

JOINING HANDS FOR TRANSFORMATION

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The whole body, joined and held together...
grows and builds itself up in love, as each
part does its work. **EPHESIANS 4:16 NIV**

INTERNATIONAL
SOCIAL JUSTICE
COMMISSION



GLOSSARY AND ABBREVIATIONS

MSHT

› Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

MSHTR

› Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response



Prayer



Participation



Prevention



Prosecution



Protection



Proof



Partnership



Policy



Glossary and Abbreviations	3
Foreword	4
Thank You Letter	5
2023 Global Highlights	6
ZONAL RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS:	
Africa	7
Americas and Caribbean	8
Europe	9
South Asia	10
South Pacific and East Asia	11



FOREWORD

Dear valued partners in the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking,

While there are those who see this important work against a backdrop of despair and what could be termed as insurmountable odds, we continue to be encouraged by the work of committed Salvationists as they respond in appropriate ways to the challenges that are found within modern slavery and human trafficking. We are a hope-filled people as we witness lives being transformed as God's Spirit works in and through us. God still loves the world!

We have much to thank God for. He requires us to continue doing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with him (Micah 6:8).

Colonels Ian and Wendy Swan

*Directors, International Social
Justice Commission*



WE ARE A HOPE-FILLED PEOPLE AS WE WITNESS LIVES BEING TRANSFORMED





“

THE THEME
JOINING HANDS FOR
TRANSFORMATION
INVITED US TO **WORK
CLOSER TOGETHER**
TO SEE MAXIMUM
RESTORATION

Dear partners in justice,

The year 2023 was a time of progress in fighting for freedom and helping make justice and shalom a reality for those we serve.

The Salvation Army responded to MSHT in an integrated way, realising collective strength lies in our ability to partner with God and one another.

The theme Joining Hands for Transformation invited us to work closer together to see maximum restoration. We are seeing a movement forward in our diverse and contextual ministry units to respond to MSHT.

Deep gratitude to all those who tirelessly embody Jesus through their work in MSHTR.

Celebrating the impact made together in 2023!

Priscilla Santos

International MSHTR Coordinator

THANK YOU LETTER

The Salvation Army responded to God by accelerating community-led responses to modern slavery and human trafficking across 134 countries. Through its diverse and contextual ministry units, The Salvation Army 'joined hands' to holistically respond to the MSHT crisis.

The Salvation Army annual territorial feedback in 2023 indicates¹:



PRAYER

Responses are rooted in deep spiritual foundations.

- **4,506** ministry units participated in the International Day of Prayer for Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.



PREVENTION

Raising awareness and addressing MSHT root causes in local communities is a vital way to decrease vulnerability and strengthen well-being.

- **7,587** MSHT community awareness events were organised.
- **48,416** people vulnerable to MSHT received support from The Salvation Army.



PROTECTION

Walking alongside and serving survivors as they regain their physical, mental, emotional, relational and spiritual health.

- **16,930** MSHT survivors were supported by The Salvation Army.
- **945** MSHT survivors were repatriated to another country.



PARTICIPATION

Salvation Army people and ministry units participate in responding to MSHT.









- **1,741** ministry units are involved in an MSHT response.

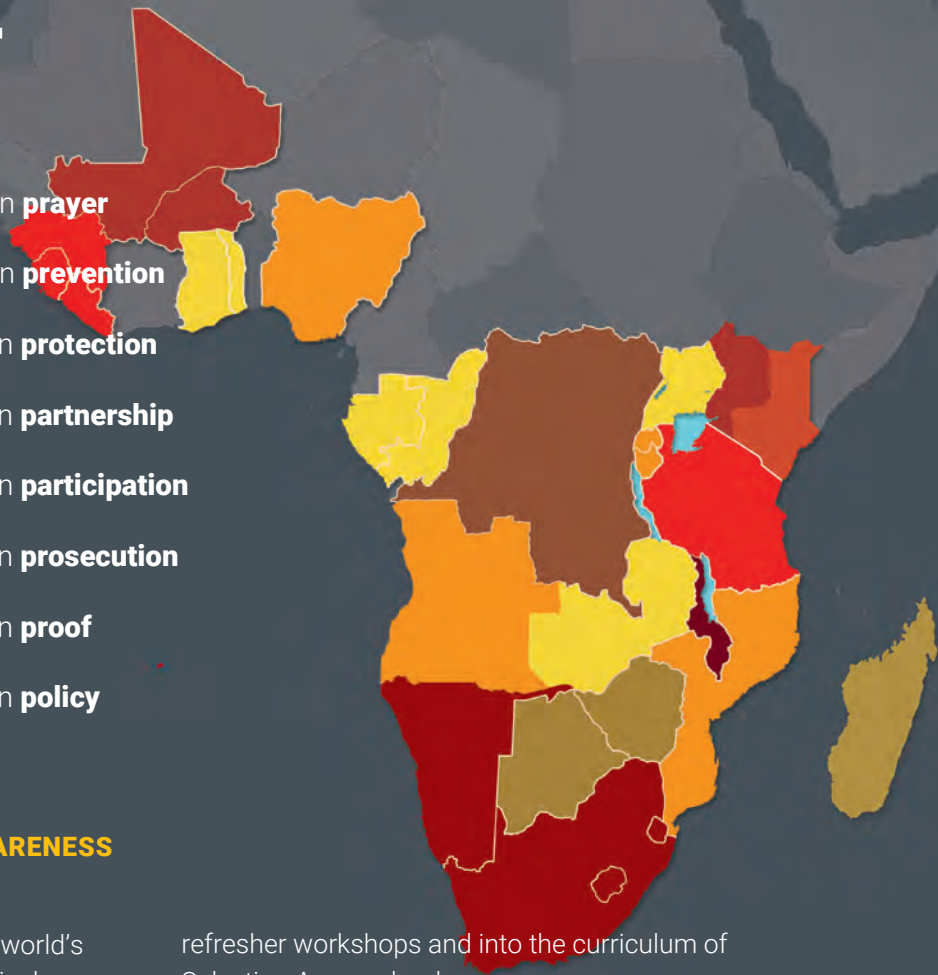
¹ ISJC MSHTR 2023 Territorial End of the Year Survey



AFRICA ZONE

17 TERRITORIES²

-  **100%** of territories were active in **prayer**
-  **100%** of territories were active in **prevention**
-  **81%** of territories were active in **protection**
-  **81%** of territories were active in **partnership**
-  **87%** of territories were active in **participation**
-  **18%** of territories were active in **prosecution**
-  **62%** of territories were active in **proof**
-  **43%** of territories were active in **policy**



IMPACT STORY

ENGAGING YOUTH IN GRASSROOT AWARENESS

Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea Territory

While Africa accounts for 17 per cent of the world’s population, MSHT is driven by ‘ongoing political instability, poverty, displacement of people due to conflict and climate change, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic³.’

The Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea Territory has, through its schools, worked to integrate comprehensive awareness of MSHT while collaborating with the territorial youth department and corps (churches). MSHT training is incorporated into annual teachers’

refresher workshops and into the curriculum of Salvation Army schools.

Through various awareness and prevention initiatives, students have gained an understanding of MSHT indicators and how to keep themselves and their communities safe. To further strengthen awareness, MSHT school clubs were established as part of the extracurricular activities. These clubs act as catalysts for change, conducting regular awareness activities called ‘Stand Up Action Against Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking’ in targeted communities, characterised by slums and crowded market districts with a high risk of MSHT.

Through these awareness and prevention efforts, the Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea Territory is building community resilience and inspiring others to join this cause.










² ISJC MSHT 2023 Territorial Freedom Action Framework Survey

³ Africa | Walk Free



AMERICAS AND CARIBBEAN ZONE

11 TERRITORIES⁴

-  **100%** of territories were active in **prayer**
-  **100%** of territories were active in **prevention**
-  **54%** of territories were active in **protection**
-  **72%** of territories were active in **partnership**
-  **63%** of territories were active in **participation**
-  **45%** of territories were active in **prosecution**
-  **36%** of territories were active in **proof**
-  **36%** of territories were active in **policy**

IMPACT STORY

A COLLABORATIVE RESPONSE MODEL

Canada and Bermuda Territory

The Salvation Army's Correctional and Justice Services in London, Canada, plays a crucial role in supporting MSHT survivors. Their dedicated outreach team works with other Salvation Army ministry units, including shelters, corps, women's camp and their Community and Family Services, to fully leverage all available resources and meet the complex needs of survivors. Using this approach, they address holistic needs such as medical care, housing, emergency shelter, legal support, counselling and victim advocacy.

A notable collaborator is The Salvation Army's Centre of Hope shelter in London, Ontario. Collaborative efforts jointly offer increased support to individuals in critical situations,



including survivors. Support included emergency housing referrals, ongoing support discussions and joint provision of necessities like clothing and hygiene items, and backpacks with supplies from local police.

This collaborative approach between ministry units ensures the delivery of holistic, confidential and trauma-informed services.

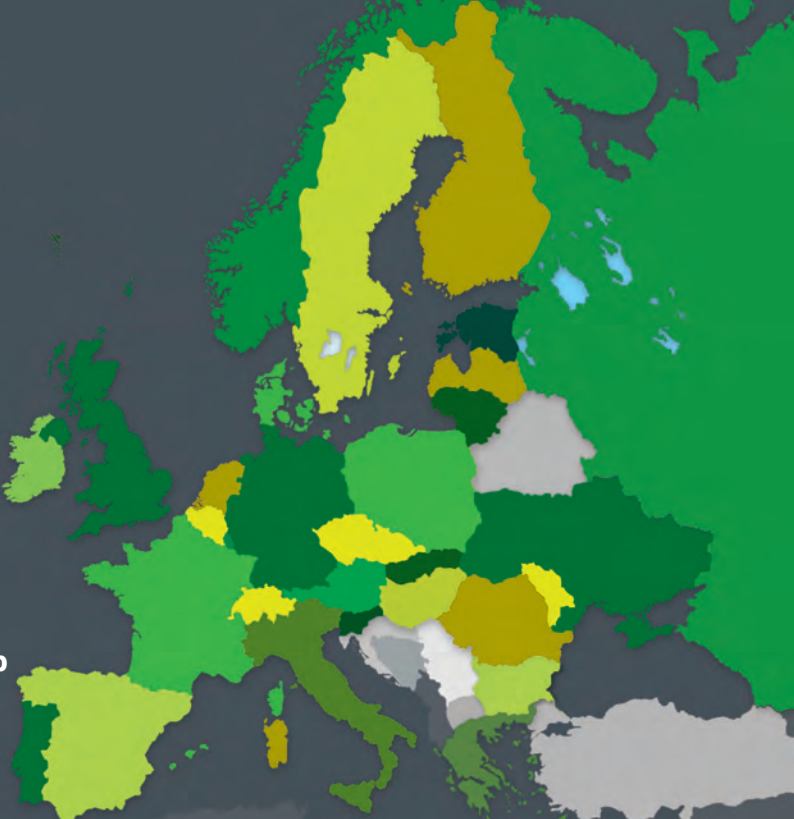
⁴ ISJC MSHTTR 2023 Territorial Freedom Action Framework Survey



EUROPE ZONE

13 TERRITORIES⁵

-  **100%** of territories were active in **prayer**
-  **100%** of territories were active in **prevention**
-  **76%** of territories were active in **protection**
-  **100%** of territories were active in **partnership**
-  **76%** of territories were active in **participation**
-  **38%** of territories were active in **prosecution**
-  **46%** of territories were active in **proof**
-  **53%** of territories were active in **policy**



IMPACT STORY

RESPONDING THROUGH A VOLUNTEER-BASED APPROACH – United Kingdom and Ireland Territory

'When I arrived at the safe house, I had become so safe with volunteers that I wanted to go back home with them. They stayed with me for half an hour, helped me settle [in the] safe house. I am so thankful for volunteers.' – a survivor supported in the UK.⁶

The United Kingdom and Ireland Territory exemplifies a practical way of integrating corps and other ministry units in their response to MSHT. Through volunteer programmes, volunteers play an important role in preparing survivors for the future, while providing volunteers the opportunity to contribute to the important work of protecting people from exploitation or through the various stages of a survivor's journey. In 2023, 160 new volunteers were onboarded, many of whom are corps members.



Volunteer opportunities include:

- First responders are present with survivors as they explain their MSHT story to the authorities.
- Transport volunteers deliver and accompany survivors to safe houses.
- Mentoring volunteers provide practical assistance and play a key role, over and above the available statutory support, in helping survivors recover and realise their goals.

Volunteers receive face-to-face and online specialist training for their area of activity and support continues during their volunteering. The impact of volunteering is far-reaching and fosters communities that stand united in responding to MSHT.

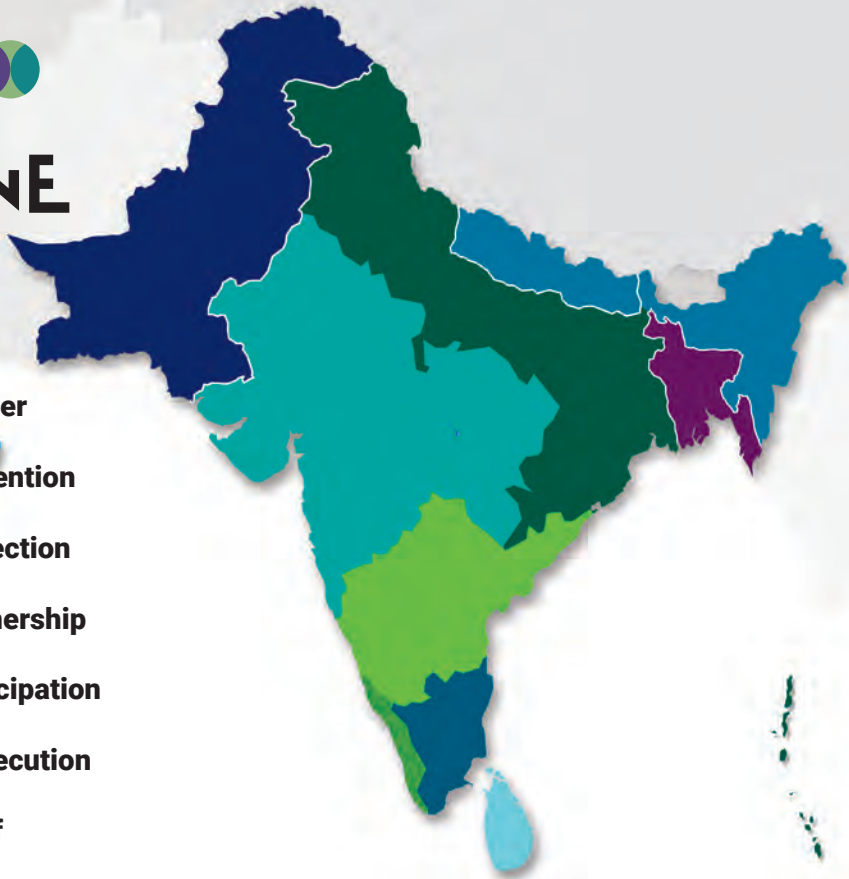
⁵ ISJC MSHTTR 2023 Territorial Freedom Action Framework Survey









⁶ 878 SA Modern Slavery Report 2023 (adobe.com)



SOUTH ASIA ZONE

10 TERRITORIES⁷



-  **100%** of territories were active in **prayer**
-  **70%** of territories were active in **prevention**
-  **70%** of territories were active in **protection**
-  **80%** of territories were active in **partnership**
-  **80%** of territories were active in **participation**
-  **10%** of territories were active in **prosecution**
-  **0%** of territories were active in **proof**
-  **20%** of territories were active in **policy**

IMPACT STORY

CROSS-TERRITORIAL RETURN AND REINTEGRATION SUPPORT

– Middle East Region and Sri Lanka Territory

Aisha*, a widow and mother of three young children, struggled to make ends meet after the death of her husband. Aisha supported her family by selling vegetables at the local market, but this changed due to COVID-19 lockdown measures. Desperate to provide for her family, Aisha took a job as a housemaid in the Middle East, but it wasn't what she had expected.

Aisha became a victim of abuse. Determined to escape, she reached out to the Sri Lanka Embassy, where she was introduced to The Salvation Army Safehouse, a refuge for women coming out of abusive situations. There, Aisha found hope, acquired tailoring skills and discovered a talent and passion for sewing. Her dedication and hard work impressed many, and she was given the opportunity to return to Sri Lanka.

Through the support of The Salvation Army's Beyond project, Aisha was provided with essential resources



to pursue her dream of becoming a small business vegetable vendor. Her hard work is gradually increasing her income and earnings are used to support her children's education and to pay rent.

'I thank The Salvation Army for providing me with a weighing scale, a sewing machine, vegetables, fruits and baskets to assist me due to the destitution I had to face while being abroad...After receiving the goods and material it was a consolation and helped me to live happily with my family.'

**name changed to protect identity.*

⁷ ISJC MSHTR 2023 Territorial Freedom Action Framework Survey



SOUTH PACIFIC AND EAST ASIA ZONE

10 TERRITORIES⁸



100% of territories were active in **prayer**



100% of territories were active in **prevention**



100% of territories were active in **protection**



80% of territories were active in **partnership**



30% of territories were active in **participation**



20% of territories were active in **prosecution**



40% of territories were active in **proof**



50% of territories were active in **policy**

IMPACT STORY

FOSTERING INCLUSIVITY AND EMPATHY FOR DOMESTIC HELPERS

– Hong Kong and Macau Territory

In Hong Kong, there are more than 300,000 foreign domestic helpers, many of whom are from Indonesia and the Philippines. These individuals are responsible for various roles within a household. However, many are often abused and exploited by their employers or employment agencies.

In response to this, the Hong Kong and Macau Territory embarked on an initiative known as The Joy Angel Campaign, partnering with corps, schools and social services, to create inclusive and caring communities for domestic helpers.

A network of dedicated individuals including students, service users, corps members and staff distributed tissue packs with appreciation messages and thoughtful designs to domestic helpers. The messages served as a tangible reminder that these unsung heroes are valued, cherished and deserving of respect.

The campaign is but one example of a city that is growing in its understanding of valuing domestic helpers and their well-being.



⁸ ISJC MSHTR 2023 Territorial Freedom Action Framework Survey
⁹ Government's response on situation of foreign domestic helpers affected by COVID-19 (with photos) (info.gov.hk)



INTERNATIONAL MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESPONSE



www.salvationarmy.org/isjc



SalvationArmyISJC



SalvArmyISJC



SalvArmyISJC