

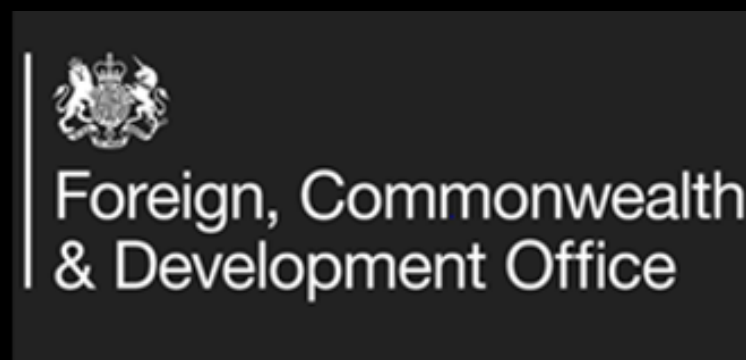


# Pathfinders Justice Initiative

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# Our Mission

Our mission is to prevent modern day sex slavery (sex trafficking) and liberate enslaved women and girls through the direct eradication of root causes. We currently work in Nigeria and with Nigerian survivors globally to build a best practices model for the developing world.



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# Our Theory of Change

ENGAGEMENT. EMPOWERMENT. ACCESS.

Our theory of change is that trafficking ends when human dignity is restored. Human dignity is restored when government is engaged, community is empowered and individuals have access. We believe that engagement, empowerment and access only happen in effective partnerships across all three sectors.

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# The Justice Initiative: Influencing the Influencers

Root cause addressed: Policy and legislation that permit sex-trafficking with impunity.

Through this project, we seek to dismantle inequitable social structures by educating, advising and calling into account policymakers and gate-keepers who have the power to end sex-trafficking. By working with law enforcement, legislators, judges, and other decision-makers to create systems, policies and practices that close the gaps that permit trafficking, we reduce the number of victims. Our work here is twofold: shed light on these systemic gaps and close them through training, accountability and legal advocacy. Additionally, we organize and conduct national and international trainings and workshops for Parliamentarians, government officials and the general public on human trafficking and migration.

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# Pathway to Freedom: Curating Access

Root cause addressed: Lack of access to life-sustaining economic opportunity and basic social services.

Our core project prevents sex-trafficking, liberates trapped women and girls and provides a new path forward for at-risk women and girls. We provide alternative paths to livelihood, education, awareness of the dangers and risks of sex-trafficking as well as the core resources needed to reduce the exposure to risk. Our programming has two arms: we help women and girls vulnerable to being trafficked (pre-trafficking) and assist those who have already been trafficked to leave captivity and rebuild their lives with custom PATH Plans, legal services, financial literacy, start-up capital, vocational skills training, education scholarships, counseling, medical services and housing. Our 20-bed shelter facility is the only one in Edo State dedicated exclusively to sex-trafficking survivors. Our work reclaims the concepts of community, family, and trust among survivors. From there, we create the lateral bonds that facilitate a supportive economic network of women on their transformative journey from victim to survivor to advocate.

# Truthtellers: Speaking Truth to the Seemingly Powerless

Root causes addressed: Socio-cultural norms and paradigms that devalue women and girls and the lack of inclusive community awareness and education.

Our community transformation/education project brings awareness to local communities about the hidden realities of sex-trafficking, its impact, alternative economic pathways and the power of women and girls. Truth Tellers accomplishes this through campaigns, trainings, seminars, daily public service announcements on radio and monthly outreach initiatives and workshops. Additionally, Truth Tellers engages male allies as a way of building cross-gender support and breaking down cultural norms around the devaluation of women.

# Our Program Partners:

We believe that partnership and collaboration are fundamental to this work and are grateful to the many partnerships that magnify our efforts.

## Government Partners

We have served as consultants to the legislative arm of Nigeria's Government, the Office of the Senate President, Nigeria's National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking In Persons (NAPTIP), the Edo State Government and its Task Force Against Human Trafficking, the UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking, the Edo State Ministry of Women Affairs and the UK Home Office (via its Modern Slavery Project).

## CSO Partners

We also partner with national and international CSOs, including The Salvation Army, On the Road (Italy), Piam Onlus (Italy), Be Free (Italy), LEFO (Austria), Dispositif National Ac.Sé (France), The Justice Project (Germany), Doctors Without Borders (Libya), Shalom House (Ivory Coast), Mayak Foundation (Russia), International Organization for Migration (IOM-Nigeria), Network Against Child Trafficking and Labour (NACTAL) to provide survivor services.



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