

IMPACT

Report 2021



GLOBAL
FUND
TO
END
MODERN
SLAVERY

→ THE WHAT

The Global Fund to End Modern Slavery is an international fund that invests in programs and partnerships across the globe to end human trafficking, forced labor, and all forms of modern slavery. What did this mean in 2021?

21,400

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

participating in awareness-raising events to reduce trafficking risks in their communities

1,200

VULNERABLE MIGRANTS

or migrant households economically empowered through business start-up funding or access to entitlements

1,300

SURVIVORS

supported to sustainably reintegrate through basic needs provision, education, psychosocial support, or other support services

689

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTORS

trained to better support trafficking victims and hold perpetrators to account

123

PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES

or recruitment agencies trained and equipped to provide ethical recruitment channels to targeted community members

28

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

published by the Global Fund's Evidence & Learning team, providing actionable data for the field

→ THE HOW



We Raise Money

from governments, philanthropists, and private sector partners. Sustainable and scalable change needs resources to fund it.



We Build Partnerships

with funders, stakeholders and those at risk of exploitation. Real progress happens when we work together.



We Fund Change

through research, programs, and partnerships. We invest in what works to create fundamental and lasting change.

→ THE WHY

because EVERY PERSON deserves to live in
FREEDOM AND DIGNITY

LETTER FROM THE CEO

Nearly 50 million people are in modern slavery today. Forced to work or forced to marry, bound by threats, deception, violence, or abuse. More than half are women and girls; 12 million are children. What's more alarming is that these numbers are on the rise. Millions more men, women, and children are in conditions of modern slavery now than just 5 years ago, and research shows that global progress against child labor has stalled for the first time in two decades.

These numbers reveal not just numbers but millions of independent stories and journeys of survivors (some that our services and our support will never reach.)

These numbers represent the stories of trauma, coercion, deceit and also triumph on the part of survivors. When we talk about these estimates, we cannot forget to center survivor's stories- those on whom this crime will always have the greatest impact.

The numbers, while shocking, are not shocking to frontline organizations like the ones that GFEMS funds in Asia, East Africa, and Brazil to serve the most vulnerable. They have always known that they are not reaching everyone, that many people are not being identified. They bear a huge burden of doing the work to address modern slavery and, in most cases, do this work with minimal resources. But, as war and conflict is placing more people at risk of exploitation; as climate change continues to create conditions of extreme vulnerability; and as people are still dealing with the lingering effects of a global pandemic, we know there is more work to be done.

As we reflect on the last year, we recognize that incredible progress has been made. We thank our partners for their tremendous resiliency and commitment to protecting and empowering survivors and those at risk of trafficking and exploitation. Whether it be engaging children and their communities to protect child's rights in East Africa; or expanding a mobile app to help more workers migrate safely; or standing with survivors in their individual pursuits of justice and healing; or advocating government to write ethical recruitment into its national policy framework, we know that this work has impacted thousands of individuals and countless communities. We know it will impact many thousands more.

Looking ahead, we want to build on this progress, and we want to do more. We are committed to doing more. Our focus next year is on shifting and transitioning as an organization. We will continue with our commitment to bringing more resources to the modern slavery sector but our prioritization and how we operate will significantly change.

We will never end modern slavery without a vibrant movement led by those affected by this issue at the center. We need to meaningfully engage those with lived experience. We must prioritize their voices and make room for them to lead if we are to make real progress towards ending modern slavery.

I am excited to lead the Global Fund through this next phase and I look forward to working with all of you -as allies, as collaborators, as true partners- to ensure every person can live in freedom and dignity. As I look to the future, I am hopeful, and I am eager for all that we will achieve together.

Sophie Otiende
CEO
Global Fund to End Modern Slavery





KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

BUILDING AWARENESS

CHILDREN LEAD CHANGE IN KENYA, UGANDA

In Napak district, Uganda, it is estimated that one out of every five children is at high risk of sex trafficking. As part of its programming to protect children in Napak district, Terre des Hommes Netherlands (TdH NL) and their partner Dwelling Places, with funding from the Global Fund, are engaging young people in Child Rights Clubs (CRCs). Moved from classrooms to communities after COVID closed Uganda schools for more than a year (where some remain), CRCs teach children about their rights and actions that violate them. They also learn how to report any concerns. Club members then share this knowledge- through song, through theater, or through peer-to-peer discussions- with other young people in their communities. To date, this project has supported the establishment of 45 CRCs, engaging more than 220 children and youth.

A COMMUNITY INFORMED IS A COMMUNITY EMPOWERED

When ASK arrived in Madanpur village of Kushinagar district to facilitate an awareness-raising session on forced labor risks and unsafe migration, a young man approached them after the session.

He introduced himself as the brother of Ganesh, and shared more of his brother's story. Ganesh had gone to Saudi Arabia to earn more money. When he learned that his wife had had an accident, Ganesh immediately applied to take leave. His employer denied his request, informing Ganesh that the contract he had signed obligated him to two years of service without leave- a contractual term that Ganesh had not understood when he signed. Unable to leave his job despite his pleas, Ganesh's mental health suffered, and then his physical health. His requests for medical attention went unanswered, and when he applied for leave again, he was again denied and his salary then withheld.

Of more than 8,500 aspiring migrants and their families who received training on forced labor risks in overseas migration, nearly 75% reported an increased knowledge by 80%

Through its Migrant Resource Center (MRC), ASK worked with Ganesh's family to register his grievance in India's online Consular Services Management system and reached out to the Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia. Several weeks later, Ganesh finally made it home.

Working with the MRC, Ganesh and his family are focused on psychosocial and economic reintegration. But with greater awareness of safe migration practices, with more information on rights and entitlements, and with a better understanding of how to report abuses, re-victimization is less likely. With more information on how to migrate safely, workers can pursue better opportunities wherever they seek them.



SOLIDARITY WITH SURVIVORS

A SPACE TO HEAL

With an understanding that migrants have different migration experiences and different needs upon return, Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Program (OKUP) is part of a consortium with partners Catholic Agency for Overseas Development and Caritas, who are providing holistic support services to returnees and vulnerable migrants in Bangladesh. Working together, each consortium partner leverages their unique strengths and networks to ensure every returnee has access to support that is comprehensive in scope and tailored in application.

Through outreach and awareness-raising activities, OKUP helps communities understand some of the unique challenges that migrants face so that they can better

support them upon return. While these efforts reach thousands- in just one quarter, OKUP's outreach activities engaged over 17,000 individuals across 8 high-migration districts- OKUP also creates space for returnees and their families to learn and to share through Migrant Forums and Spouse Meetings. Through these avenues, OKUP delivers critical information on how to access loans and other government benefits. Participants are guided on how they can receive vocational training or even a COVID vaccine. Perhaps more important than the information they receive is that which they share. *Many returnees report decreased feelings of loneliness after attending these forums.*

FORGING HIS OWN PATH FORWARD

After falling ill with pneumonia- a consequence of being made to labor in harsh conditions with no protection from the cold - James was finally released from service. Fearing the young man might die, James' employer, a Saudi Arabian poultry farmer, rushed James not to the hospital for care but to a deportation center to be removed from the country.

"I SAW THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT TRAINING AS A WAY TO SPREAD MY WINGS. ENGAGING IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES HELPED ME TO HEAL FROM MY TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES. NOW, IN MY BUSINESS, I TAKE CARE TO GIVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO LESS FORTUNATE YOUTH."

-JAMES*

Repatriated to Kenya, James was introduced to Awareness Against Human Trafficking (HAART) who worked with James to develop a case plan and supported him in his physical and emotional recovery. James began hawking vegetables to make money at home, but he struggled to earn enough, having to pay to rent a cart each day. Encouraged by one of HAART's economic empowerment trainings, James prepared a plan to improve his operation: he would purchase his own cart and expand his stock. With funding from the Global Fund, HAART invested in James and his business plan. James now employs two others and is saving to expand further. While still working to overcome his own trauma, James spends time supporting other survivors in his community to recover and thrive.

*Name changed to protect identity

IN PURSUIT OF JUSTICE

SURVIVORS FIND COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE TO HOLD PERPETRATORS TO ACCOUNT

The courtroom is a place of formality, of rules and procedures, solemn expressions, and hard-to-interpret legalese. In other words, an intimidating place for any child. Hope for Justice (HfJ) understands this fear. In partnership with Platform for Labour Action (PLA) and with support from the Global Fund, HfJ is working with young survivors in Uganda to make sure they understand their rights and supporting them to find justice.

In 2021, Hope for Justice and Platform for Labour Action supported 32 child survivors to pursue legal action against their perpetrators.

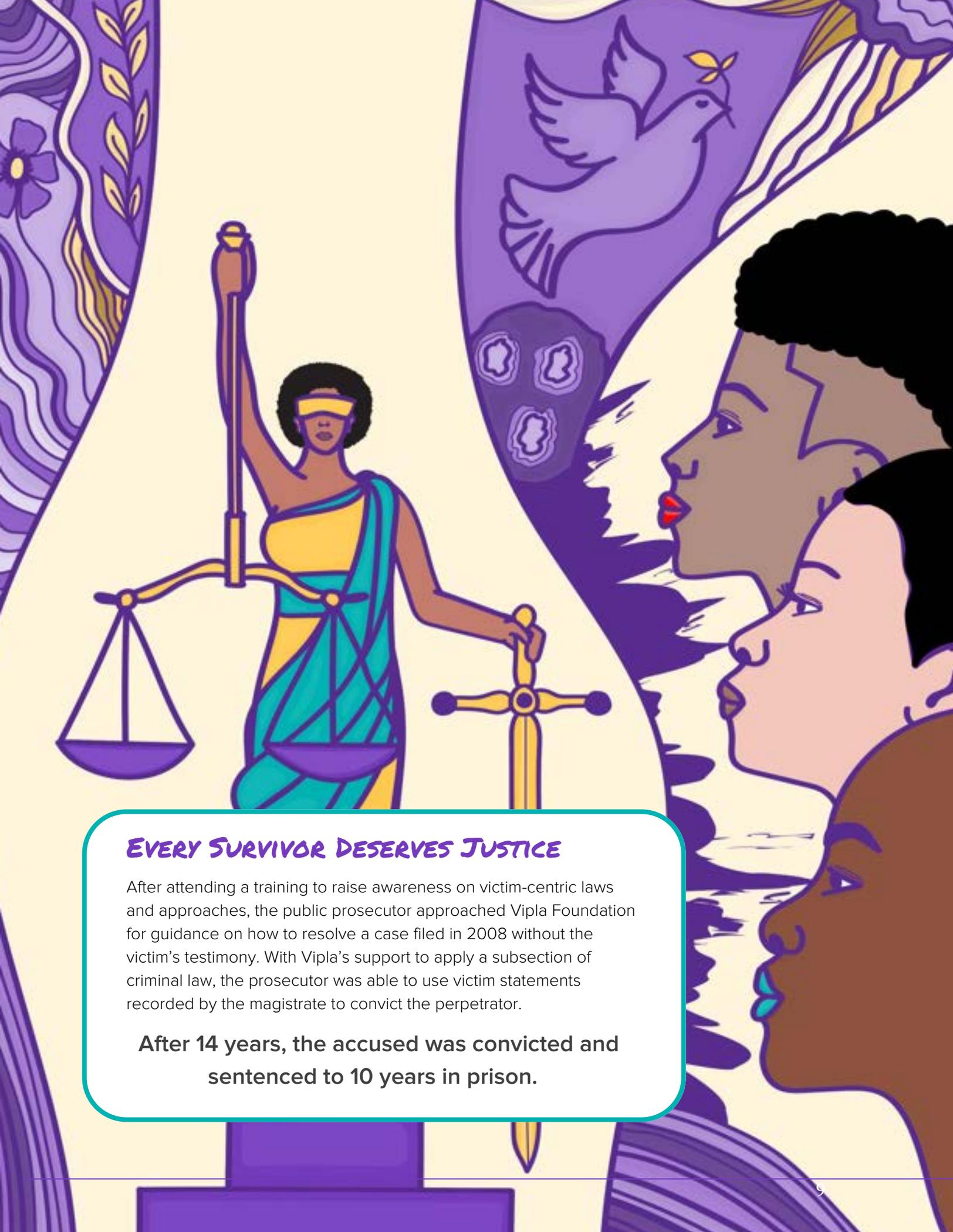
At HfJ's Lighthouse shelter, child survivors can access life skills training, education, counseling, and medical services. Beyond this, survivors engage in awareness sessions on child's rights and learn how to report violations and abuses of those rights. They are familiarized with legal processes and courtroom procedures so that they are not overwhelmed by a day in court or a justice system not designed for children. In 2021, over 65 child survivors participated in these legal awareness sessions.

One of the most impactful activities for children in HfJ's Lighthouse shelter is participation in mock trafficking trials. They continue to request more opportunities to play the role of prosecutor, judge, witness, victim, or defendant. Putting into practice what they learn during legal sessions, they gain confidence to give testimony and hold perpetrators to account. While these faux courts educate and empower young survivors to pursue justice, HfJ and PLA staff remain by their side, accompanying them to court and supporting them through every step of the legal process.

JUSTICE SUPPORTS RECOVERY, NOT RE-TRAUMATIZATION

In August 2021, Justice Joyce Kavuma, a High Court Judge in Mbarara County, Uganda, participated in a Train-the-Trainers (3Ts) program on human trafficking facilitated by the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ), and supported by the Global Fund. The program was designed to ground the trainers in the basics of Uganda's trafficking law, and give them the skills to train their colleagues.

When asked what was the most significant learning that she took from IAWJ's training, Justice Kavuma responded "how to use a victim-centered approach, not only in trafficking in persons cases but in all criminal cases I adjudicate." Rooting justice systems in trauma-informed and victim-centered approaches is how we ensure these systems support recovery and not re-traumatization.



EVERY SURVIVOR DESERVES JUSTICE

After attending a training to raise awareness on victim-centric laws and approaches, the public prosecutor approached Vipla Foundation for guidance on how to resolve a case filed in 2008 without the victim's testimony. With Vipla's support to apply a subsection of criminal law, the prosecutor was able to use victim statements recorded by the magistrate to convict the perpetrator.

After 14 years, the accused was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

An illustration featuring two women. The woman in the background is wearing a purple hijab and a brown top, smiling as she uses a smartphone. The woman in the foreground is wearing a purple hijab and a yellow and brown patterned top, looking towards the right. The background is light yellow with various icons: a hand holding a heart, a puzzle piece, a magnifying glass, a lightbulb, a gear, a handshake, a book, and a gear. A purple speech bubble contains text.

WITH #TECHNOLOGY, MIGRANTS TAKE CONTROL OVER MIGRATION JOURNEYS

Safestep is a mobile app for safe migration, co-developed by ELEVATE, Winrock International, and Diginex Solutions, but designed and tested in partnership with migrants. With support from the Global Fund, Safestep piloted in Bangladesh with features to empower migrants with reliable and accessible information.

Recognizing technology's potential to truly transform migration systems, the Global Fund forged new funding partnerships to expand Safestep. The first round of follow-on funding expanded SafeStep's functionality and content to Malaysia, a new destination country while a second round is helping develop employer-facing features.

LEADING RESEARCH

We invest heavily in research. Why? We collect data – in a field where it is severely lacking- so that stakeholders across government, non-profit, and private sectors can make data-driven decisions and take action. Research guides our own programs and strategies; it informs policy and legislation; and it strengthens our advocacy efforts. It helps us do the work better so that, one day, all people can live in freedom.

In 2021, our Evidence and Learning team published 20 research briefs and 8 resource documents to help build the evidence base and to guide practical action.

AND ADVOCATING CHANGE

IN VIETNAM: In 2020, Vietnam revised its law on contract-based Vietnamese overseas workers. The revised law incorporated key recommendations to strengthen worker rights developed by the International Labor Organization (ILO), with support from the Global Fund. In 2021, the Global Fund continued to support ILO in providing technical support to the Government of Vietnam. With inputs from ILO, subordinate legislation was drafted to give force to the law and ensure protections for overseas workers.

IN UGANDA: In September, Global Fund partners, TdH NL and Dwelling Places, hosted Uganda's first ever National Dialogue on Child Trafficking. Government officials, civil society, and youth advocates joined together to take stock of the nation's response to trafficking and discuss ways forward. On the heels of this dialogue, and encouraged by a participating member of Parliament from Napak district, TdH NL and Dwelling Places were requested to present to the Parliamentary Committee on Gender and Social Affairs on how to better protect Uganda's children.

IN THE PHILIPPINES: Global Fund partners International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Blas F. Ople Policy Center, advocated and engaged government, CSOs, the private sector, and migrant workers groups to develop and launch a National Action Plan on Fair and Ethical Recruitment., culminating in passage of the law to create a Department of Migrant Workers. With provisions and definitions for fair and ethical recruitment, this law marks the first time ethical recruitment standards were specifically mentioned within a national legal framework.

ACROSS THE GLOBE:

With a community of anti-slavery leaders, the Global Fund issued an open letter to G7 leaders to elevate and act on the issue of forced labor, followed by recommendations for G7 trade ministers on how to end forced labor in supply chains.

2021 FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenue and Support

Government and private grants	\$23,755,968
Contributions	\$1,734

Total	\$23,757,702
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Expenses

Program Services	\$20,761,220
Management and General	\$1,084,286
Fundraising	\$255,196

Total	\$22,100,702
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Change in Net Assets	\$1,657,000
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,425,235
Grants receivable	\$4,419,446
Subaward Advances and Prepaid Expenses	\$2,197,820

Total Assets	\$8,042,501
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Total Liabilities	\$5,397,808
Total Net Assets	\$2,644,693

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$8,042,501
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**The complete audited financial statements as prepared by BDO may be viewed on our website.*

THANK YOU

To the donors who gave and the partners who implemented, thank you for your commitment and support in 2021. Together, we can end modern slavery.

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