



IJM

2022 Mid-Year Report



From an orphan enslaved at a brick kiln to a licensed social worker directly serving vulnerable communities—[watch Kumar's inspiring story!](#)

IJM celebrates 25 years thanks to your faithfulness and generosity

Twenty-five years ago, Gary Haugen founded IJM with a bold mission: to protect people in poverty from violence. That simple act of faith kick-started a global movement to rescue and defend children, women and men who are victims of horrific crimes—including forced labor slavery, sex trafficking, online sexual exploitation, violent land theft, domestic

abuse, police abuse of power and other forms of injustice. Millions of people all around the world are safer today because, together, we believed that every individual is worthy of justice and protection. Thank you for fighting with us to strengthen justice systems so they can protect vulnerable communities from exploitation before it happens.

You are one of the many heroes who helped make justice for people in poverty an unstoppable force over the last 25 years, and we look forward to the journey ahead as we seek to rescue and protect more vulnerable people than we ever have before.

KENYA | JULY

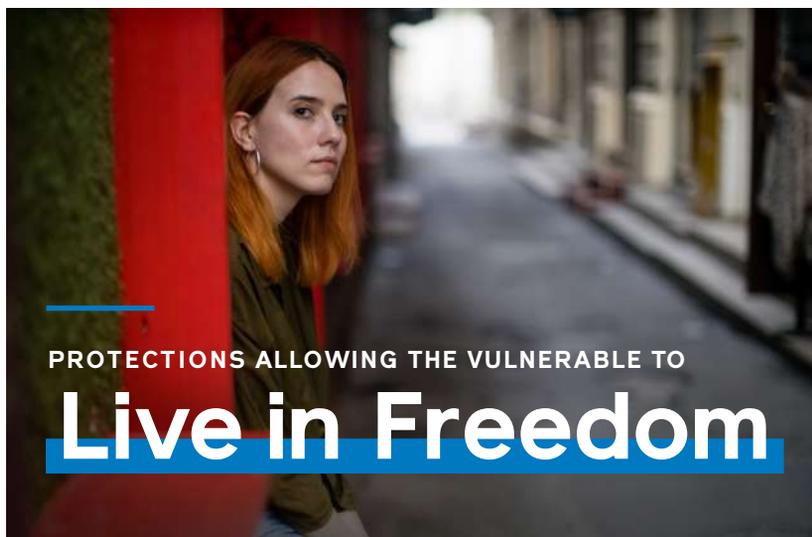
Justice won for Willie, Josephat and Joseph

In June 2016, IJM lawyer Willie Kimani, IJM client Josephat Mwenda and trusted driver Joseph Muiruri were abducted and murdered while pursuing justice in a case of police abuse of power in Nairobi, Kenya.

After almost six years of an ongoing court case against the accused, on July 22, three police officers and a civilian police informant were found guilty of killing Willie, Josephat and Joseph. **This is a historic conviction and a significant moment for police accountability in Kenya**, as it sends a strong message to police officers who abuse their power that they will be held responsible under the law. It is also a source of comfort and closure for the loved ones these brave men left behind, including all of us at IJM. Though our hearts still grieve this great loss, we hold fast to the hopeful fact that the tide is turning against impunity for perpetrators of police abuse in Kenya.



BREAKING NEWS



PROTECTIONS ALLOWING THE VULNERABLE TO

Live in Freedom

UKRAINE & ROMANIA | FEBRUARY

IJM offers crisis relief and equips partners to ensure refugee safety

Since the onset of the Russian invasion and resulting Ukrainian refugee crisis, IJM's Romania team has been dedicated to supporting their border country's brothers and sisters. Initially, providing direct relief and aid was most critical. **Your gifts made it possible for IJM to deliver urgently needed supplies, food and clothing, safe transportation methods and other financial support to refugees.** IJM Romania focuses specifically on cross-border trafficking cases and protections, so they also created informational materials highlighting refugees' unique vulnerability to trafficking and what warning signs to look for, distributing thousands of these pamphlets through law enforcement partners at the border.

As the crisis has evolved in recent months, IJM deployed additional Protection Officers to the region, and one of our Global Fusion Center analysts equipped them with basic criminal analytic techniques they will use to help refugees navigate finding safe accommodations, work opportunities and other long-term living requirements in Romania and beyond. IJM also held a training with Romania's national anti-human trafficking agency, ANITP, on how to respond to the crisis with a strategic approach to prevent trafficking.

Empowered by your partnership, IJM Romania will continue supporting displaced families and our partner NGOs and law enforcement agencies during this ongoing crisis and respond accordingly to their needs.

PHILIPPINES | APRIL

International collaboration sees rescue of 22 victims of online exploitation

Your investment in IJM supports powerful alliances that rescue and restore victims while shutting down sources of exploitation for good. One such international collaboration led to the rescue of 22 children who were being sexually exploited online, as well as the arrest of three female suspects, in back-to-back rescue operations in the Philippines. These two operations were the result of six months of investigations and case-building in a major collaborative effort between IJM, U.S. Homeland Security and the Philippine National Police through the Transnational Criminal Investigation Task Force.

Your giving brings freedom to victims and enables complex collaborations to ensure every child is found and perpetrators are held accountable for their crimes.



JUSTICE FOR SURVIVORS MAKES FOR

Safer Communities

EL SALVADOR | MARCH

IJM partner secures first conviction in sexual violence case

One of IJM's key implementing partners in El Salvador, the Salvadoran Association for Rural Health (ASOPROSAR), achieved its first conviction in March after an 11-month trial. The court ruled in favor of two young sisters and sentenced the aggressor (their stepfather) to 26 years in prison for sexual assault—the maximum sentence possible by local law.

Fueled by your faithful partnership, IJM El Salvador has partnered with ASAPROSAR since 2019 to train their staff on implementing best practices of legal and aftercare accompaniment to child victims of violence.

The girls were 9 and 14 years old when the abuse started. When their mother discovered what was happening, she went against the



cultural norms of their community and with ASOPROSAR's support, filed a formal complaint against her husband. The case was then taken by investigators from the National Civil Police, who received mentorship from IJM's legal team as part of an interinstitutional security roundtable created to support local police with complex cases.

This victory is an incredible testament to what is possible when local law enforcement, community partners and IJM work in collaboration towards the common goal of bringing justice to survivors and communities.

The girls' mother, after hearing the verdict, said: **"I can't even believe it. I never thought that I would find people who believed us. Everybody in the neighborhood was blaming my children. Justice has been done, and now we will walk the streets fearless."**

UGANDA | MARCH

IJM Uganda formalizes key agreement with Director of Public Prosecutions

On March 17, IJM Uganda signed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ugandan Director of Public Prosecutions Office (ODPP), committing to further strengthen the criminal justice system's response in protecting women and children. This MOU will build on the gains achieved since IJM Uganda and the ODPP's initial MOU

in 2015, and will set the foundation for national government engagement in the fight to end violence against women and children across Uganda.

Because of your faithful support, IJM is able to build long-term relationships with key government entities—like the ODPP—that hold the power to bring greater protection to their communities. This MOU is a

significant indicator of a continually strengthening relationship between IJM and the Ugandan government, as it gives IJM unprecedented visibility into prosecution progress in abuse and sexual assault cases. Access to this data will help us assess what's working well and what isn't, as we seek to develop public prosecutors' capacity to more effectively serve victims.

Survivors Leading the Call

FOR PROTECTION



INDIA | APRIL

Government-funded ethical brick kiln gives survivors “wings”

An important part of IJM’s work with trafficking survivors is creating opportunities for them to thrive in freedom after rescue. It is an amazing moment, however, when we can step away from this task because survivor leaders and the governments that are commissioned to support them have taken up the call of restoration themselves. On April 13, the local government of Tiruvallur in Chennai, India did just that by inaugurating the district’s first-ever survivor-run brick kiln as a special initiative to empower survivors of bonded labor and create dignified livelihood opportunities.

The opening of this ethical brick kiln, which the government named Siragugal (“Wings” in Tamil), was a portrait of mutual care: officials joined survivors on a tour of the facility and formally congratulated them on their new venture. After the survivors asked those attending to place the Siragugal seal into their fresh bricks, the government purchased the first load and personally delivered their fair wage paycheck.

This tangible evidence of survivor agency and empowerment, aided by the Indian government’s supportive efforts to see victims restored, gives us hope that slavery in India will end once and for all.

GHANA | JUNE

Survivor leaders harness the power of storytelling

Your generosity creates unique opportunities for survivor leaders to raise their voices and become changemakers in their communities. For 19 survivors in Ghana—the majority of whom were trafficked as children onto Lake Volta and forced to work on crude fishing boats—this vision was realized through their completion of the Advocacy & Power of Story workshop in June.

A cornerstone leadership development resource co-created by IJM and the Global Survivor Network, the workshop guides survivors through an empowering three-fold process of crafting a Story of Self (my personal story), a Story of Us (the audience you seek to mobilize) and a Story of Now (the invitation to act in the face of an urgent challenge). **The simple framework is a powerful way to explore a survivor’s calling as a leader and equip them with tools to advocate for change in their countries.**

Several additional local survivor chapters are offering this workshop throughout 2022, and we’re excited to see more and more survivors empowered to boldly lead in building safer communities.



SECURING JUSTICE THROUGH

Advanced Data and Criminal Analytics

JUSTICE DATA SOLUTION | JULY

Game-changing data analytics tool deploys to all IJM field offices

The Justice Data Solution (JDS) is a ground-breaking custom technology that gives IJM the data-driven capacity required to measure and maximize our effectiveness in protecting people from violence on an unprecedented scale. JDS, which is built on the premier Salesforce platform, hosts global monitoring and evaluation, casework data and criminal analytics all in a single location. As one staff leader from our Program Quality & Measurement team said, **“It is going to be amazing to have ONE place to store and analyze data so we can channel time and resources towards rescuing and restoring people rather than hunting down information.”**

Your partnership is making this incredible technological advancement possible! Last year, the JDS platform was successfully deployed to 270 field staff across three pilot locations: Kenya, the Philippines and Delhi. Just this past month, IJM began the rollout of JDS to 20+ additional field offices and will commence training for more than 750 staff worldwide—completing Phase 3 of global implementation.

This rollout will allow us to streamline our programming efficiencies, more quickly monitor program success, share learnings and solve challenges in our casework across countries!



GLOBAL FUSION CENTER | JUNE

Kenya anti-trafficking training equips CSEC investigators

IJM’s in-house Global Fusion Center (GFC) was created to provide a robust criminal analytical capability needed to stay ahead of evolving criminal activity. Through your investments, the GFC trains and mentors law enforcement partners to utilize advanced tools (such as satellite imaging) and access critical information that equips them to more effectively track perpetrators. In line with this mission, the GFC’s Senior CSEC (Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children) Analyst traveled to Mombasa, Kenya in June to facilitate an Open-Source Intelligence Workshop for detectives and investigators within Kenya’s Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Protection Unit.

The training was carefully designed to address gaps in the justice system’s approach to combatting trafficking and strengthen officers’ investigative abilities. In an encouraging display of the government’s support of the program, coastal County Commissioner Mr. Barasa Walumoli welcomed participants to the training event and applauded the unit’s efforts in extending protection to the children of Kenya.

Your Partnership In Action

HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE MADE POSSIBLE
IN 2022 SO FAR (JANUARY—JUNE):

RESCUED

5,500

victims from violence
and brought them to
freedom and safety

RESTORED

222

survivors to health and
wholeness through
aftercare programs
and partners

RESTRAINED

1,830

traffickers and abusers
in collaboration
with local law
enforcement

TRAINED

17,750+

police, prosecutors and
other justice system
officials to recognize and
respond to violence



Looking Ahead

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP. YOUR GIFTS HAVE FUELED INCREDIBLE PROGRESS AND VICTORIES OVER THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR. AND, THERE IS MORE EXCITING WORK AHEAD!

Over this next year, our regional teams are launching new Justice System Strengthening projects in critical locations including Bangladesh, Colombia, Indonesia and Poland. We will continue to scale through onboarding new implementing partners across the globe to bring protection to millions more children and families. All of this is possible because of you, and we look forward to updating you along the way as we secure protection for those who need it most.