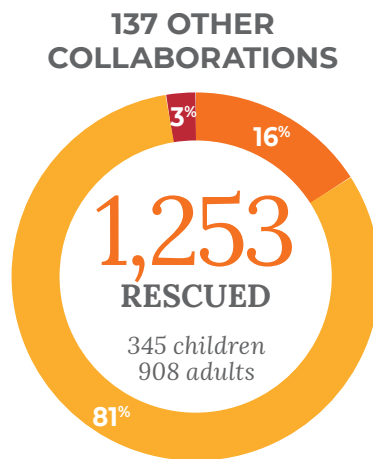
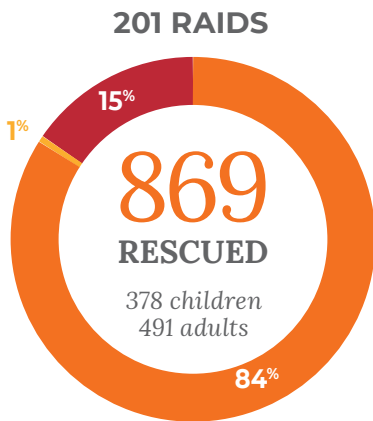
Their work is making an incredible difference. Traffickers are stopped, families are counselled and hundreds are rescued from the nightmarish exploitation on the other side of the border. A few survivors have even become rescue agents themselves!

**“We do this work for the sake of our nation. We see our service as a duty to protect our women and children.”**

— **Shanti**, Border Agent, Nepal

## 338 operations alongside law enforcement free over 700 children in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

An operation with law enforcement might rescue a single child or a group of over 100 individuals.



- Sex Trafficking
- Labor Trafficking
- Sex Crimes

**Figure 5 & 6:**  
Exploitation scenarios of survivors rescued by our efforts with law enforcement

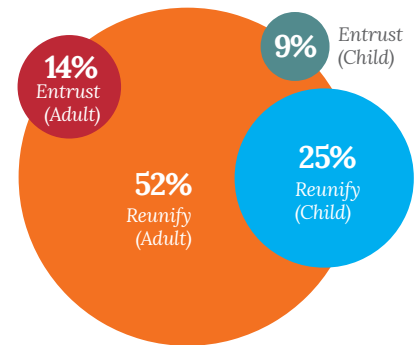
**Raids** are special cases where law enforcement agencies use their authority to secure a scene. Cases categorised as **other collaborations** do not contain that particular raid element. (e.g. Survivors meet with our agents and law enforcement outside the exploitation setting and then receive assistance getting the rest of the way to safety.)

All of these operations with law enforcement involved collaborative case building. They resulted in one or more people being rescued from the continued harm and dangers of sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

**Note:** Five rescues in collaboration with law enforcement happened at the Nepal border, resulting in those five being counted in both these figures and the border rescue total noted previously.

**723**  
CHILDREN RESCUED

After a rescue operation involving law enforcement, survivors' next steps are determined by local procedures and social welfare agencies. These local regulations offer options to entrust survivors into the care of another agency or reunify them with family.



**Figure 7:**  
Post-rescue paths of survivors rescued in collaboration with law enforcement

“We’ve done a lot of operations with Destiny Rescue. They are doing a wonderful job in saving these children and giving hope for them to recover.”

— VILLAMOR TULIAO, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE



Destiny Rescue agents in a briefing with police

## Rescue efforts facilitated the arrest of 288 perpetrators of trafficking and abuse.

Prior to their arrest, traffickers and abusers alike used coercion, threats, deception and, in some cases, brute force to control their victims.

**104**  
TRAFFICKERS  
ARRESTED

.....  
17% were also sexually abusing their victims

**167**  
ABUSERS  
ARRESTED

**17**  
CONSPIRATORS  
ARRESTED

I am going to tell you about a case that impacted me very much. A mother was exploiting her daughter - filming her and selling the videos to pedophiles online. Our law enforcement partners reached out to us to have our investigator collaborate with them.

The investigation went on for a couple of months - doing surveillance, trying to identify the victims, trying to identify the other. We thought it was only one daughter, but in the end, we saw it was two daughters and one son she was exploiting... It was a long investigation. Our team had to follow her from one city to another and also find proof of when she was receiving the money from the perpetrators so we could have evidence that the police needed to rescue the kids.

So in the end, we had the operation where we rescued the two daughters - the son was not with her at the time. The son was somewhere else and safe, luckily. So we rescued the daughters and the police arrested the mother. She's now in jail and the daughters are safe with an aftercare partner. I'm glad we were able to rescue them.

What impacted me in this case was the innocence of the children. One of them was 9, and the other was 11. Seeing a woman who decided to use the innocence of these minors to make money really hit me. I'm glad we were able to save and rescue those children, and I'm hoping through our support they can have a brighter future.

— Jacob, Rescue Agent, Dominican Republic

27 operations with law enforcement involved the online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC), a specific form of sex trafficking.



**Figure 8:**  
Children rescued from online sexual exploitation, by country

**70%** FEMALE  
**30%** MALE

**Figure 9:**  
Gender of survivors rescued from online sexual exploitation

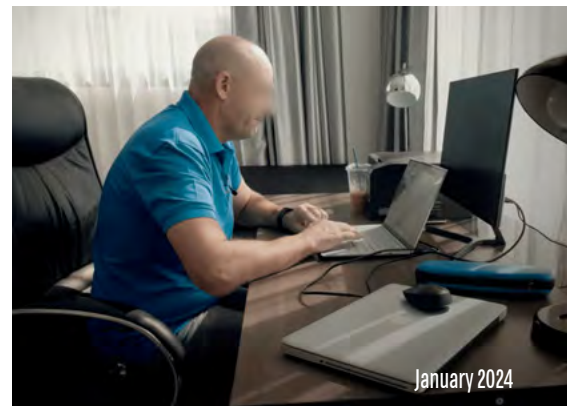
The average age of a child rescued from online sexual exploitation was 12 years old.

**The youngest was four!**

# OSEC

## Scientia team rescues 55 children from online sexual exploitation

Scientia, our dedicated anti-OSEC team, closed **13 cases resulting in the rescue of 55 children** and 17 young adults from online sexual exploitation. Three of these cases were performed in collaboration with our rescue team in the Philippines.

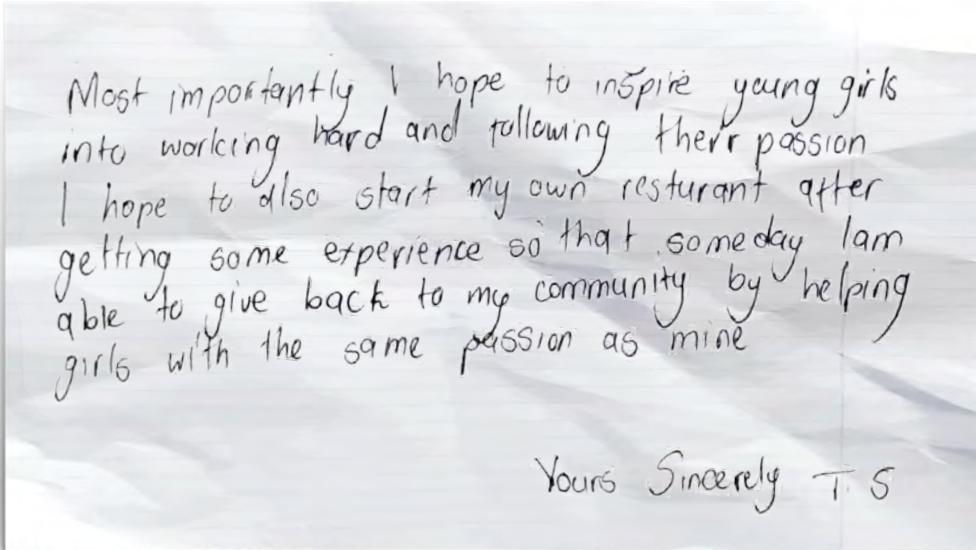


January 2024

Caleb, our undercover agent, had been on a video chat with a trafficker known to be abusing her 4-year-old daughter to create child sexual abuse material (CSAM). He was buying time so Philippine law enforcement could locate and arrest her when the call was abruptly cut off. Moments later he received a callback, and the video revealed officers giving him a “thumbs up” and the good news that the trafficker was arrested, and the child was now safe.

## Survivors play critical roles in the fight for freedom.

After rescue, many survivors turn their focus toward helping others and inspiring their communities.



26  
ADDITIONAL  
CHILDREN  
RESCUED FROM  
SURVIVOR INTEL

### Zoey is helping agents rescue more children in the Philippines

“I eventually reconnected with [the Destiny Rescue agent.] I decided to help out from time to time ... to rescue young girls like me by giving credible leads, and I eventually got to know the other [agents] who helped me in my journey toward recovery.”  
— Zoey, Survivor, The Philippines



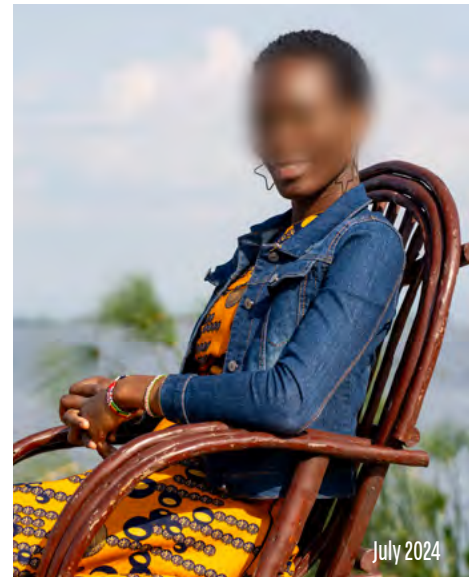
### Abigail is teaching and mentoring others

Since she stepped into freedom in 2022, Abigail’s life has changed completely. During her time in our program, she completed hairdressing training and demonstrated incredible leadership skills. Although she graduated from the program, her time with us has not ended! She continues to train other survivors and even volunteers alongside our staff so she can encourage survivors beginning their journeys toward freedom.

Abigail radiates confidence two years after finding freedom

Abigail in hairdressing training class two years before becoming a trainer herself

“  
Destiny Rescue restored my dignity in the community... I’m currently respected and valued by family members.  
— ABIGAIL, SURVIVOR, KENYA



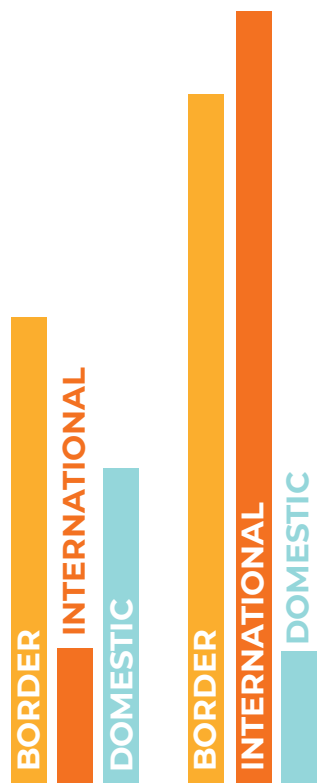
## Rescue catalyses safety, freedom and dignity.

*New chapters began, families were reunited and children were empowered to take their next steps in freedom*



*There are happy tears from the children's families and relatives at the moment of reunion. They experienced the loss of a loved one, but when we brought the child home, they cried with happiness!*

- KASEM, RESCUE AGENT, SOUTHEAST ASIA



<b>Child</b>	<b>Adult</b>
● 553 Border	● 822 Border
● 161 International	● 992 International
● 376 Domestic	● 157 Domestic

**Figure 10:**  
Trafficking scenario and age of survivors reunified with their family after rescue

1,009

children, 1,280 young adults and 691 adults were reunified with their family after rescue. (Figure 11)

45% of these survivors were rescued from trafficking at their country's border.

38% were rescued from international trafficking and were already outside of their home country.

160

survivors received our support during the legal process.

600

survivors received our assistance with embassy communications and travel documents.

609

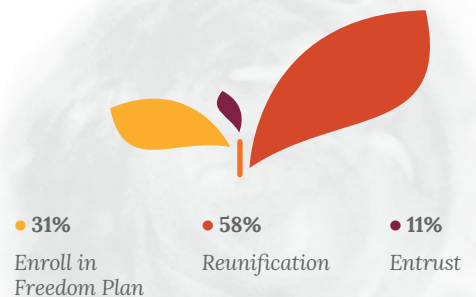
survivors enrolled in a Freedom Plan after rescue. 581 were children at time of enrolment.

205

children and 302 adults were entrusted to the care of other organisations.

1,998

survivors received our assistance locating or contacting their family.



**Figure 11:**  
Post-rescue path of all child survivors

**Over 760 survivors engaged in the first phase of our program this year, and many more received routine caseworker visits in the second phase of our program.**

**1,800+**

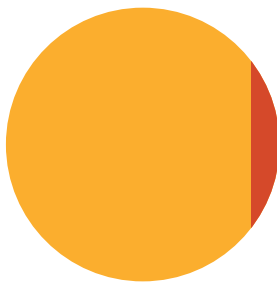
**SURVIVORS IMPACTED BY FREEDOM PLANS!**

**Active Services Phase**

The first phase of a Freedom Plan is when survivors receive services and participate in activities. In 2024, survivors spent an average of five and a half months in the Active Services Phase.

**609 new enrollments this year**

Survivors across six countries in Africa and Asia began Freedom Plans. The average age of an enrolled survivor was 16 and the youngest was four. 37 boys were among the new enrollments.



● 94% Girls  
● 6% Boys

**Figure 12:**  
Gender of survivors enrolled in Freedom Plans in 2024

Although customised to a survivor’s unique needs, Freedom Plans begin with the same core elements focused on emotional and physical health. 580 survivors received training to help them move forward after trauma, 95% attended fully. 566 survivors received an initial health check.

**94% completion rate**

421 survivors completed the first phase of the programme in 2024. 28 survivors discontinued their participation prior to completion, all have entered the Follow-Up Phase and will receive scheduled check-ins from staff.

**Follow-Up Phase**

The second phase of a Freedom Plan begins once survivors achieve independence or otherwise discontinue participation in the first phase. During this phase, survivors receive a series of scheduled check-ins from caseworkers.

**720+ were due a final Freedom Plan check in**

The Follow-Up phase of a Freedom Plan culminates with a final check in 24 months post-rescue.

**85% Remained free two years after rescue!**

- 9% could not be contacted
- 5% check-in was not recorded
- 1% had returned to exploitation

*Additional data regarding exploitation status presented later in this report (page 22).*



Survivors in Kenya celebrate their hard work at a Freedom Plan graduation ceremony

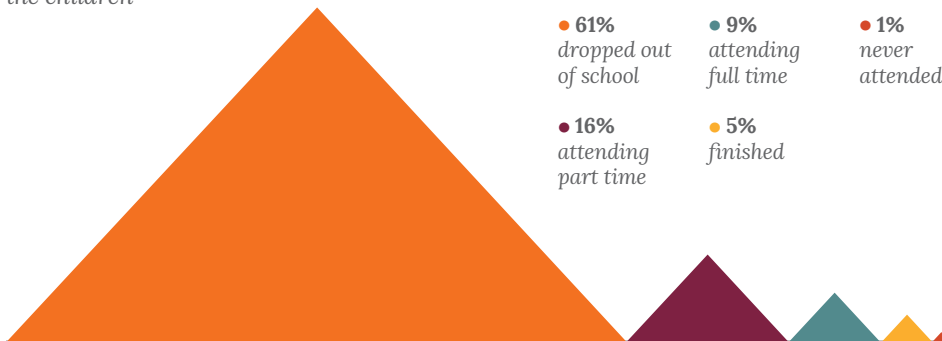


## Education no longer out of reach for survivors.

80% of survivors who enrolled in a Freedom Plan this year were unable or struggled to afford school prior to rescue.



Staff in Kenya visit survivors at school and dance with the children



**Figure 13:** Survivors' school attendance prior to rescue and enrollment. (8% no data)

### This year, Freedom Plans helped 227 survivors to return to school

An additional 469 survivors pursued further education through skills training instead of traditional school. 96% of those in skills training were ages 15 and above.

#### Students saw the change

**“** I can study, I'm in class with my fellow mates, I have some friends.... It makes me happy.

— MALIK, SURVIVOR, KENYA

#### Parents saw the change

**“** She is doing well in school. She was ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in her class, and now she is first after Destiny Rescue support. Thank you for helping.

— PARENT OF AN 11-YEAR- OLD SURVIVOR, CAMBODIA

#### Teachers saw the change

**“** You are giving hope to my girl. I can see life in Gracie... there is a remarkable change (between) before and now.

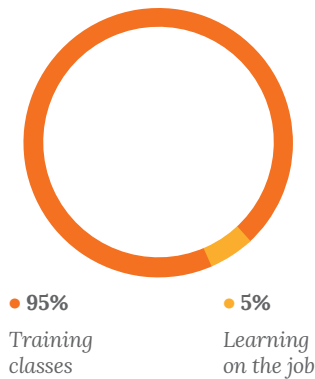
— TEACHER OF A 12-YEAR-OLD SURVIVOR, KENYA

## Economic solutions focusing on empowering individuals can also change communities.

*Survivors and their guardians are forces of change, as their skills and businesses provide opportunities and stability to their neighbourhoods.*

### 469 survivors pursued new skills through training opportunities

95% attended training classes and 5% started jobs that included an introductory learning period. Twenty-five survivors started new jobs without any training.



### 131 businesses opened or expanded, empowering guardians to support survivors' needs and education

85% were new businesses and 15% were existing business expansions. An additional 58 businesses started or expanded in 2023 continued in the programme.

—  
**84%**

of participating businesses were profitable for the majority of the first six months of monitoring.



Two years after her rescue, Nafuna took her hairdressing skills on the road and now trains others throughout rural Uganda

**Figure 14:**  
How survivors gained new skills

Figures from Freedom Plan activities that occurred during 2024 regardless of Freedom Plan start date.

The program has been instrumental in my personal growth, helping me develop valuable skills such as the hotel and catering. Through the Program I have had the opportunity to give back to my community like baking cake, scones etc when there are events. This experience has not only helped me but also given me a sense of purpose and fulfillment and I am proud of my self.

*Penned by a survivor in Zimbabwe*

## Momentum must continue.

*While reflecting on the impact and accomplishments of 2024 is encouraging and well-deserved, it also reminds us why we need to show up tomorrow ready to continue fighting for these kids.*

# More await rescue

Not a week has gone by that we've been unable to find a child in need of help escaping exploitation.

### 98% survivors at the border did not press charges against their trafficker

1,243 traffickers were left free in 2024 due to community stigma making it difficult for survivors to press charges—this is a stark reminder of how important it is to remain at the border to save their next victims.

### Teams working 30+ open cases

At the close of 2024, teams that collaborate with law enforcement across the globe reported more than 30 open cases in active investigation phases, while law enforcement continues to bring more leads to our attention.

### Staff still engaging with over 1,000+ survivors in their Freedom Plans

300+ survivors continue forward in the first phase of their Freedom Plan.

These children continue to receive assistance, participate in programmes, and, if they are in Community Care, receive monthly check-ins.

### 780+ survivors remain in the Follow-Up Phase

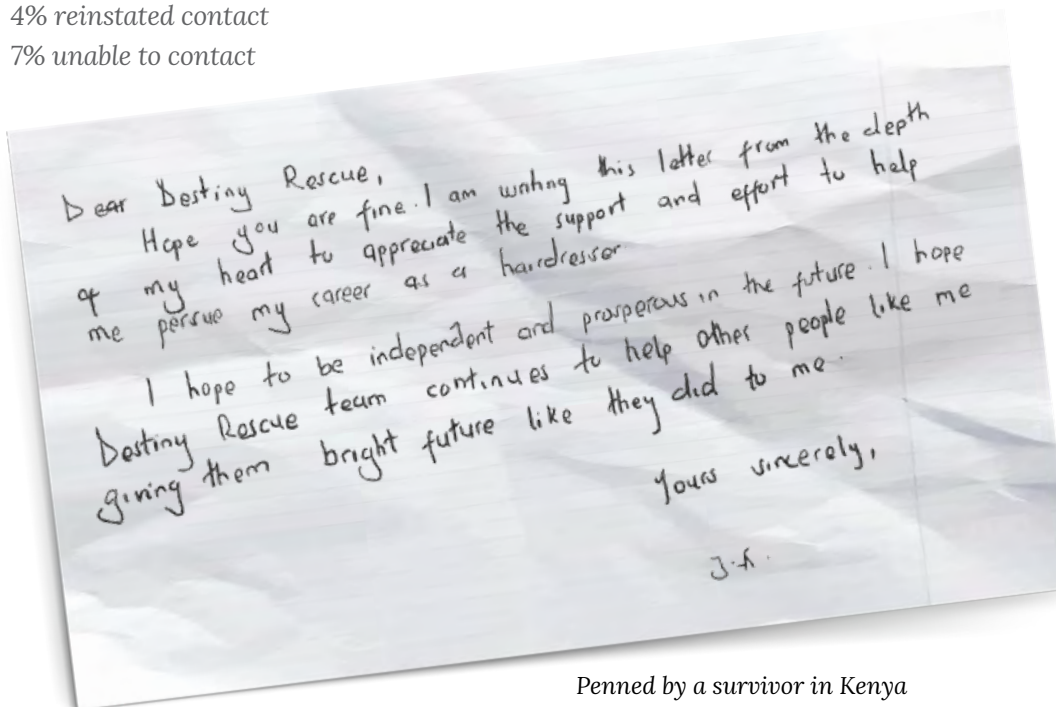
Maintaining contact with survivors during this time is a challenge, but staff are intentional and steadfast in their efforts to keep in touch and ensure survivors are still safe. For those still in the Follow-Up Phase...

## staff maintained contact with 89%

4% reinstated contact  
7% unable to contact

“It feels disappointing when we provide full support to victims, yet they still choose not to press charges. Unfortunately, when a victim refuses to press charges, it can lead to more victims in the future because we are unable to hold the trafficker accountable.

— BORDER STATION SUPERVISOR, NEPAL



Penned by a survivor in Kenya



## From the Founder

**Rescue makes countless opportunities possible for a suffering child.** We've been reminded of that in the past year more than ever before.

From stories of a brave survivor advocating for her peers to an innovative girl travelling around the country to train others in a sustainable career path to a young woman's new college and career journey, the year has been full of inspiring, heartbreaking, beautiful stories of hope, resilience and forward momentum.

**We are honoured to celebrate our success with you in this report.** Our capacity to tell our story via data is more robust than ever, allowing us to show a clearer picture of the impact we've made possible together.

It can be easy to get lost in the data, but every rescue listed in this report represents a person whose life was changed. Behind each number is the name of someone following a new path toward a brighter future.



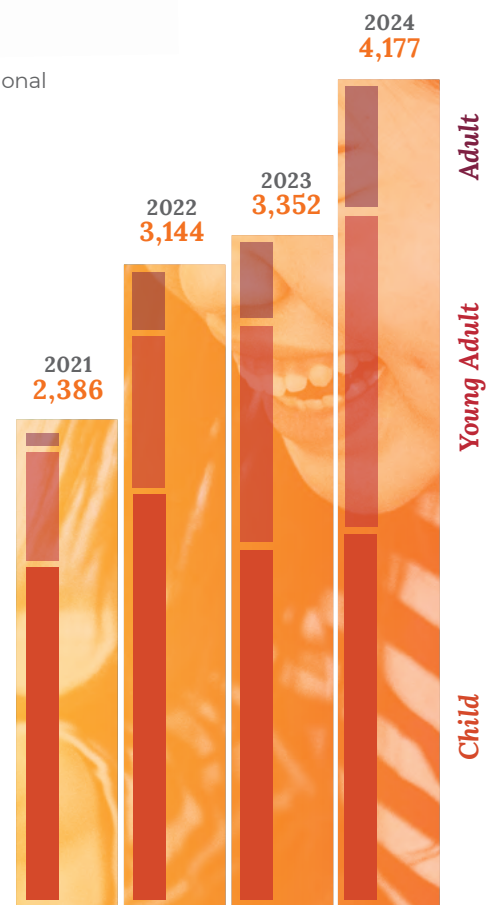
*Tony Kirman*

Founder & CEO,  
Destiny Rescue International

That's why this report is so encouraging. As Destiny Rescue becomes more proficient at rescuing and equipping for sustainable freedom, more children exchange the darkness of exploitation for the light of freedom. That happens because of you. Your generosity equips an army of agents, caseworkers and other Freedom Fighters to come to their rescue.

It's also why we strive to do better. **More children are crying out, waiting for their rescue—so we must continue to dive deeper.** As we do, we see how big the ocean of exploitation appears. Join us as we strive to make an even greater impact next year.

**Together, we can change everything in a child's life and usher them into the light of freedom.**



**Age Ranges:**

**Child:** 0–17 yrs

**Young Adults:** 18–24 yrs

**Adults:** 25 yrs +

**Figure 15:**  
Total rescued 2021 - 2024, by age range



# Focused Look at Outcomes

## **Free from Exploitation**

- *Data from Freedom Plans*

## **Qualitative Evaluation**

- *Survivor and Guardian Experiences in Kenya*

## Are survivors in the Follow-Up Phase of their Freedom Plan free from exploitation more than a year after rescue?

Caseworkers continue to check in with survivors throughout the Follow-Up Phase of their Freedom Plan. By assessing follow-ups performed over a period of six months, we can aggregate the status of all survivors in the Follow-Up Phase who were rescued one to two years ago.

### January–June 2024

Survivors in the Follow-Up Phase due to complete a 12, 18 or 24-month post-rescue check-in during the first half of the year (n=1,000+) were in the following situations:

**82% Free**

0.3% Returned to exploitation  
11% Unknown (could not contact)  
7% Unknown (not recorded)

### July–December 2024

Survivors in the Follow-Up Phase due to complete a 12, 18 or 24-month post-rescue check-in during the second half of the year (n=900+) were in the following situations:

**88% Free**

0.8% Returned to exploitation  
9% Unknown (could not contact)  
2% Unknown (not recorded)

The implementation of a centralised database and new digital tools that track follow-up schedules and monitor contact status resulted in an increase in recorded and accessible records, as well as a significant decrease in survivors who remain uncontactable. In the second half of the year, staff were able to reinstate contact with 34 survivors who were previously unable to be reached.

Survivors are given the option to share thoughts “on the record” during follow ups and some choose to share words we are always encouraged to hear and amplify.

The following quotes are from follow-ups performed in the second half of 2024.

“

[I] am happy to hear from you.

—SURVIVOR IN KENYA AT HER ONE-YEAR FOLLOW-UP

“

Thanks for saving me.

—SURVIVOR IN KENYA AT HIS ONE-YEAR FOLLOW-UP

“

I thank [you] so much DR staff, and especially the “donors, who have enabled me to get a business that helps me to look after my young siblings.

—SURVIVOR IN UGANDA AT HER TWO-YEAR FOLLOW-UP

## Survivors and guardians in Kenya share candid thoughts about life since rescue.

In May 2024, 60 survivors and guardians from two cities lent their voices to our first ever outcomes-based field assessment. Their input, handwritten on over 400 sticky notes, is helping us see what success looks like—through their eyes.



May 2024

Caseworker in Kenya facilitating a survivor focus group

To have my own salon and be able to change the society at large and other people going through what I went through.

### Insight 1

**For survivors, safety isn't top of mind anymore. That's a good thing.**

When survivors have to constantly focus on survival—safety, food, water and shelter—it leaves little time or energy for much else. After rescue, survivors have those needs met, making space in their lives for healing, life-giving relationships, school and work.

### Insight 2

**Survivors are thinking about their future—and the future of others.**

As they dream of their own futures, many survivors are talking to their friends about staying out of sexual exploitation and encouraging those who have been hurt by exploitation “to come out from the dark and report cases to the authorities... so that they may get to find their freedom, too.”



May 2024

Joyce, Business Manager, facilitating the guardian focus group

### Insight 3

#### Rescue has an exponential impact that affects families and communities.

Guardians shared some raw insights into what life was like for them before—and after—their child was rescued. “I used to be an alcoholic because of the stress of not being able to provide for the children, but now I am a changed person,” one guardian said.

Guardians who have started businesses as part of their child’s Freedom Plan say they can feed their families, save for the future and pay school fees.

The ripple effects extend into communities. “Because my kids have been helped, I can now help others in the community,” shared one guardian.

### Insight 4

#### Guardianship is life-giving.

Guardians say relationships and family dynamics are better after rescue. “Fights in the family have reduced. We would quarrel because of the survivor’s behaviour,” one guardian said.

“I can now sit together with my husband, and we can reason together,” wrote another.

One foster guardian shared that fostering a survivor has positively impacted the behaviour of other children in the home. For another, fostering a survivor meant finally getting a family: “I became a foster parent to a child... and so for that I am a proud mommy.”

This was like the mother of all change, it has given us together with our girls to move forward.

I used to be ashamed. ~~time~~ as a parent concerning my daughters' behaviour but now I am proud of her.



# Hearing directly from survivors—and their parents and guardians—reveals patterns demonstrating what else rescue makes possible.

The survivor focus groups (n=30) in May 2024, provided evidence that survivors are improving across four domains associated with increased stability and lowered risk of re-victimization. Most survivor comments described positive changes in emotional and behavioral well-being and economic stability.

This signals that survivors are spending less energy on meeting their basic needs and more on healing from trauma and pursuing

education or work—strong indicators of overall stability.

Most guardian (n=30) comments described positive changes in family relationships.

This signals that guardians are reconnecting with their survivor-children and families as a whole to create more nurturing relationships that protect survivors and further reduce the likelihood of re-victimization.

## About the Evaluation

**Method:** In two locations in Kenya, a representative sample of survivors and guardians were invited to participate in focus groups in May 2024. Survivors were between 8 and 24 years of age, and all had completed or been enrolled in a Freedom Plan for at least four months at the time of evaluation. Guardians were biological parents or legal guardians of survivors who had participated in (or were currently enrolled in) a Freedom Plan.

**Process:** Open-ended questions focused on what has changed since rescue, helping to avoid reinforcing or repeating traumatic experiences. Participants wrote anonymously on

notes or shared brief stories and insights during group discussions.

**Analysis:** Each note was separated into excerpts, transcribed and sorted by theme. A single excerpt could be sorted into multiple themes.

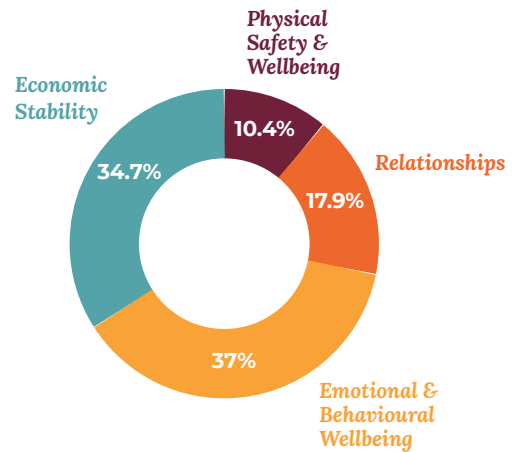
**Local partnership:** Local staff created safe, nurturing emotional spaces for the groups. They helped with the initial round of data sorting, which led to the identification of four key categories of change. One project leader shared, “I felt like crying just looking at it—the work we are doing. This is not me, but God’s doing. Cry for joy! Feeling encouraged to continue doing what I am doing.”



Staff identify response categories during the first round of data sorting

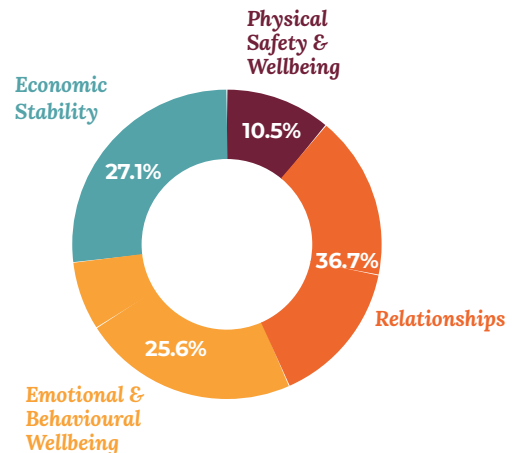
### Kenya Survivors:

Q: How has your life changed since rescue?



### Kenya Guardians:

Q: How has your life changed since your child was rescued?





**Regional  
Look at  
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**Latin America**

the Dominican Republic



**Pilot Programs**

We began piloting expanded rescue efforts in additional countries in Africa and Asia, which facilitated the rescue of 20 children and 163 adults, and enrolled 14 survivors in Freedom Plans in 2024.

20

CHILDREN

163

ADULTS

14

ENROLLED

# Africa

## East Africa

- Kenya and Uganda

## Southern Africa

- Zimbabwe

DESTINY RESCUE HAS BEEN A GREAT HELP TO ME AND MY FAMILY. WE STRUGGLED TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND HAD TO SURVIVE BY HAND TO MOUTH BUT NOW OUR LIFE HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY

COOKING OFFERS A DIVERSE RANGE OF THERAPY. BEFORE THEY ASSISTED AND BY THEM I MEAN DESTINY RESCUE I COULD ONLY PREPARE SADZA AND COMMON RELISHES ~ SADZA IS OUR STAPLE FOOD BY THE WAY SO ITS THE MOST COMMON DISH ~ SO IMAGINE MY COOKING SKILLS WERE AT MERE SURVIVAL LEVEL.

NOW I CAN PROUDLY BOAST THAT IF MASTERCHEF WERE TO HOST COMPETITIONS HERE I'D WIN THE MASTERCHEF TITLE. THATS AN EDUCATED WISH I JUST MADE THERE NOW BACK TO REALITY.

I CAN PREPARE MILK TARTS, DELICIOUS CURRY DISHES, CAKES OH AND I CAN NOW COOK WITHOUT BUENING AND THAT SHOULD SAY A LOT.

REALLY I CAN SAY CATERING WAS NOT ON THAT FIRST PLACE ON THE LIST BUT IT HAS PLAYED A TREMENDOUS ROLE. I HOPE TO MERGE CATERING WITH TECHNOLOGY AND LINGUISTICS. FOOD IS A LANGUAGE SPOKEN WORLDWIDE AND A TECHNOLOGY THAT IS EVER GROWING AND CHANGING. SO THROUGH DESTINY RESCUE I HOPE TO REALISE MY ASPIRATIONS

Penned by a survivor  
in Zimbabwe



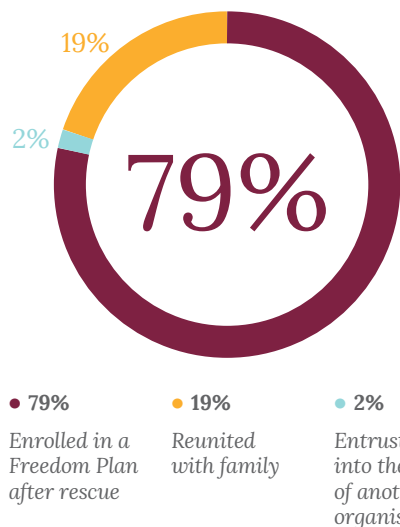
## Rescue efforts in Kenya grow; Freedom Plans flourish.

Our work in Kenya expanded with a new Pilot Project in 2024. This new partnership focuses on law enforcement collaboration and has already resulted in four operations that have rescued 59 children.

Other rescue efforts in Kenya exclusively utilised Freedom Plans and our Community Care model. After rescue, survivors were placed with safe guardians—often relatives, but sometimes vetted foster families

from the community. 60 survivors participated in vocational skills training and 25 received on-the-job training. Over 130 guardians in Kenya were empowered by our small business program, which provided sales and marketing guidance and financial assistance.

*New and expanded businesses included automotive repair shops, grocery kiosks, prepared-food stands, tailoring services and clothing stores.*



14 years old

Average age of a rescued survivor in Kenya

279

TOTAL RESCUED



Survivors at vocational training

274

Children rescued and five young adults

78% Female, 22% Male

528

Survivors engaged in a Freedom Plan

283 received services in the first phase and the remainder received follow-up check ins

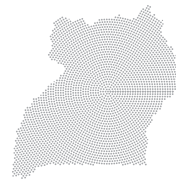
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Children in school

54% Primary school  
46% Secondary school

131

New or expanded businesses were empowered through our Small Business Program



47

TOTAL RESCUED

## Residential vocational training school provides stability for survivors in Uganda.

Survivors in Uganda face unique struggles in their first months after rescue as they disengage from their previous lifestyle and begin to forge their new path. In response to these challenges, we implemented a hybrid approach to our Residential and Community Care program in this region.

Soon after rescue, 94% of survivors stayed in dormitories at our training school. This created an environment

conducive to focus, while staff provided intentional mentorship and helped them establish new and healthy routines. They transitioned back into their communities after about three months, equipped with business and life skills.

*Routines at the training centre included in-depth business and life-skills classes, structured chores and responsibility sharing, as well as basic farming skills.*



Survivor at vocational training

440

Survivors engaged in a Freedom Plan

*73 received services in the first phase and the remainder received follow-up check-ins*

Staff stayed in touch

*with survivors in the Follow-Up Phase*

*92% Continuous contact  
5% Reinstated contact  
3% Remains lost contact*

62

Survivors received skills training

*73% Completed training  
27% Still participating*

45

Children Rescued

and two young adults

100% Female

100%

Sex Trafficking

All were being exploited in survival situations—forced to sell themselves to survive.

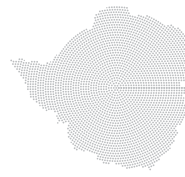
100%

enrolled in a Freedom Plan after rescue.

16 years old

Average age of a rescued survivor in Uganda





## Creativity and tenacity are among survivors' notable traits in Zimbabwe.

Our all-female team in Zimbabwe was confronted with the harsh realities of sex trafficking and exploitation every day. Undaunted, they offered freedom and walked the difficult path of healing alongside survivors after rescue.

Survivors began their Freedom Plans with a training week focusing on moving past the trauma they endured. In 2024, guardians were invited to attend alongside the children in their care and were amazed at what survivors were doing. Staff credited these weeks for the life change that inspired entire classes of rowdy girls to transform into punctual, dedicated students.

Beauty therapy (makeup and nails) was added to the hairdressing training course to help increase the marketability of their skills. This addition was received with enthusiasm, and the trainer made it possible for interested graduates to return and learn the new skills for free.

Staff hosted "Celebration Days," allowing graduates to return and share their successes with newer enrolments. These times were a huge encouragement to staff, new and returning survivors alike.



October 2024

Survivors assemble during a Celebration Day gathering

# 193

TOTAL RESCUED

# 439

Survivors engaged in a Freedom Plan

236 received services in the first phase and the remainder received follow-up check-ins

All 193 newly enrolled survivors engaged with training to move past trauma

87% Complete attendance  
13% Partial attendance

# 229

Survivors received skills training

72% Completed training  
26% Still participating  
1% Discontinued training early

# 186

Children Rescued

and 7 young adults  
100% Female

# 16

years old

Average age of a rescued survivor in Zimbabwe



187 Rescued from survival situations  
3 Rescued from trafficker-controlled situations

# 100%

enrolled in a Freedom Plan after rescue.

# Asia

## South Asia

- Nepal and one other country

## Southeast Asia

- Cambodia, the Philippines, Thailand and one other country

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*Thank you for listening to me  
and making me feel like I am  
not alone anymore.*

- 14-YEAR-OLD SURVIVOR, CAMBODIA





1,380  
TOTAL RESCUED

## Agents found and rescued over a thousand victims of human trafficking at the Nepal border.

Rescue agents in Nepal patrolled multiple checkpoints along their country's border. They interviewed more than 50,000 travellers in their search for trafficking victims being lured out of the country and into the complete control of their trafficker.

Rescue was rarely simple, as most survivors, deceived by their trafficker's false promises, lied to our agents when initially questioned. With determination, agents pursued

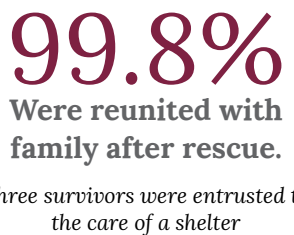
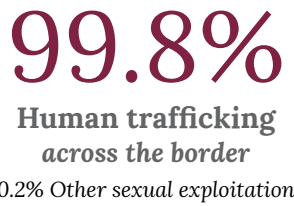
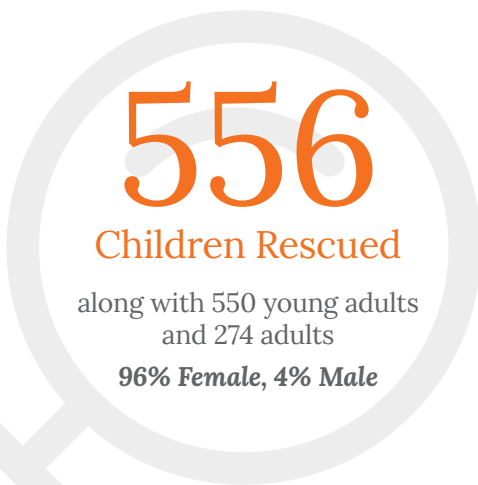
the truth and uncovered more than 1,300 instances of human trafficking.

When asked about the risks facing victims if they make it across the border, a rescue agent said, **"They may be promised jobs or even marriage, but instead, they are forced into sex work in brothels. The language barrier and their lack of knowledge about the situation make it difficult for them to get help."**



November 2024

Border interviews are an extremely important part of how we rescue children in the region



**20**  
years old

Average age of a rescued survivor in Nepal

“

I love it when victims are reunited with their parents. I feel peace in my heart when the victims and their parents thank us for saving them before anything bad could happen in their lives.

— Babie, Border Agent, Nepal

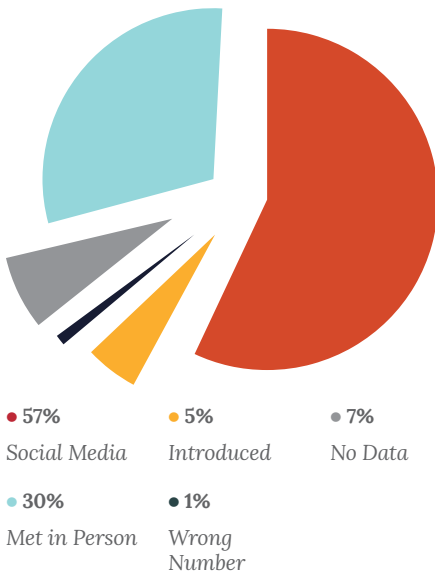


## Traffickers continue to leverage social media and false promises of marriage to lure their victims out of Nepal.

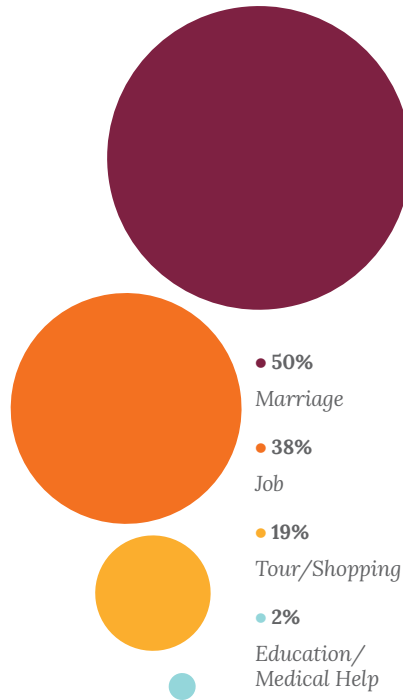
Traffickers persuaded 99.2% of survivors to hide their travel plans from their family and told 99.6% to lie if they were questioned by anyone at the border. Social media was the most common tool used by traffickers to contact and groom their targets. In their efforts to lure victims out of Nepal, traffickers mostly promised marriage, followed closely by employment.



Many young girls hide their travels plans



How traffickers first contacted their targets



Trafficker's false promises to their targets. Categories are overlapping, as traffickers made multiple promises to some individuals

95% of survivors at the border were rescued before their trafficker had the opportunity to sexually abuse or exploit them. 0.7% disclosed abuse to our agents and an additional 4.3%\* were in overnight situations during travel with their trafficker.

\*These individuals mentioned an overnight stay to our agents but did not disclose sexual abuse.

## Freedom prevails against all odds in a country in South Asia.

Our brave undercover agents, both male and female, continued to find and rescue children from sex trafficking, often in collaboration with law enforcement. These urban cases frequently involved missing persons and girls being lured away from home with jobs then forced to work in brothels. After rescue, many survivors were reunited with their families—a very difficult task for our team to coordinate if the children were taken from their homes. In some circumstances, survivors were entrusted to the care of local shelters.

Additionally, a network of community informants throughout rural areas worked with staff to find and rescue children from sex trafficking.

After rescue, survivors enrolled in Freedom Plans implemented in a Residential Care setting. Vocational options included computer skills, hairdressing, tailoring, medical lab technician and multi-purpose health worker.

More than 50 survivors were being exploited in dangerous brothels.



Survivors in our residential home work on group art projects

# 142

TOTAL RESCUED

## 196

Survivors engaged in a Freedom Plan

77 received services in the first phase and the remainder received follow-up check ins

All

# 77

newly enrolled survivors engaged with training to move past trauma

# 77

Survivors received skills training

65% Completed training  
27% Still participating  
8% Discontinued training early

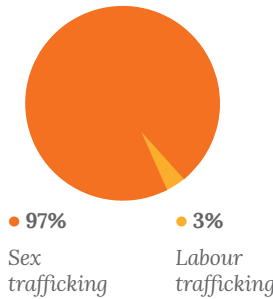


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Children Rescued

and 14 young adults

98% Female, 2% Male



# 8

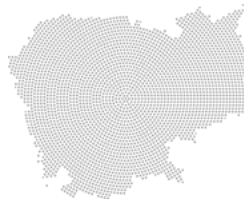
Raids with law enforcement rescued 37 children and 12 young adults

# 15.5

years old

Average age of a rescued survivor in this country

- 54% Enrolled in a Freedom Plan after rescue
- 28% Entrusted into the care of another organisation
- 18% Reunited with their family



190

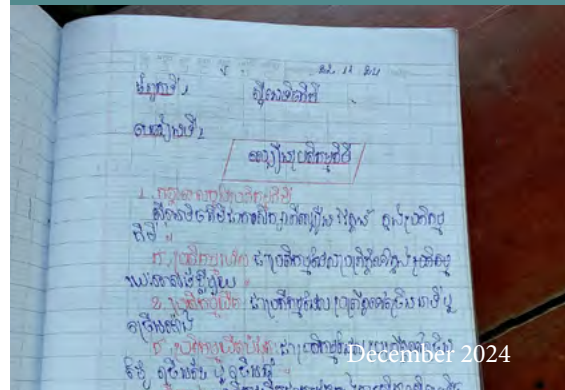
TOTAL RESCUED

## Rescue methods expand in Cambodia as relationships with law enforcement take root.

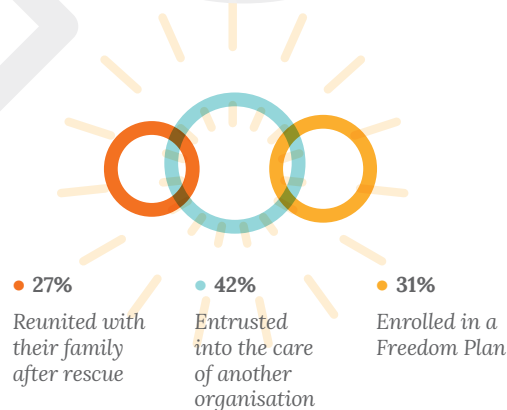
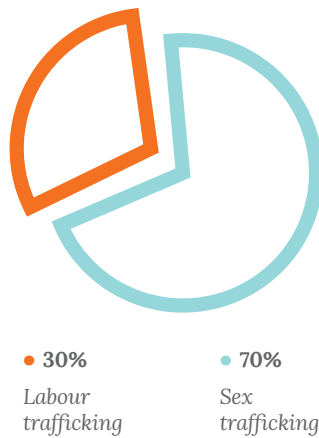
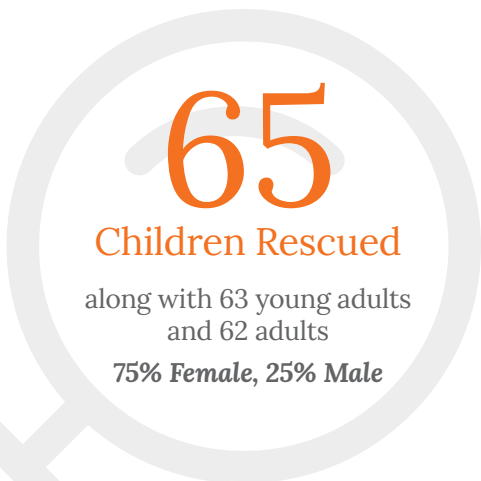
As in years past, our covert agents in Cambodia continued to scour bars known to exploit young girls. Agents carefully built trust and offered girls a way out and into freedom—sometimes, a pair or trio of friends would step into freedom together! After rescue, survivors were enrolled in Freedom Plans.

Agents also built relationships with anti-trafficking law enforcement

agencies in Cambodia, completing our biggest raid to date in the country. Additional efforts alongside law enforcement brought freedom to many adults from international labour trafficking. After rescue, survivors were reunited with their families—which sometimes included international travel logistics—or were entrusted to the care of other organisations.



A survivor shared her completed homework assignment with staff



74% of rescued children enrolled in a Freedom Plan

**22**  
years old

Average age of a rescued survivor. Child survivors ranged from 9–17 years old.

200

Survivors engaged in a Freedom Plan

75 received services in the first phase and the remainder received follow-up check ins.

29

Survivors attended school as part of their Freedom Plan

79

Survivors rescued in 1 raid with law enforcement

Agents in Cambodia, together with law enforcement, completed a major raid that secured the arrest of five suspects and rescued 79 survivors, including 17 children, from a dangerous sex trafficking ring.

68

TOTAL RESCUED

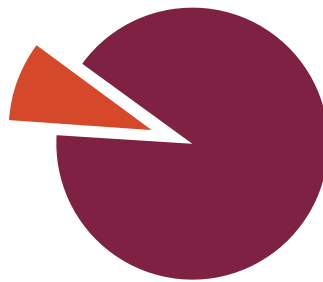
## Agents in a Southeast Asian country found missing children and witnessed tearful reunions.

Our team rescued more children than ever before in 2024! Agents often collaborated with local law enforcement, who provided assistance with undercover operations and shared technology resources and intelligence to find and rescue children in their communities.

All rescued survivors had been lured away from their homes; more than 25% were then sold directly into the sex industry. Many more were forced into exploitation after showing up for

what they thought was a legitimate job; the sex industry hides behind many businesses including bars, karaoke bars and massage parlours in addition to cafes and beauty salons.

After rescue, children were reunited with their families, which, according to an agent, is often a time of “happy tears.”



**15**  
years old

Average age of a survivor rescued in this country



More than

**28%**

of survivors rescued were deceived online

mainly through social media and false job offers

**1** out of **4**

children had been sold directly into the sex industry



398

TOTAL RESCUED

## Team celebrated more cases, more survivors, more progress in the Philippines.

Our team of agents in the Philippines worked on notably large and high-profile cases in 2024. Agents continued to strengthen key partnerships with both the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI).

Agents from our OSEC rescue team—based in Thailand—collaborated with agents in the Philippines on three cases in 2024 leading to the rescue of six young children and the arrest of five perpetrators.

In May, agents set out to assist the NBI on two back-to-back raid

operations targeting two known sex traffickers. In an unprecedented turn of events, both suspects revealed the location of their other victims, allowing officers and agents to immediately pursue the leads and rescue more children.

“This is the first time I have experienced this kind of operation—arrest, hot pursuit, arrest, hot pursuit

— RESCUE AGENT, THE PHILIPPINES



May 2024

Destiny Rescue social worker escorts two survivors towards safety after a successful sex trafficking raid operation



- 30% Reunited with their families after rescue
- 70% Entrusted into the care of another organisation



Arrests



Raids



Other collaborations with law enforcement

**22**  
years old

Average age of a rescued survivor. The average age of a child survivor was 14.



March 2024

6-year-old Elmarie, just rescued from her trafficker who sexually abused her for perpetrators online, clings to her 8-year-old cousin, who comforted her during her ride to safety



## Multiple teams in Thailand combat trafficking from all angles.

One of our teams in Thailand had the opportunity to help an unprecedented number of survivors escape brutal international labour trafficking rings and return to their home countries. Agents and local officers rescued 155 children—873 survivors overall—through these highly sensitive operations.

Agents in Thailand, in collaboration with law enforcement, also assisted child victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, many of whom were being posted for sale on social media or exploited in bars. These cases often resulted in the arrest of perpetrators as well.

Our OSEC rescue team used its cyber resources to collaborate with law enforcement on 11 cases to rescue 49 children and 17 young adults from online sexual exploitation in Thailand. The team also facilitated trauma-informed first aid, also known as psychological first aid (PFA), training for first responders throughout the country.

A new project developed by our OSEC rescue team uses AI-empowered software and open-source intelligence to identify victims of child sexual abuse material (CSAM). The program has begun analysing over 300,000 CSAM files depicting Thai victims.

1,012  
TOTAL RESCUED

## Agents help expel a religious leader using his title to exploit children

*Our cyber rescue team received a call from a rural police force contact reporting suspected online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC) by a Buddhist monk. Our team helped law enforcement comb through data and gather enough evidence to secure a search warrant. The suspect was arrested a few days later in a successful culmination of events.*



March 2024

*“He had 75 gigabytes of child abuse material on his phones,” the team leader said. “We saw private chats of young Thai kids that were reaching out to a monk for a little bit of spiritual guidance or some life guidance—but instead, he was grooming them.”*

**Five boys, ages 10 to 15, were rescued.**

259

Children Rescued

along with 556 young adults and 197 adults

54% Female, 46% Male

21  
years old

Average age of a rescued survivor. The average age of a child survivor was 15.



● 86% Labour trafficking  
● 12% Sex trafficking  
● 2% Other forms of sexual exploitation

**23 Raids, 30 Other collaborations with law enforcement, 27 Arrested**

95%

Reunited with their family after rescue and 5% were entrusted into the care of another organisation

# Latin America

- The Dominican Republic

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*[Agents] know exactly what police will need to close the case, and make sure to go the extra mile beyond the rescue and make sure that the evidence is properly collected, and a prosecution is likely.*

- **LUCAS**, RESCUE MANAGER, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC





285

TOTAL RESCUED

## Relationships with government agencies flourish, resulting in increased caseload in the Dominican Republic.

With more cases than ever before, agents continued to offer children the opportunity to join the light of freedom in the Dominican Republic. Our agents' expertise was tapped for both sex crimes and sex trafficking cases, and their professional contributions ranged from clinical psychology to surveillance and undercover investigations.

“We’re definitely seeing an uptick in raids this year. I would credit a lot of this to the constant development of our law enforcement relationships. As we close more cases, more trust is built, and the relationships become stronger.

-LUCAS, RESCUE MANAGER, THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

191

Children Rescued

along with 73 young adults and 21 adults

95% Female, 5% Male

169

Arrests

140

Raids

29

Other collaborations with law enforcement

81%

reunited with family after rescue and 19% were entrusted into the care of another organisation

16 years old

Average age of a survivor rescued in the Dominican Republic

99% Sex trafficking and exploitation

1% Labour trafficking

## A daughter’s cry for help uncovers international sex trafficking ring

Esmerelda covertly called her parents, desperate for help. She had taken a job in the Dominican Republic, but upon landing, she was promptly threatened, abducted, and forced into sexual exploitation along with dozens of other victims. Her parents got in touch with local authorities, who contacted us—and we helped uncover a massive trafficking operation operating out of at least 14 different sites. Not a single criminal escaped, and 45 young women were rescued, including Esmerelda.



July 2024

Officers and agents divided into separate teams to go to each location to rescue 45 young women and arrest all criminals

- You changed my trajectory for my career for the better
- You helped in making my dream a reality
- You helped in guiding and sharing your experiences that have been invaluable.
- You showed up in my life when I needed guidance the most.
- You showed me what true work ethic and work life are.
- You have been an integral part of my career I hope to inspire others as you have inspired me.

A letter to caseworker staff, penned by a survivor in Kenya