

Dear friends,

Justice Ventures International's (JVI) mission is to bring freedom, justice, and restoration to men, women, and children suffering from human trafficking and other forms of extreme injustice. Our vision is to see unjust communities transformed into communities that reflect God's love, where the human rights and dignity of the vulnerable are respected.

Thanks to friends like you and the hard work of our staff and partners, JVI's model has proven effective. As reflected in this report, together we are bringing transformation to communities suffering from exploitation and oppression. Already this year, JVI has directly impacted over 22,520 lives and indirectly impacted thousands more for the better. We are grateful for your partnership with us in bringing freedom, justice and restoration through vibrant partnerships.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pankratz

President & CEO

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Cover image: A depiction of a mother and daughter reunited after being rescued from trafficking. Watch the true story: BEYOND FREEDOM: VIBRANT PARTNERSHIPS »



We partner with local organizations and global stakeholders in South Asia to bring about sustainable community justice transformation.



FREEDOM & JUSTICE

A community experiences a justice system that is accessible, approachable, accountable, and effective in providing justice to victims and protection for the vulnerable.



RESTORATION

The imbalance of influence and power is corrected, enabling the **vulnerable & survivors** to enjoy a more abundant and productive life, including **contributing as leaders** in their communities and society.



VIBRANT PARTNERSHIPS

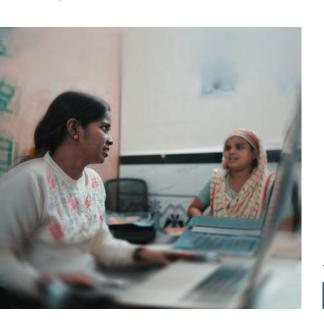
Impact networks of public sector, private sector and civil society partners are in place and demonstrate a **commitment to enhancing and sustaining justice** as the bedrock for communities to flourish.



HOW WE DO IT: JUSTICE HUBS



Our justice hubs implement three core strategies to pursue freedom, justice, and restoration in their communities.



Secure Justice for Individuals – Facilitate joint rescue operations to free and restore thousands of oppressed children, women and men and bring perpetrators to justice.

Empower Local Partners – Equip and strengthen local nonprofit organizations and businesses to fight injustice through human rights training, mentoring and funding.

Improve Justice Systems – Train government officials, advocate for changes in policies and laws, and build justice networks.

Photo: Swati Tapase, Mumbai Justice Hub



A few highlights from our Justice Hubs this year:

NADIA JUSTICE HUB

Securing Justice for Individuals

Intelligence was received about a suspected sex trafficking operation in a village in West Bengal. After consulting with the Justice Hub director, the investigation team in Nadia visited the village and gathered information to confirm the presence of sex trafficking victims. The team collaborated with the police to successfully rescue three minor girls and arrest the perpetrators; two are receiving specialized care in a shelter and one has been restored to her family.

PURNIA JUSTICE HUB

Securing Justice for Individuals

In a village in Bihar, 26 families (totaling 134 laborers) from one of the poorest and lowest castes had endured generations of illegal bonded labor and abuse under their landlords. The Justice Hub filed a complaint documenting the situation and government officials conducted a rescue operation. The Justice Hub is now supporting the rehabilitation of the families and working with prosecutors to ensure the offenders are held accountable.

MUMBAI JUSTICE HUB

Empowering Local Partners

A training was organized to educate 20 local NGO staff on children's rights, child abuse, and the mechanisms for filing complaints to report such crimes. Ms. Swati Tapase (pictured in the photo on the left) led the session, emphasizing the importance of community support and legal awareness in preventing crimes against children. The NGO staff members committed to sharing this knowledge by arranging similar training sessions within their networks.

GAYA JUSTICE HUB

Strengthening Justice Systems

In a training conducted with the local Legal Services Authority, 51 government officers were educated on cases under India's "Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act" (POCSO). The session equipped judges and Child Welfare Committee officials to recognize the strengths and weaknesses in POCSO cases to achieve better outcomes when prosecuting offenders. The training included discussion of an important decision secured by Justice Hub lawyers in a recent case setting forth improved procedures to protect and care for rescued minor sex trafficking victims

JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2023 LIFE IMPACT METRICS

JVI's Justice Hubs focus on transforming communities where millions are vulnerable to injustice. JVI walks alongside rescued survivors for a minimum of 24 months. This year, over 7,000 survivors are receiving legal aid and aftercare from JVI and our local partners. This intentional and holistic approach has allowed JVI to consistently report 85%-90% of survivors experience sustained freedom (less than 10% recidivism rate for bonded labor survivors and 15% for sex trafficking survivors).

LIVES DIRECTLY IMPACTED

22,520

RESCUE OPERATIONS

76

VICTIMS RESCUED

658

VICTIMS INTERCEPTED

PROSECUTION CASES

279

AFTERCARE/LEGAL CLIENTS

7,149

PEOPLE TRAINED ON HUMAN RIGHTS

4,436

JUSTICE HUB TARGETED COMMUNITIES



"In my region, we have seen over a thousand people rescued and freed from bonded labor. There has been a positive change in their lifestyle because of the partnerships that have been created by JVI."

— HIRA RAVIDAS, GAYA JUSTICE HUB







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