



Our Formula for Freedom

THE PROBLEM:

Tens of millions are trapped in modern-day slavery.

- They toil at mines, quarries, farms and factories, on fishing boats, in brothels and in private homes.
- They are forced to work, without pay, under threat of violence, and they cannot walk away.
- Slavery isn't legal anywhere, but it happens nearly everywhere.
- About 25 percent of today's slaves are children.

THE VICTIMS:

Slavery is the result of vulnerability.

- The poor, the marginalized and the uneducated are easy prey.
- People migrating for work get tricked and trapped by traffickers.
- People borrowing money in an emergency are cheated by thugs who force their entire family to work as slaves and never admit the debt has been repaid.

THE SOLUTION:

Uplift victims and the vulnerable.

- We educate people about their rights and organize communities to take action.
- We help communities prompt police to conduct raids and rescues.
- We help provide schooling, vocational training, micro-credit, legal and psychological support, health care and economic development to slavery-proof entire communities.
- Those who break free, stay free—and nobody takes their place in slavery.

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OUR IMPACT:

Our focus on fighting slavery at the community level is generating impressive results. We thoroughly research the specific causes of slavery in communities where we work. We then rigorously monitor our programs to ensure effectiveness, and evaluate projects to document results.

IMPACT 2000 - 2015	
10,000+	People freed from slavery
100,000+	Villagers educated to protect their families from traffickers
200+	Traffickers and slaveholders arrested

PIONEERS & INNOVATORS

History:

Founded in 2000, Free the Slaves is widely regarded as a leader in the modern abolition movement. Our history is one of groundbreaking research, successful advocacy to change government policy and business practices, award-winning documentaries and books to spread awareness, and innovative field programs that free slaves.

Staff & Operations:

Our staff of 25 confronts slavery in strategically-selected hot spots in India, Nepal, Ghana, Congo and Haiti—operating in partnership with locally-based organizations.

Finances:

Our 2016 operating budget is approximately \$3 million, with more than 75 percent going directly to programs and services.

Donors & Supporters:

More than 1,000 people donate each year. A wide range of artists, authors, actors, musicians and thought leaders have helped: including Desmond Tutu, Forest Whitaker, Esperanza Spalding, Jason Mraz, Paul Simon, Demi Moore, Ashton Kutcher, Jillian Anderson, Tom Shadyac, Sir Ken Robinson and Isabel Allende.

