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Bernadette Agano, speaks at the Freedom from Slavery Africa Regional Forum.

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear friends,

In 2022 we learned that nearly 50 million people are enslaved worldwide. As humans, we cannot conceptualize a group of people that large. The largest city on the planet, Tokyo, is only home to 39 million people. The idea of 50 million enslaved people is enough to make even the most optimistic among us pause and ask if a world without slavery is possible.

Yet, I confess that I am an optimist, and deep in my heart, I believe we can end modern slavery. Though the scale of the problem is startling at first, I find it helpful to also look at the solution. A global movement against slavery, led by organizations like Free the Slaves, is now taking on the greatest challenges related to modern slavery. That was not true as recently as ten years ago. We now have at our disposal evidence-backed tools with which we can end modern slavery forever - many of them developed by Free the Slaves. If we apply enough resources and political will we can end modern slavery in our lifetime.

Our global population has now exceeded 8 billion people. 50 million people currently enslaved comprise less than 1% of the world's population. As an international community that cares about our fellow human beings, we vastly outnumber those responsible for exploitation, trafficking, and modern slavery. Collectively we have the knowledge and the resources necessary to end modern slavery. As a global community, we have yet to commit our collective will and full effort to end this horrible injustice.

Free the Slaves is focused on leading collaborative efforts and interventions that have the potential to dramatically increase the number of people equipped to fight modern slavery around the world. And we believe that individuals and communities can resist slavery if the conditions allowing it to thrive are eliminated. We believe the anti-slavery movement can be more effective with increased collaboration, strategic partnerships, and access to the latest evidence on what is working to reduce modern slavery worldwide. We believe that world governments have a significant role to play in ending modern slavery beyond the boundaries of criminal justice initiatives.

This year, in partnership with our donors, funders, partner organizations, and international coalitions and alliances, we have successfully:

- Freed people trapped in slavery
- Initiated and led the development of the Alliance 8.7 Accountability Framework
- Educated communities, civil society organizations, and government agencies to help them more effectively address modern slavery
- Strengthened the anti-modern slavery movement through the Freedom from Slavery Forums
- Ensured that people seeking better opportunities could safely migrate to work
- Trained journalists on how to hold governments accountable to uphold the rule of law and address modern slavery

The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic increased the number of people trapped in modern slavery worldwide. In the face of this growing crisis, Free the Slaves significantly impacted global political efforts to end modern slavery through Alliance 8.7, galvanized a more united anti-modern slavery movement through the Freedom From Slavery Forums, and removed women and children from trafficking and slavery situations. These accomplishments during crises have established Free the Slaves as a cornerstone of the anti-modern slavery movement and emboldened our hope and unwavering belief that human trafficking and modern slavery can be eliminated.

From all of us at Free the Slaves, thank you for caring about the plight of those affected by modern slavery and for your support as we build a unified movement of people, communities, organizations, and nations committed to ending modern slavery.

Bukeni Waruzi

Executive Director, Free the Slaves



FTS Executive Director Bukeni Waruzi meets with community leaders in Ghana

Overview

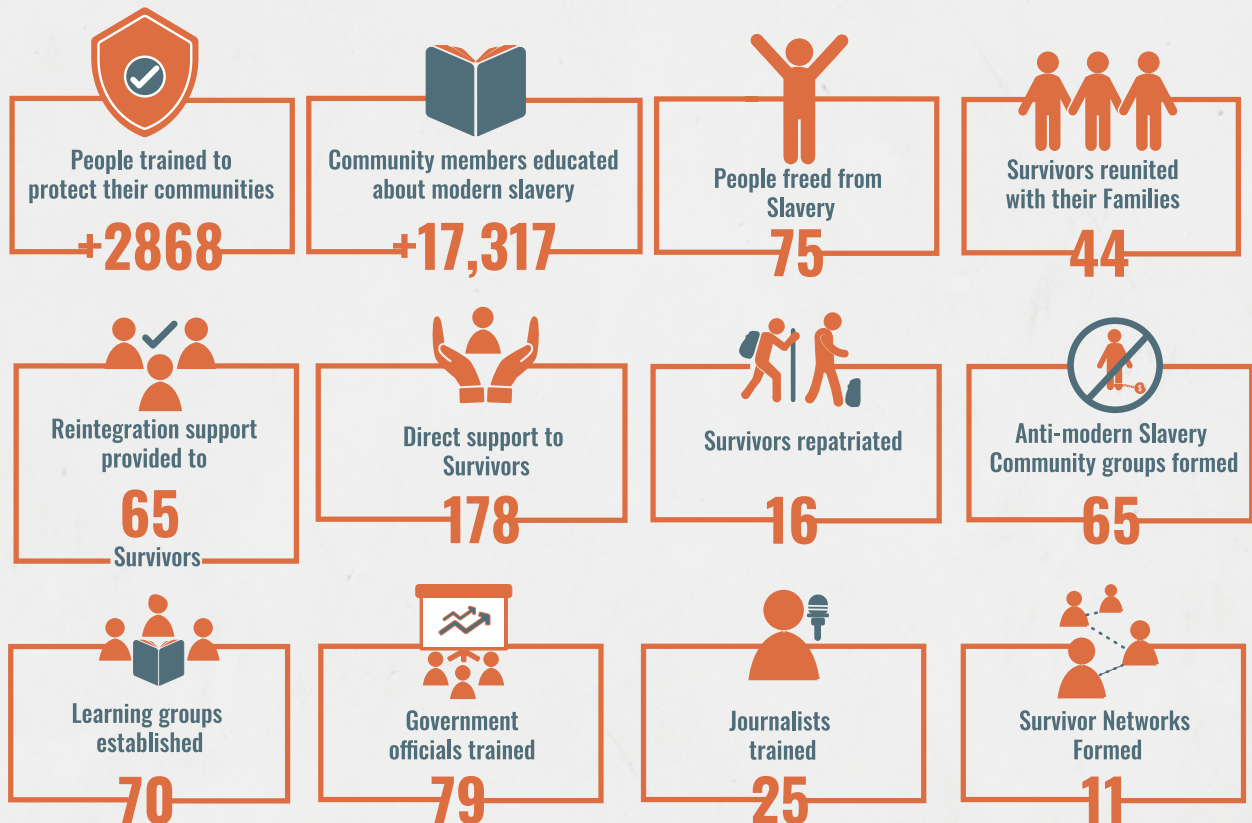
Free the Slaves was founded in 2000 and is widely regarded as a forerunner and leader in the modern day abolitionist movement. We are currently working in more than 18 countries around the world.

We work to educate the world about the problem, persistence, and prevalence of modern slavery. Our community-based approach is currently being implemented in strategically selected nations. Our dedication to pioneering research and thorough assessments guides

our advocacy to enhance anti-slavery legislation and efforts to eliminate slavery from manufacturing supply chains and corporate practices.

Based on their own needs, we assist communities in charting their own route to long-term independence. As the secretariat for the Freedom from Slavery Forum we convene anti-modern slavery stakeholders around a common dedication to building a survivor-centered movement.

2022 by the Numbers



Our Presence

Headquarters

- Washington, D.C

The Caribbean

- Haiti
- Trinidad and Tobago

MENA

- Jordan

Asia

- India
- Nepal
- Philippines
- Vietnam

Latin America

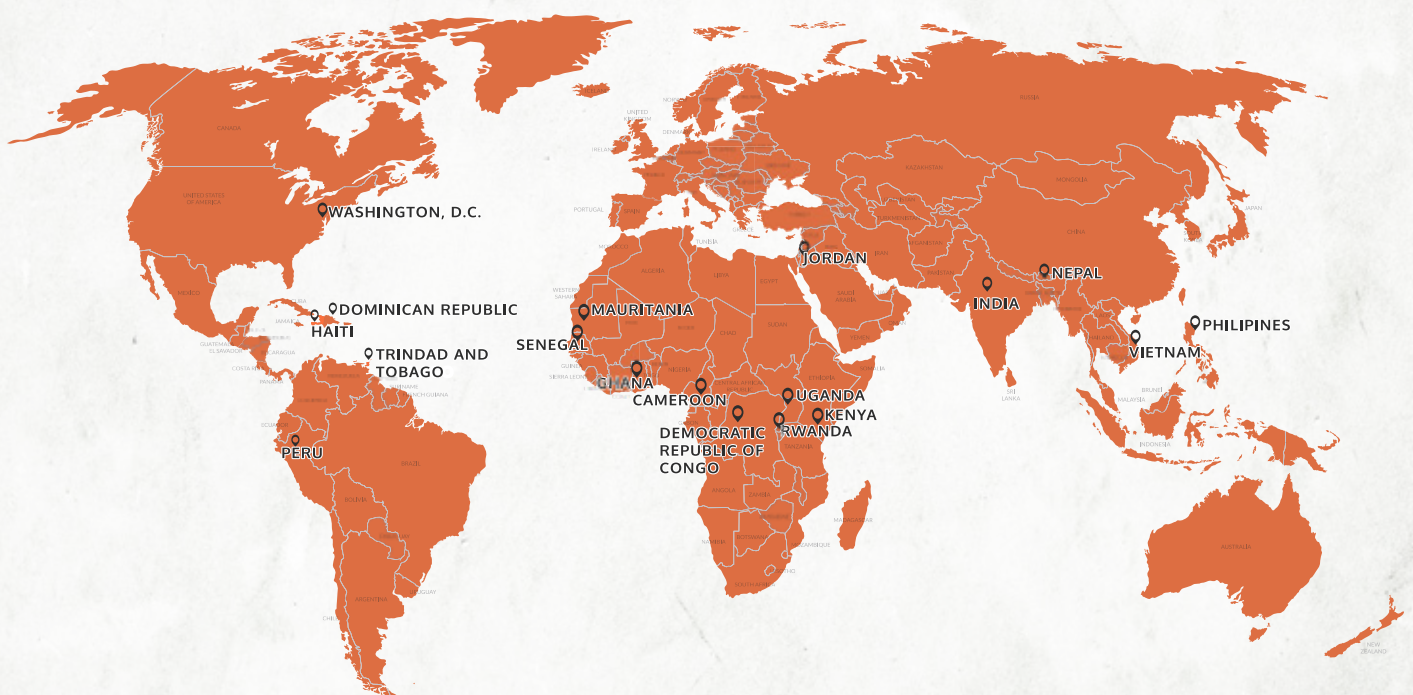
- Dominican Republic
- Peru

West Africa

- Ghana
- Senegal
- Mauritania

East and Central Africa

- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Uganda
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Cameroon





FTS Senior Regional Manger for East and Central Africa Jackline Mwende teaching at a Community Liberation Training in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo

Thirty-One Nigerian Women Free from Slavery in Senegal

In 2022 Free the Slaves and partners began work to address an alarming increase in sex trafficking in the Kédougou region of Senegal. The economy of Kédougou is heavily reliant on small-scale gold mining. The income generated from mines in the area and ingrained cultural beliefs have caused an increase in the demand for commercial sex in the region. As the market for commercial sex has skyrocketed, so has the exploitation and trafficking of women and girls. Our team was determined to identify, remove and protect the survivors of this heinous crime.

Free the Slaves set out to educate the region about the dangers of modern slavery through our Community Liberation Training. After completing the training, concerned citizens and local leaders established Community Vigilance Committees (CVCs) throughout Kédougou. The CVCs were created as a way for local leaders and concerned citizens to assist in the fight against modern slavery by raising awareness, recognizing signs of trafficking, and collaborating with FTS and our partners to identify victims of trafficking.

Just weeks after the CVCs were established, multiple reports of human trafficking were submitted to FTS and law enforcement. The majority of cases transpired through false employment claims. Many young Nigerian women were offered what they believed were suitable jobs in Senegal at restaurants, hotels, or boutiques. Recruiters promised housing, food, reasonable work hours, and

a good salary - but all were lies.

A trafficking survivor from Nigeria:

“I left home because my father is a farmer, and I couldn't continue my studies. So I came to Senegal to work and get money to help my older brother stay in school and enhance my job as a hairdresser.”

Many survivors left their home country to earn a living in Senegal. Instead, they were trapped in brothels and bars and forced into sex trafficking.

Thanks to the collaboration between FTS, partners, and the CVCs, thirty-one women were freed from sex trafficking situations in Senegal in 2022 and 16 women were returned to their homes and families in Nigeria.

This program is part of the Free the Slaves Community Liberation Initiative (CLI). The CLI trains communities, local governments, law enforcement, and social service organizations to recognize human trafficking, modern slavery, and the social conditions that allow it to happen. Law enforcement, social welfare offices, and community organizations are equipped to provide trauma-informed care to survivors. They also eliminate the conditions that make people vulnerable to slavery. This strategy reduces sex trafficking and slavery in the region and increases access to social services for survivors.



These activities are funded by the U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. The opinions, findings, and conclusions therein are those of the author[s] and do not necessarily reflect those of the United States Department of State.



“Ever since learning about FTS over a decade ago, I have been deeply inspired and impressed by their work to educate the world about modern slavery while providing resources to the most vulnerable to help protect them. FTS has catalyzed a movement that has united government, NGOs, and communities in a quest to end modern slavery. They are a voice for the most marginalized among us.”

-Ninan Chacko, FTS donor

Women make candles as part of a rehabilitation program at FTS partner Hope Box, in Vietnam

Our Policy and Advocacy Efforts Throughout 2022

We have been at the forefront of influencing governments to create a favorable policy environment where they are accountable for ending the conditions that make people vulnerable to exploitation and ensuring justice for survivors of modern slavery. We collaborate with grassroots and civil society organizations to create unified advocacy efforts capable of driving political and social change.



Child rights training session in Haiti

FTS Mauritania

developed and launched a [microsite](#) with a repository of publications on social inclusion and marginalization in Mauritania submitted by journalists and human rights activists trained to report on modern slavery by FTS. The Mauritania team has also recruited two paralegals to work with marginalized communities to access their rights, including access to civil documentation such as birth registration, citizenship cards, and the right to own land. Additionally, FTS implementing partners have been invited to join the Coordination and Monitoring Committee of the National Action Plan for the eradication of Child Labor as part of FTS advocacy to get the Mauritanian government to live up to its commitment as a pathfinder country.

FTS Haiti

The United to End Child Slavery partnership between Free the Slaves and Beyond Borders in Haiti supported the Opened Eyes Foundation to assess the capacity of judicial agencies to effectively

address modern slavery in Port-au-Prince and Croix des Bouquets. A one-day mock trial was held after the assessment to educate judges, lawyers, and prosecutors about best practices for trying human trafficking cases in the courts. Twenty-six law enforcement officers and lawyers also participated in a one-day training to improve their knowledge of anti-trafficking laws and recognition of human trafficking situations.

FTS Dominican Republic

We continued our work in the Dominican Republic promoting the reform of Law No. 137-03 on trafficking in persons as a member of the Civil Society Coalition against Human Trafficking. At the regional level, we have promoted the creation of a Regional Working Group against Forced Labor and other Contemporary Forms of Slavery made up of Caribe Afirmativo in Colombia, Verité in Mexico, Fundación Libera in Chile, International Center for the Promotion of Human Rights (UNESCO) in Argentina, ONOTZI in Peru, and MUDHA in the Dominican Republic.

Alliance 8.7 Global Coordinating Group Unanimously Adopts Accountability Framework for Pathfinder Countries

Alliance 8.7 is an initiative inspired by UN Sustainable Development Goal 8.7. SDG 8.7 focuses on eliminating the scourge of modern slavery, forced labor, human trafficking, and all forms of child labor exploitation. Alliance 8.7 was launched in 2016 to develop partnerships among stakeholders from UN member states, international development institutions like the International Labor Organization (ILO), International Organization for Migration (IOM), and civil society organizations to support Pathfinder Countries in the efforts to end modern slavery.

Since 2021, Free the Slaves has worked with the Alliance 8.7 Secretariat to develop our vision of a framework that will hold member countries accountable for their commitments to end modern slavery. Now, every prospective or active pathfinder country must abide by the accountability framework to join or remain member of the Alliance 8.7's pathfinder country community.

The Accountability Framework was unanimously adopted by the Alliance 8.7 Global Coordinating Group (GCG) on December 13, 2022 in Turin, Italy. The implementation guideline was communicated to all pathfinder countries and GCG members on Feb 15, 2023.



PATHFINDER COUNTRY ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

The Framework can be downloaded [here](#).

In the United States, Free the Slaves supported five anti-trafficking and anti-modern slavery initiatives through its membership in the [ATEST Alliance](#).

- [The 2022 Trafficking In Person \(TIP\) Report on US Government Trafficking Efforts](#)
- The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA, 2021-2022) letter drafted by ATEST to all US Senators
- An ATEST letter supporting the nomination/confirmation of Judy Dyer, by the US Senate as US Ambassador at Large on Human Trafficking
- A Letter to the OMB for the 2024 Financial Year
- A Letter urging the California Governor to sign AB 364 legislation regulating foreign labor recruitment.



Movement Building - Freedom from Slavery Forums

The Freedom from Slavery Forum brings together thought leaders, survivors, innovators, advocates, researchers, civil society organizations, and policymakers to cast a vision for the future of the anti-modern slavery movement and develop actionable plans for achieving a world without modern slavery.

Charmaine Ghandi-Andrews speaks at the Freedom from Slavery Caribbean regional Forum

2022 Forums

77
participants



The Global Forum in
Marrakech, Morocco



84
participants



The Latin America
Regional Forum (online)

122
participants



The North America
and Europe Regional
Forum (Toronto, Canada)



55
participants



The MENA Regional
Forum (online)



89
participants



The Africa Regional
Forum (Kigali, Rwanda)

These participants and leaders represent 202 organizations engaging in the Freedom From Slavery Forums.

The agenda for each Regional Forum was crafted by an external committee comprised of survivors and anti-modern slavery leaders from the region.

“The Forum has allowed me as a survivor leader to better serve my purpose to individuals, the Forum, and other groups in shaping programs, identifying challenges clearly and opportunities to better equip me in the fight to end contemporary forms of slavery.”

- Awah Francisca Mbuli - Ambassador of the Freedom from Slavery Forum

Thirty-two survivors and civil society leaders from thirty-one organizations participated in planning the themes and agendas for the 2022 Forums. Participants in the Latin America Forum agreed to continue to work together to build the anti-modern slavery movement in the region, and the attendees of the Caribbean Forum are already planning another in-person forum in the region for 2024. The Regional Forums have played a significant role in connecting and uniting stakeholders behind the common purpose of more effectively addressing modern slavery in each region.

“In the movement committed to combating the crime of human trafficking, the Freedom from Slavery Forum provides a unique opportunity for leaders to consider diverse ideas, opinions, and approaches. The Forum also reminds us that we are not alone in this fight for freedom.”

- Ambassador John Cotton Richmond - Ambassador of the Freedom from Slavery Forum



- Awah Francisca Mbuli - Ambassador of the Freedom from Slavery Forum

Partnership and Services

The FTS East and Central Africa team established a survivor support network in collaboration with Kituo Cha Sheria (Legal Aid Center) and Religious Against Human Trafficking (RAHT) in Kenya to support survivors participating in a Public Interest Litigation case seeking government accountability and support for victims of domestic servitude in Saudi Arabia.

“Before this network, I did not know that other people suffered as much as I did. The network helps us support each other through moral support and a sense of belonging. It is a space where I do not feel judged or stigmatized.”

- Anonymous member of the Survivors' Network.

In partnership with Beyond Borders Haiti, Free the Slaves liberated twenty-three child victims of child domestic servitude and reunified them with their families.

Between January and June of 2022, migrant workers in the Persian Gulf region filed over 9,500 complaints to India's foreign ministry. The majority were concerned about not being paid, not having paid time off or health insurance, and being unable to return to India due to lack of departure and re-entry permits. Between December 2020 and June 2022, FTS and our field partner MSEMVS worked in 15 villages to design safe migration frameworks, establish Migration Vigilance Committees, and give access to information and resources.

The project enhanced the ability and coordination of civil society activities in countries sending and receiving migrant labor. The established community-based institutions, such as Community Vigilance Committees and Migration Vigilance Committees, greatly contributed to the program's sustainability in communities.

Five Vietnamese female survivors received assistance to rehabilitate and reconstruct their lives. With a relationship with Hope Box, a Vietnamese Social Enterprise, they got extensive training in company formation and employment skills, such as financial management, marketing, and product development. It also helped them become more resilient in the face of economic and social hardships, which are often the core causes of slavery and trafficking.

“I feel more confident to look for jobs because I am now equipped with essential skills to work and provide for my children. Despite all the past misfortunes, I still look forward to opportunities to come since I am still very young. I can rebuild my life.”

-Nina, a survivor that was trained by FTS partner 'Hope Box' in Vietnam

Lastly, essential school supplies bags, books, and school uniforms were distributed to 41 survivors in the Village of Life shelter and 11 survivors from communities in Oti, Volta, Bono East, and Central regions of Ghana.

110 female heads of households received financial support as part of the family graduation program in Haiti from January to June 2022:



The 110 participants received a total of

935,000

Haitian gourdes (US 8,130) in cash transfers over 17 weeks, as well as construction materials for latrines and homes, production assets, and additional training in asset management.



52

participants now have at least two meals per day compared to 0 participants in the baseline survey.



94%

of participants now have at least one source of revenue compared to 0 in the baseline survey.



94%

of participants now have a savings account compared to 25% in the baseline survey.

Media, Public Education & Awareness Campaigns

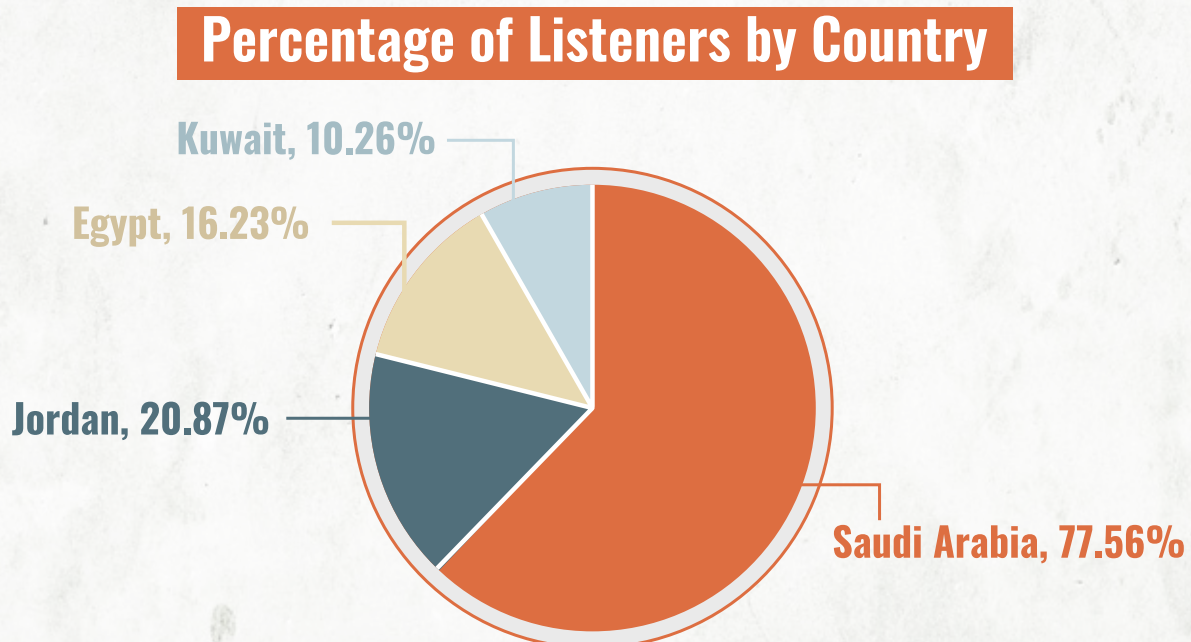
In 2022, FTS partnered with SOWT Podcasts, an Arabic-language and independent podcast production company in MENA, to produce a series of episodes on modern slavery. The series aimed to raise awareness about the issue of modern slavery in the MENA region and provide a platform for survivors, activists, and experts to share their experiences and insights. The partnership between FTS and SOWT Podcasts also aimed to encourage public dialogue and advocacy efforts towards ending modern slavery in the region.

In December 2022, FTS and SOWT released a four-episode podcast series on modern slavery as a part of the SOWT podcast series "What to Do" (Season Five). The podcast episodes were created in Arabic in order to target and reach a larger group of audiences in the Middle East and North Africa region, as well as to raise awareness about various forms of modern slavery by

telling stories and sharing interviews with victims. The season concentrated on the various forms of modern slavery that exist in the region, such as child labor and other labor rights violations. The podcast series also featured interviews with experts and activists who shared their experiences and insights on how to combat modern slavery in the region.

Between November 2022 and March 2023, the total number of listens reached 8,693, with Episode One having the highest reach.

The podcast found the biggest audience in Saudi Arabia representing more than 77% of total listens, followed by Jordan (20%), Egypt (16%), and Kuwait (10%).





ورشدة تكوينية حول العبيد الحديثين

Atelier d'acteurs modernes

Nouakchott

Regles

G1

1. Venir à l'heure - Punctualité
2. ne pas utiliser le téléphone en salle
3. ne pas interrompre l'intervenant car et le comprendre
4. rester dans le sujet
5. limiter le temps de parole
6. Respecter le temps de pause

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Training for Journalists reporting on modern slavery in Mauritania provided by Free the Slaves

Partners List

Free the Slaves is grateful for the dedicated collaboration of our international, regional and local partners as we work to end the conditions that allow modern slavery to exist. We work with these partners to advocate for legislative and policy change, provide services to survivors of modern slavery in local communities, conduct research on human trafficking and modern slavery, and produce the Freedom from Slavery Regional and Global Forums. Their irreplaceable skills, passion, and hard work are essential to the success of Free the Slaves initiatives worldwide.

Caribbean

Haiti

- Beyond Borders
- Bureau des Travailleurs pour Defense des Droits Humains (BTRADH)

Barbados

- Barbados Red Cross
- Caribbean Anti Human Trafficking Foundation

Asia

India

- Manav Sansadhan Evam Mahilla Vikas Samsthan (MSEMVVS)
- Srijan Foundation
- Adithi

Nepal

- READ Nepal
- Alliance Against Trafficking in Women and Children in Nepal (AATWIN)

Bangladesh

- Rights Jessore
- Centre for Women and Children Studies (CWCS)

Philippines

- Balaod Mindanaw
- JPIC-IDC
- Voice of the Free (VF)

Vietnam

- Hopebox VN
- Hagar International
- Pacific Links Foundation

Cambodia

- Chab Dai Cambodia

East Africa

Kenya

- Kituo Cha Sheria (Legal Advice Centre) - Kituo Cha Sheria - We Care For Justice
- Awareness Against Human Trafficking (Haart Kenya) - Awareness Against Human Trafficking | Haart Kenya

Rwanda

- Legal Aid Forum - The Legal Aid Forum

Eastern DRC

- COSCAE
- Survivors Network Africa (Cameroon, Central Africa) - SN: SURVIVORS' NETWORK(SN), AFRICA

West Africa

Mauritania

- Initiative de Resurgence du Movement Abolitionist (IRA)
- Association de Lutte Contre la Dependence (ALCD)

Senegal

- The Association for the Fight against Addiction (ALCD)
- La Lumiere
- Association des Juristes Senegalaises

Ghana

- Partners in Community Development Program (PACODEP)

Latin America

Peru

- ONAMPITSITE NOSHANINKAYE TZINANI (ONOTZI)
- Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos (CNDDHH)

Argentina

- Centro Internacional para la Promoción de los Derechos Humanos (CIPDH-UNESCO)



Survivor-led Human Trafficking awareness event in Haiti, supported by Free the Slaves



Research

Free the Slaves partners with scholars, survivors, civil society organizations, and global communities to research the conditions that allow modern slavery to flourish. In 2022, we conducted research for six projects.

Along with JPIC-IDC, we conducted research on the implications of climate change on communities and anti-human trafficking initiatives in the Philippines. This partnership is essential since climate change has been highlighted as a factor in the global rise in human trafficking. As a result of the effects of climate change on livelihoods, food security, and access to resources, vulnerable people are compelled to relocate or seek alternate income sources, rendering them more susceptible to human trafficking. The objective of this study is to discover treatments that may minimize the consequences of climate change and prevent human trafficking.

FTS conducted a research study in collaboration with a Peruvian indigenous NGO, ONOTZI, a consultant and more than 100 indigenous participants. The findings show how extractive activities like mining and logging contribute to climate change and human trafficking, in addition to other forms of exploitation. Factors such as ethnic discrimination, gender-based violence, and poverty, among others, also contribute to human trafficking in indigenous communities. The report, "Between Neglect and Exploitation: Four Case Studies Among Indigenous Communities in the Peruvian Amazon", is available in Spanish, English, and Ashaninka. And it will be launched in 2023 at the regional level. The commercial sexual exploitation of children, labor exploitation of children in coca leaf cultivation, and forced child marriage were identified as the key issues affecting children. Adults were primarily affected by sexual exploitation and forced labor in illegal mining, logging, and drug trafficking.

SouthEast Asia NGO Survey: FTS' recent report "Learning from NGOs' Approaches to Modern Slavery in Southeast Asia" highlights findings from 64 survey participants representing organizations addressing modern slavery in Southeast Asia. The study discusses how organizations are defining modern slavery, the approaches that are being adopted, and the activities

implemented to address severe exploitation. The report also highlights gaps affecting the response and provides recommendations for improved multi-stakeholder action against modern slavery. This information will inform FTS programs and strategies in the region and ensure that anti-modern slavery ventures are holistic, address existing gaps, increase capacities to address the issue, and lead the anti-modern slavery movement at the regional level.

In collaboration with our partner, the University of Nottingham Rights Lab, we conducted research on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and its work on human trafficking to inform our advocacy program strategies. The research process included interviews with 12 key stakeholders and a systematic review of UNSC resolutions and their ability to address modern slavery globally. The research is the first of its kind and is expected to highlight the need for an enhanced response to modern slavery from the UNSC and a globally endorsed anti-modern slavery agenda.



Community awareness-raising session

Training and Capacity-Building

FTS conducted Community Liberation Initiative Workshops in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, India, Mauritania, Nepal, and Rwanda for more than 170 total participants, including representatives of civil society organizations, survivors, international NGOs, government agencies, and legal service providers. The CLI is a crucial resource for disseminating the information, skills, and norms required to execute the Free the Slaves community-based strategy and eliminate the circumstances that allow modern slavery to exist.

These trainings equipped participants to prevent and react to modern slavery, develop collaborative networks, comprehend local laws, and hold governments responsible for enforcing the law and addressing slavery. Some trainings also served to strengthen the capacity of magistrates and judges to adjudicate trafficking cases according to national and international laws more effectively.

CLI Participants from FTS partners in Senegal found the training improved their ability to recognize trafficking situations in their communities.

FTS and implementing partners formed and trained thirteen anti-slavery groups in Senegal and four in Ghana. These Community Vigilance Committees include six to eight committed community members trained on issues of modern slavery. The training includes how to identify traffickers, respond to cases of trafficking, and lead community mobilization efforts.

Journalists in Mauritania and Senegal received training on how to report on human trafficking, modern slavery, and social inclusion, and marginalization.

Survivors of human trafficking and modern slavery received training on ethical storytelling. The training helps survivors prepare to safeguard themselves from the traumatization and stigmatization that comes with sharing their experiences in public forums. Furthermore, it helps facilitate a confident, sustainable transition from a victim mentality to a survivor identity.

“The training helped me during my subsequent interaction with the media. For example, I was prepared and asked the reporter to send me the discussion questions beforehand. In my first interview, I felt so ashamed of myself afterward because I answered questions I was uncomfortable with.”

Anonymous survivor of sex trafficking.

Survivor Research Training:

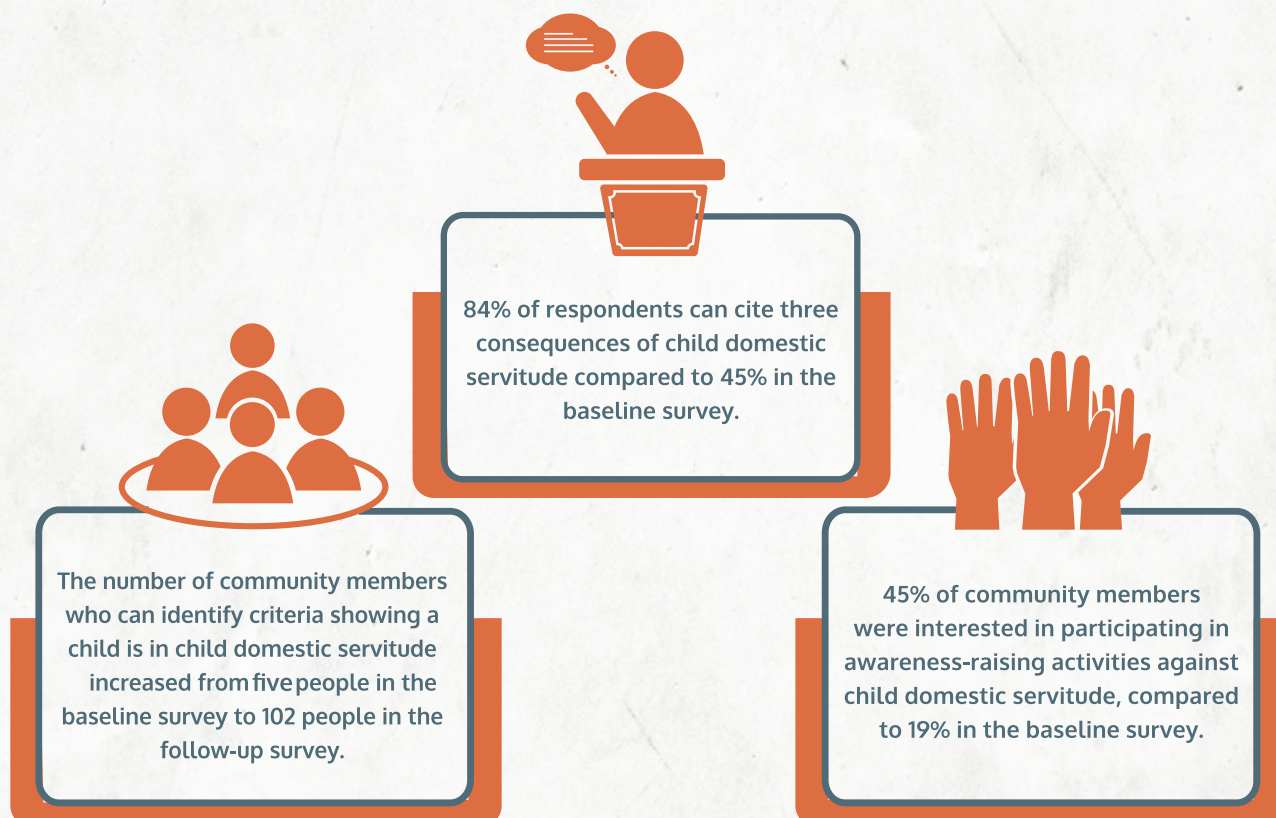
FTS partnered with HAART Kenya and the University of Liverpool to train survivors on research methodologies. Survivors are trained in research methods to ensure that survivors can participate in research projects as experts and not just as research subjects. This approach also

makes the research more survivor-led and owned by providing a safe space for survivors trained as researchers to interview fellow survivors.

Recognizing Domestic Servitude

In La Gonâve Island, Haiti, FTS surveyed community members to understand community awareness regarding child domestic servitude. The survey was followed by the formation of community organizing programs, the establishment of Child Protection Brigades, and Adult Survivor Networks. These groups and community members received training on identifying domestic servitude situations. In total, 1,955 community members were trained.

The follow-up survey after the program indicated that:





Students Against Slavery

Kids' Freedom Club

The Freedom Club in Sacramento, CA has been working hard to raise awareness and funds to support Free the Slaves. Since 2013, the Freedom Club has raised over \$16,000 for Free The Slaves. From fun runs to pancake breakfasts, this group of students has done more than anyone could have imagined!

In 2022, the members of the Freedom Club hosted multiple fundraisers to raise money for Free the Slaves. Students sold dozens of tickets in their churches and communities for their Annual Pancake Breakfast. During Christmas, the Freedom Club sold handmade crafts to raise money for Free the Slaves.

“Through the Freedom Club's education, I have learned about human trafficking and how complicated and harsh the world is. But being a little part of the solution (by raising money for "Free the Slaves") reminds me that there is also goodness in the world.”

- Jade Lewis-Boles
Kids' Freedom Club Member



Kids' Freedom Club members

“

I support Free the Slaves because I feel the organization's work is extremely important. Free the Slaves doesn't just work to help individuals. They address the problem of modern-day slavery at its root through education. The thing I like most about the Freedom Club is that I can help better the lives of people across the world; while at the same time having fun with my friends planning and putting on fundraisers.

”

-Alexander Redmond, a student that participates in the Kids Freedom Club

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