

**2016 Nomination Form**

**Innovation in Addressing Bonded Labor in India or Nepal**

Free the Slaves (FTS) invites nominations, including self-nominations, for the 2016 Freedom Award. We will award a U.S. $10,000 prize to an organization that is implementing a “scalable” approach to ending bonded labor in India or Nepal.

**Application Deadline:** 22 August 2016

**Award notification:** 30 September 2016

**Award disbursement:** 31 October 2016

**About the Freedom Awards:** Free the Slaves periodically honors survivors, activists and organizations that demonstrate outstanding courage, innovation and dedication in the fight to end slavery. The Freedom Awards celebrate anti-slavery heroes and innovators from around the globe by showcasing what some of the best anti-slavery work in the world looks like—and by supporting that work financially. Award winners are setting the standard for successful, sustainable anti-slavery initiatives. By generating public recognition for outstanding achievement, the awards offer inspiration and boost resources for the movement. The awards remind us that slavery still exists—and that it can be overcome. To see previous winners, visit [www.freetheslaves.net/thought-leadership/freedom-awards/](http://www.freetheslaves.net/thought-leadership/freedom-awards/).

**About the 2016 Freedom Award:** Free the Slaves will award a U.S. $10,000 prize to an organization registered India or Nepal that is implementing an innovative “scalable” approach to ending bonded labor in India or Nepal. A scalable approach is a model that holds the potential to be spread geographically or adopted by a broader range of actors. This will be a one-time award and will not require any follow-up reporting. However, Free the Slaves will request that the organization provide materials that FTS can include on its communications platforms (See the section below marked publicity).

Free the Slaves currently works with grassroots partner organizations in South Asia that utilize a community-based intervention to address bonded labor. While this is a proven approach that is highly effective, Free the Slaves is also interested in learning about other scalable approaches (this may include community-based approaches that incorporate other elements). Specifically, FTS is interested in organizations that are addressing bonded labor systems affecting marginalized (Dalit or tribal) communities for multiple generations with scalable approaches. The 2016 Freedom Award will be awarded to one organization that has demonstrated the success of their scalable model.

**2016 Free the Slaves Freedom Awards NOMINATION FORM**

**Organization Details**

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| **Name of Organization** |  |
| **Address of**  **Organization** |  |
| **Type of Organization** |  |
| **Organization Leadership** | Board Chairperson Name |
| Board Chairperson Email Address |
| Board Member Names |
| 1. |
| 2. |
| 3. |
| 4. |
| 5. |
| **Primary**  **Contact** | Name |
| Email |
| Address |
| Phone Number |
| May we communicate with this person in English? |
| **Secondary Contact** | Name |
| Email |
| Address |
| Phone Number |
| May we communicate with this person in English? |
| **Annual Budget**  **in 2016** |  |
| **Organization’s**  **Website**  **(if any)** |  |

**Name of Person Making This Nomination**

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| **Name** |  |
| **Email** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Phone Number** |  |
|  | May we communicate with you in English? |

**Details of “Scalable” Approach**

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| 1. | **Please check all that apply as characteristics of the approach:** | | |
|  | Preventing bonded labor within source communities | | |
|  | Ending bonded labor within destination communities | | |
|  | Protecting workers from bonded labor within a designated workplace | | |
|  | Supporting bonded laborers to bring legal cases against perpetrators | | |
|  | Assisting bonded laborers to become resistant | | |
|  | Working with businesses to end bonded labor within their supply chain, i.e., bonded labor that exists beyond their first-tier suppliers | | |
|  | Policy Advocacy | | |
|  | Other (please describe): | | |
| 2. | **Please describe the approach (1/2 page):** | | |
| 3. | **In what year did implementation of this approach begin?** | | |
| 4. | **What is the approximate unit cost (in local currency and U.S. $) of this approach? Please describe whether this unit cost is explained as per bonded laborer, per community or using some other unit of analysis.** | | |
| 5. | **Please explain how you have determined the approximate unit cost.** | | |
| 6. | **Please list and briefly describe, and then attach any internal/external evaluations or internal monitoring data reports, which demonstrate or describe the effectiveness and/or the cost-effectiveness of the approach or of important elements of the approach.** | | |
| **Report Name or Title** | **Description of Report**  (e.g. internal evaluation, external evaluation, internal monitoring report) | **File Name of Attachment** |
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| 7. | **On what scale is the approach currently being implemented by the organization and/or by collaborating organizations? For example, how many people in slavery or how many people vulnerable to slavery have been affected; what geographic area with what population is affected? Please provide any information that is relevant to describing the scale of current implementation.** | | |
| 8. | **Please explain why you think this approach is “scalable.” Please provide any information or ideas that you think are relevant.** | | |

**Submission Requirements**

1. This application form.
2. Internal and/or external evaluations.
3. A list of three references for the organization. These may be current or recent funders or other external collaborators. Please provide name, relationship, email and telephone number.

**Selection Criteria**

1. Demonstrated effectiveness including sustainability of the approach to ending bonded labor. [Bonded labor or debt bondage is defined as when “a person pledges him- or herself against a loan of money, but the length and nature of service are not defined and the labor does not reduce the original debt. The debt can be passed down to subsequent generations, thus enslaving offspring;”][[1]](#footnote-1) Applicants operating in India should refer to the definition of bonded labor as defined under India’s Bonded Labor System (Abolition) Act.
2. Potential for the approach to be scaled up, including any information showing that it already has been scaled up. (It is not required for the approach already to have been scaled up.)

**Eligibility Criteria**

1. Nonprofit organizations only.
2. Organizations must be officially registered and hold a bank account in the country where they operate.
3. Organizations must be implementing efforts to combat bonded labor in India or Nepal.
4. Organizations that have received a grant from Free the Slaves within the past five years are not eligible.

**Procedure for Submission**

Please submit all materials to Free the Slaves Director of Programs Karen Stauss:

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| **Email** | FreedomAwards@freetheslaves.net  (With the subject line: “[Name of Nominee] Freedom Award Nomination”) |
| **Post** | Free the Slaves  2016 Freedom Award  1320 19th St. NW, Suite 600  Washington, DC 20036 USA |

Please submit all materials so that they are received by Free the Slaves by the deadline of 22 August 2016.

**Procedure for Selection**

1. A committee of experts on bonded labor from the Free the Slaves staff will evaluate each application based on the content of each application and selection criteria.
2. In the event that Free the Slaves needs additional information, Free the Slaves may request interviews with finalist organizations.
3. Free the Slaves reserves the right to ask for documentation of eligibility and/or organizational references.
4. Please note only one organization will be selected for the 2016 Freedom Award. The award recipient will be notified on 30 September 2016.
5. Free the Slaves reserves the right to not award a 2016 Freedom Award if the selection committee determines there is no suitable nomineee in the pool of 2016 nominations.

**Publicity**

Freedom Award winners agree that their organization’s name, logo, history, photos of staff and/or field project implementation, a description of their award-winning strategy, and other promotional information may be published by Free the Slaves on the Freedom Awards webpage and related communications platforms. The winner must agree to cooperate with Free the Slaves by providing these materials.

**About Free the Slaves**

Free the Slaves liberates slaves, helps them rebuild their lives, and transforms the social, economic and political conditions that allow slavery to persist. We support community-driven interventions in partnership with local groups that help people to sustainable freedom and dismantle a region’s system of slavery. We convince governments, international development organizations and businesses to implement key changes required for global eradication. We document and disseminate leading-edge practices to help the anti-slavery movement work more effectively. We raise awareness and promote action by opinion leaders, decision makers and the public. Free the Slaves is showing the world that ending slavery is possible.

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1. Kevin Bales, *Disposable People*, 19-20. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)