



# The International Salvation Army and Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response Work

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# MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING BY THE NUMBERS

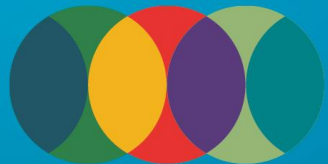
- **50 million** men, women, and children worldwide impacted by MSHT.
- **28 million** were living in forced labour in 2021.
  - This includes **3.3 million children** who experienced forced labour across various economic sectors, including domestic work, agriculture, and manufacturing.
  - An estimated **22 million people** were living in forced marriages in 2021 (that is, 6.6 million more people since the last Global Estimates)



# WHAT ARE THE FORMS OF MODERN SLAVERY?

- Sexual Exploitation
- Labour Exploitation
- Domestic Servitude
- Forced Marriage
- Forced Criminality
- Child Soldiers
- Organ Trafficking





# Push Factors

The United Nations has indicated nine push factors or conditions affecting vulnerability to someone experiencing MSHT. <sup>4</sup>

**#1: AGE/ CHILDREN**

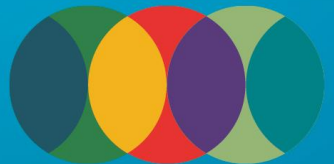
**#2: GENDER**

**#3: POVERTY**

**#4: SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EXCLUSION**

**#5: LIMITED ACCESS TO EDUCATION**

<sup>4</sup>[An Introduction to Human Trafficking: Vulnerability, Impact and Action \(unodc.org\)](https://www.unodc.org/)



# Push Factors



**#6: POLITICAL INSTABILITY, WAR, & CONFLICT**

**#7: SOCIAL, CULTURAL, & LEGAL FRAMEWORKS**

**#8: MOVEMENT**

**#9: DEMAND**





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## PART OF OUR DNA

**From its beginnings, The Salvation Army has responded against modern slavery and human trafficking.**

- In 1885, TSA exposed the entrapment, abduction and sale of young girls and women into London brothels and effectively campaigned for changes in the law for age of consent from 13 - 16.<sup>7</sup>
- In 1891 – William Booth Opened a Match Factory to provide a living wage and fair working condition for its workers.
- In 1900 – Within of year of TSA’s brothel campaign, over 1200 girls were freed from slavery in Japan.







# CAN THE BODY OF CHRIST BE MORE STRATEGIC THAN TRAFFICKERS?

- **The Salvation Army is uniquely equipped for responding to MSHT.**
  - The Salvation Army is active in 132 countries.<sup>6</sup>
  - In its very structure, being both a church and a non-profit providing social services, the Salvation Army can be holistic and strategic in its response to MSHT.
- **MSHT is an international crime, and we are an international Salvation Army.**
  - As traffickers can mobilise, so can The Salvation Army world.
  - Around the world, The Salvation Army has the passion, people and resources to stop this evil trade and exploitation of our brothers and sisters.





## **Our Principles and Values:**

- ❖ **We are... Loving and Compassionate**
- ❖ **We are... Survivor-Centered**
- ❖ **We are... Coordinated and Integrated**
- ❖ **We are... Learning Together**
- ❖ **We are... Locally led**
- ❖ **We are... Inclusive**





# THE FREEDOM ACTION FRAMEWORK

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**PARTICIPATION**

Raising awareness and addressing the root causes of modern slavery and human trafficking is a vital element of prevention.



**PREVENTION**

The Salvation Army has a holistic view of health and seeks to assist survivors regain their physical, mental, emotional, relational and spiritual health.



**PROTECTION**



**PROSECUTION**

Support survivors through legal proceedings, enable the prosecution of offenders and work with offenders to restore a relationship with God and society.



**PARTNERSHIP**

Be ready to collaborate and network with others to achieve our goal.



**PRAYER**

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**POLICY**

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**PROOF**

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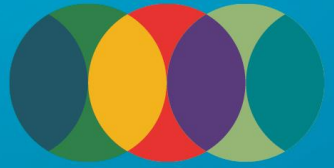


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# Prayer in Action

Our prayer responses include:

- International Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking
- Spiritual Support for those vulnerable to and has experienced modern slavery and human trafficking.





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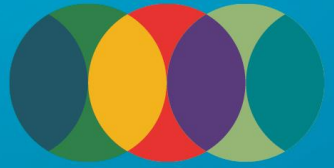


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# Prevention in Action



- Outreach programmes and initiatives
- Awareness raising
- Drop-in Centres
  - New Day pictured to the right

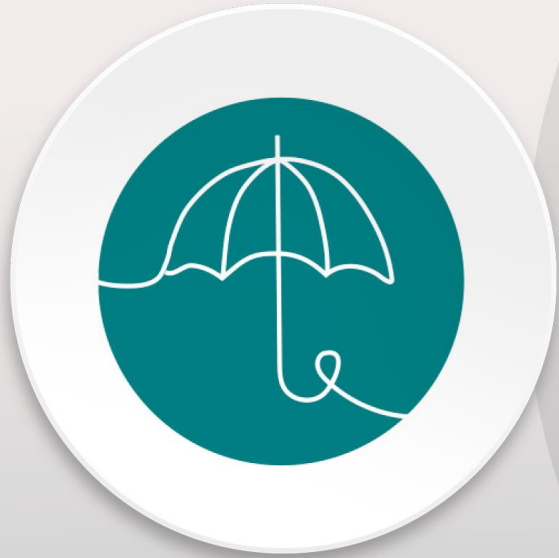




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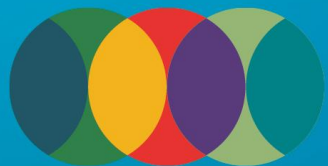


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# Protection in Action

We walk alongside and serve survivors as they regain their physical, mental, emotional, relational and spiritual health.

Our Protection responses provides a wide range of services:

- Safe Housing
- Drop-In centres
- Education/literacy
- Employment/training
- Counselling
- **Return and reintegration support**
- Case management







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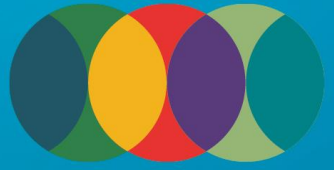
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# Participation in Action

We invite and equip all Salvation Army people and expressions to participate and respond to MSHT.

Our Participation responses include our corps, outposts, institutions, societies, schools, hospitals, hostels, programmes and projects.

Lead by Women's Ministries, The Congo (Brazzaville) Territory has a giving programme called Operation Bottle, which provides financial support to women and young girls vulnerable to or removed from MSHT situations.

- Women of the territory save spare change after their shopping or errands – and periodically come together within divisions/districts to share them.
- With these donations, the women have also constructed a building in Brazzaville, which hosts the Vocational Centre for women and young girls training course such as tailoring, hairdressing, bakery, decoration)
- At the end of the training, the women receive a qualification from the Ministry of Vocational Training and are assisted in either finding employment or establishing their own businesses.



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# Prosecution in Action

- The Salvation Army assisted with Sweden's largest case of exploitation in modern history, involving Bulgarian nationals exploited through berry picking.
- The Salvation Army's Safe Havens Trafficking Centre received 35 of the recently removed survivors who were stranded in Stockholm & alongside a legal partner, assisted with practical support & legal assistance.
- Additionally, the centre organised a successful campaign to collect shoes & clothes & provide safe housing for survivors in need.

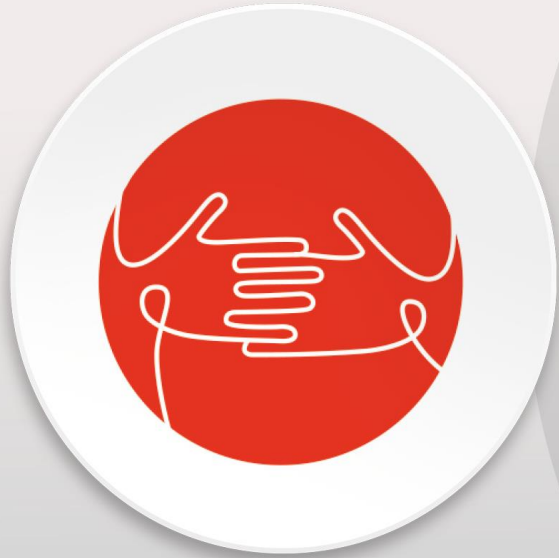




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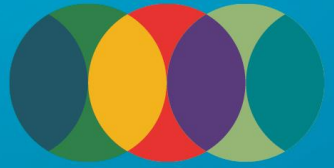


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# Partnership in Action

The Salvation Army in Australia has partnered with local organisations to strengthen inclusion for migrant workers to foster connections in their community & decrease vulnerability to exploitation.





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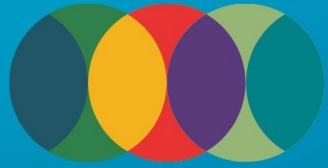


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# Policy in Action



1) In Bangladesh Command, The Salvation Army signed a new building contract that requires the contractors to sign The Salvation Army's International Child Protection Policy and should therefore not employ children in their construction. This contract by Bangladesh Command works as a model to other organisations and companies to ensure ethical labour practices.

1) Throughout the Europe Zone, the Pan-European Campaign 'Cheap Prices Come at High Cost' resulted in petitioning in 2021 for an Anti-Slavery Bill (due diligence law), targeting businesses to ensure a slave-free supply chain throughout Norway, the Netherlands and Sweden.



Denmark



UK



Romania



Iceland



Netherlands



Moldova



Norway



Latvia



Georgie



Sweden



Finland



Ukraine



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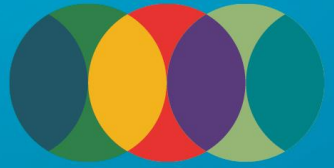


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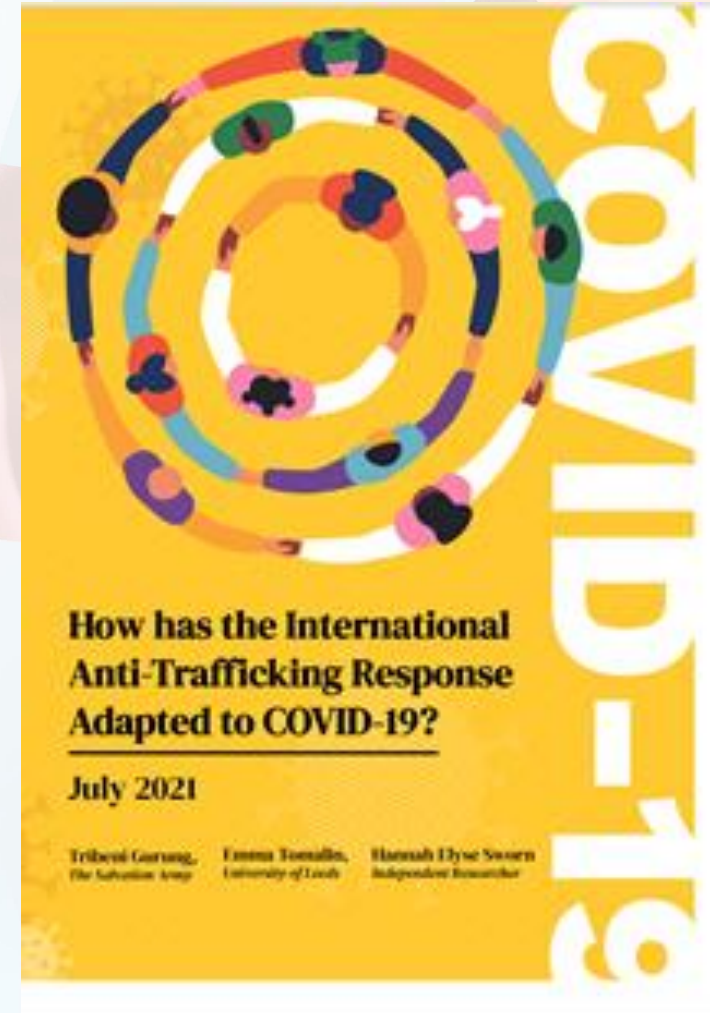
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# Proof in Action

- *Together with the International Anti-Human Trafficking Network, the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities and the University of Leeds, The Salvation Army participated in a research project to gather evidence on the impact of COVID-19 and how international anti-trafficking responses were adapting to the pandemic.*
- *MSHTR practitioners in Kenya, Russia, Bangladesh, India, Tanzania, Ghana, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Norway and South Africa contributed to the research.*





**If we are  
to better  
the future  
we must  
disturb the  
present**

**Catherine Booth**  
*Salvation Army co-founder*