

### Personal Story

"Di Noryou is a grandfather. His son's wife left at the beginning of 2005. He also has a grandson of 2 years called Nasadu. The three males live in the family home alone. The son's wife was trafficked by a dealer who came to the village. She went down to the market and then disappeared. This happens a lot to women who go to the market. They are deceived by the offer of a better life and are abducted from the area. Di Noryou, his son and his grandson have no idea if the mother of their house has been married to another family or whether she is being forced into work she does not want to do.

Mr. Di Noryou feels very sad and angry about what has happened. What is the point of living if there are no wives or mothers? Who will care for him? What about his son? Where is the mother of his child?"

Note: Since this story was collected, the project staff have returned to this village and found out that the women in this story managed to escape her situation and return home. She is now volunteering for The Salvation Army's anti-trafficking programs.

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# COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Working to Eradicate Slavery and Trafficking

### WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

Human trafficking is modern day slavery, involving victims who are forced, defrauded or coerced into labor or sexual exploitation.

Victims are trafficked for purposes including but not limited to prostitution, pornography, strip shows, mail order brides, sex tourism, military conscription, brick kilns, mining, sweat shops/factories, domestic, service, organ transplants, and begging.

# WHAT IS SAWSO DOING ABOUT IT?

SAWSO is currently working with both international and local partners to combat human trafficking in China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and Liberia. These projects employ an innovative, action-oriented process through which communities identify and develop strategies to combat human trafficking. The projects aim at directly impacting thousands of individuals with awareness messages, education opportunities, and tools to respond forcefully to the evils of human trafficking.





## WHAT IS THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM?

Approximately **27 million people** are enslaved in various forms of sexual and labor exploitation, more than at the height of the transatlantic slave trade. (K. Bales)

UNICEF estimates as many as 1.2 million children entering the sex trade every year.

The U.S. Department of State estimates between 600,000 and 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders each year. Millions more are enslayed within national borders.

In China there is an estimated 10,000-20,000 internal trafficking victims each year; the actual number of victims could be much greater. (U.S. Department of State.)

The U.S. Department of States estimates that between **14,500 and 17,500 people** are trafficked into the United States annually.

In Sri Lanka, 10,000—12,000 children from rural areas are trafficked and prostituted to pedophiles by organized crime groups. (Coalition Against Trafficking in Women)

#### PARTNERSHIPS

SAWSO is a member of the Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAAST) which is a partnership of faith-based organizations (World Hope International, World Relief, Project Rescue, The Salvation Army World Services Office) who are committed to the eradication of slavery and trafficking worldwide.

### HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- 1. Pray for the abolition of human trafficking.
- 2. Request information about human trafficking and share what you learn. To request information send an e-mail with the subject "human trafficking" to:
  - SAWSO\_Program@usn.salvationarmy.org
- 3. SAWSO needs your support. Your gift will provide where needed: a vulnerable community will be trained in combating trafficking, staff will be funded to set up prevention projects, trafficking victims will be cared for, and local groups will be empowered to collaborate.

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