

FREEDOM REPORT

ABOLISH SLAVERY EVERYWHERE, FOREVER

2019

REACH

Educating and equipping everyone to understand, identify, and reduce the risk of human trafficking

RECOVER

Partnering with authorities to secure the freedom of victims and the conviction of human traffickers

RESTORE

Empowering survivors of human trafficking on their unique journeys toward restoration and independence



A Note From the Frontlines in Cambodia

Meet Ong*. His story is one that we see everyday here in Southeast Asia. And it's survivors like him who are the reason I'm committed to fighting trafficking in this region.

18-month-old Ong had been sold and used for begging since he was born. After seeing Ong on the street, our team contacted the police and worked together with authorities to bring him to safety. Ong is now free. We were able to find him a loving foster family in his home country of Cambodia, who is committed to supporting him for life.

Over half of the cases we've seen in Southeast Asia are minors, many of which come from Cambodia—this is why 2019 was such a big year for us. We opened a brand new Child Advocacy Center and office in Cambodia to protect vulnerable children, safeguard victims, and provide holistic aftercare to survivors in this region.

I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for helping us get closer to abolishing slavery everywhere, forever. Your impact is spreading farther than you may think. There is nothing like seeing a human life move from the most horrific of exploitation to restored hope for the future.

This report is a testament to that impact. And it's my hope that in reading the pages that follow, you will see the possibility of what we can accomplish when we all come together.

Kristen

Kristen Scharf, *Development Manager, Cambodia*

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A Global Crisis

The Cycle of Human Trafficking



Human trafficking is hidden, fast-growing, and complex—generating billions each year through the exploitation of millions of people. The vulnerable are being deceived, those who are exploited are left with no way out, and the few who do escape often lack the support needed to avoid being re-trafficked. Unless there's intervention, the cycle will continue...

Vulnerability

An individual becomes vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation when they are exposed to risk factors like instability, violence and abuse, poor education, substance misuse, poverty, homelessness, and unemployment. These factors can weaken defensive measures and make them more susceptible to trafficking and exploitation.

Exploitation

Victimization occurs when someone is coerced, deceived, forced, or when there is an abuse of power. This can look like false job opportunities, a loverboy method, or being sold by a family member into labor or sex trafficking.

Re-Victimization

When a survivor exits a trafficking situation, the resulting trauma combined with the original unresolved risk factors perpetuates the likelihood of being re-exploited, and the cycle of trafficking continues.

A Radical Hope

A21's Solution



But over the last 11 years, we've seen awareness prevent trafficking on a massive scale, hotlines and professional trainings lead to the identification of victims, and countless lives that were once enslaved restored to freedom and independence. We know how to stop the cycle of human trafficking–and with your help, we will.

Reach

Educating and equipping everyone to understand, identify, and reduce the risk of human trafficking through programs like education curriculum, prevention materials, and awareness campaigns.

Recover

Partnering with authorities to secure the freedom of victims and the conviction of traffickers through initiatives like hotlines, Child Advocacy Centers, identification trainings, and legal support.

Restore

Empowering survivors of human trafficking on their unique journeys toward restoration and independence through holistic aftercare, safe accommodation, and relocation services.

GLOBAL *Highlights*



Launched ***It's a Penalty*** at the ***Super Bowl LIII***—reaching ***138.6+ million people***



Launched ***Can You See Me?*** in ***70 Texas cities***—reaching ***10+ million people***



Over ***1,000 survivors*** have entered our care in the last ***11 years***



500 walks took place in ***52 countries*** during our ***6th*** annual ***Walk For Freedom***



Opened our ***3rd Freedom Center*** in ***Bulgaria*** to welcome survivors into our care



Won ***20 court cases***, sentencing a total of ***31 traffickers***



Assisted ***323 total survivors*** in 2019, while welcoming ***184 new survivors*** into our care



Secured freedom for ***331 victims of trafficking***



Launched ***Can You See Me?*** in ***South Africa*** in collaboration with local partners



Opened our ***2nd Child Advocacy Center*** (CAC) and our ***newest office*** in ***Cambodia***



REACH

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Reach is the difference between *vulnerability* and *safety.*

From equipping educators in America with school curriculum to inform students—to reaching the most at-risk children on the streets of Cambodia with prevention comics—to rallying millions of people across the world to raise awareness—together, we are breaking the cycle of slavery.

Together, we've reached...

1.4 million people

through prevention and awareness events and presentations—**74,738** of which were **minors**

621,462 students

with education on human trafficking through the ***Bodies Are Not Commodities*** High School Curriculum, and 2,664 educators were trained

Tens of millions

through our ***Can You See Me?*** Campaign in the U.S., U.K., Thailand, South Africa, and Mexico

138.6+ million people

through the ***It's a Penalty*** **Campaign at Super Bowl LIII** in Atlanta

82 million people

on social media through 500 walks hosted in 52 countries during our largest **Walk For Freedom** yet



Primary Prevention Program

The First Program of Its Kind—Protecting Children From Trafficking

This year, your support made it possible for our teams on the ground in Thailand and Cambodia to counteract traffickers' tactics to prey on vulnerable children by empowering them to both recognize and avoid situations that could lead to trafficking.

In Thailand, over 64% of the cases we've assisted have been minors. That's why we created and piloted our Primary Prevention Program in Thai schools—a program designed to equip educators to help children understand their rights and how to make safe decisions.





A single decision can be the difference between slavery and freedom. Since we piloted the program in 2018, we've reached over 7,000 children with the potentially life-saving message of prevention—educating them on key topics like child rights, safe and unsafe migration, and human trafficking to equip them to make safe decisions.



The program is child-friendly, play-based, and will be developed in three languages in its initial phase. To expand the program's reach, we've also filmed training videos to equip facilitators on how to best use the program in their classrooms.

Want to see what the program looks like in action?

Check out this 360° video of Steph, our Thailand Reach Manager, facilitating the program in a classroom in Thailand.

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500
walks in 52 countries

284,000+
awareness materials distributed

82 million
people reached through media



Check out our global recap video of the 2019 Walk For Freedom!

Walk For Freedom

Against Slavery. For Freedom.



Coming together for the one thing that unites us all—a belief in freedom for every single human life.

This past year, Walk For Freedom united people across the globe—from state senators and city mayors, to local groups and families, to law enforcement and survivors of human trafficking.

Regardless of a person's occupation, age, or background, tens of thousands showed up in 500 places across 52 countries in rain, sunshine, and snow to take a stand against slavery and for freedom.





THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 WALK FOR FREE-

THE LITTLE BURROS

the best is yet to come
MORACIO PRINTING

THORSEN

Vanguard CONSTRUCTION

From Victim to Walk Host

A walk host in Massachusetts gave her testimony as a survivor of human trafficking. As she led their walk alongside police and her 5-year-old daughter, people started joining them off the street. We admire every survivor who chose to show up and take a stand for the freedom of others.

From a Walk to a Rescue

"A participant showed up for our walk last year, and realized that her daughter might be a victim of forced labor in Costa Rica. A few months later, her daughter was rescued and assisted to safety. This year, they both showed up to walk together and take a stand so others can be rescued just like her." —*Walk Host*

From Slavery to Advocacy

"I own two schools in Idaho. One of my graduates contacted me after hearing about
a local walk. She said she had been a victim of trafficking a couple years prior and had
escaped a trafficking ring that was happening



Can You See Me?

Tell the stories. Break the patterns.



South Africa

Can You See Me? was launched across South Africa in collaboration with the government, corporate and NGO partners, and the A21-operated South African National Human Trafficking Hotline. This campaign features four new films that depict common trafficking scenarios involving sex trafficking, child labor, forced labor, and domestic servitude in South Africa.

Our team in South Africa hosted a launch event of the film scenarios in the Waterfront of Cape Town where key partners, stakeholders, and celebrities attended.



USA

This year, the state of Texas rallied behind *Can You See Me?* in a major way. By joining forces with Clear Channel, the Outdoor Advertising Association of Texas (OAAT), and Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott, *Can You See Me?* materials launched on billboards in over 70 cities across the state. Senator Ted Cruz, Senator Carol Alvarado, OAAT President Lee Vela, State Representative Senfronia Thompson, the FBI, and local and state law enforcement entities also attended the official launch event in Houston to support the launch of the campaign.

The Impact

This bi-lingual campaign highlights the realities of modern-day slavery in the USA through five different scenarios and is predicted to reach tens of millions of people through October 2020 with over 400 billboards roadside.

Since the launch, nearly 20 press events across Texas have taken place, educating communities with its important message. At these events, Walk For Freedom hosts, Texas elected officials, law enforcement, survivor advocates, advertising agencies and local anti-trafficking groups came together to expand *Can You See Me?*—believing that we will see more calls to the national hotline, victims identified, and awareness raised in America than ever before.



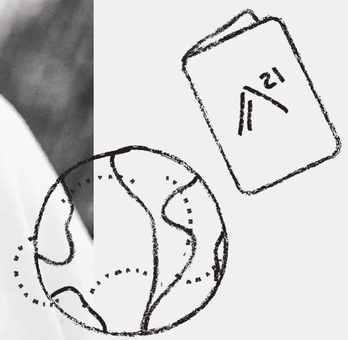
This year, our CEO and Founder, Nick Caine, decided he wanted to do more to raise awareness around human trafficking. He rallied some friends to partake in the Cape Epic Race, a bike race spanning over 400 miles of rough terrain in South Africa.

But this was more than training, biking, and even conquering challenging terrain—***Nick's decision to fundraise and abolitionists deciding to support him for this race were the reasons our* Can You See Me?** ***Awareness Campaign was funded in South Africa.*** Now, this campaign is displayed all over the country, educating the public on what human trafficking looks like and empowering them to report suspected trafficking scenarios to our hotline.

Check out the new South Africa* Can You See Me? *scenarios.









What could have ended in slavery, ended in protection and freedom.

Alexander's Story

How Reach is ending vulnerability and bringing awareness.

We met Alexander* at one of the kids camps our team hosted in Ukraine. He approached our team with excitement and said, "Thank you for saving my grandma!"

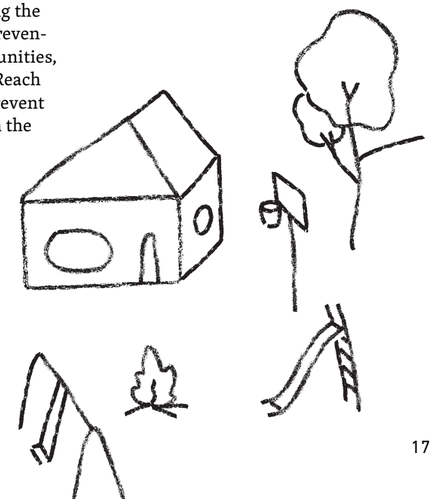
Alexander continued to tell us that he had attended this same camp the previous year, learned about trafficking, and had brought our prevention materials home. He told his family about human trafficking and gave them the brochures.

Months later, his grandma received a job offer from abroad—and Alexander's parents suggested that she contact A21 to check if it was safe to sign this job agreement.

After our team reviewed the contract, it appeared to be unsafe and his grandma declined the job. After notifying law enforcement, we later found out that the job offer was in fact dangerous.

What could have ended in slavery, ended in protection and freedom because of one 13-year-old boy who became aware of human trafficking.

And there are more people like Alexander all over the world who are changing the statistics—sharing empowering prevention information with their communities, friends, and families. This is why Reach efforts are crucial, because they prevent trafficking from ever happening in the first place.



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Human Trafficking Awareness Program Launch + My Freedom Day With CNN

My Freedom Day is an annual student-led campaign through The CNN Freedom Project, and this year our team hosted student events in the U.K., Australia, Mexico, USA, and Spain. Our team partnered with CNN, reaching millions of students in 100+ countries through interviews and conversations about what freedom means to them. CNN was also live in Los Angeles where we launched and piloted our new Human Trafficking Awareness Program (HTAP), designed to equip anyone anywhere to educate their community on human trafficking. *Visit A21.org/HTAP for more information.*



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Major Prevention Campaign Launch With Spanish Law Enforcement

This campaign, in collaboration with Spanish law enforcement, involved brochures resembling passports containing information in nine different languages on indicators of human trafficking and ways to report it. Over 5,000 brochures were distributed along the Spanish border, in airports, and other entry ports reaching thousands of the most vulnerable people with the life-saving message of prevention. After the launch event, there was major news coverage from over 23 press outlets raising awareness about human trafficking, sharing the brochure, and expanding on the work of A21.

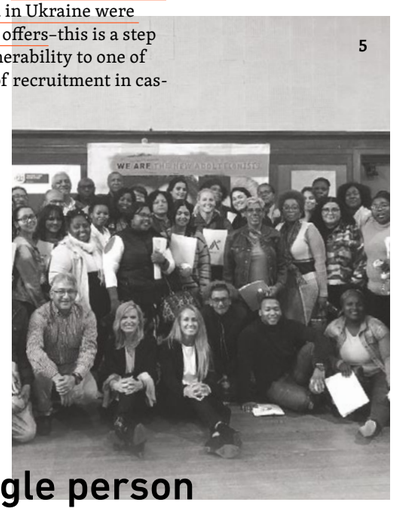
We want to see every single person reached with the life-saving messages of prevention and awareness.

Reach around the world

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Prevention Training With Professionals and Students

A21 Ukraine has been working with the border agency conducting trainings with professionals and students that focus on how to avoid false job advertisements and unsafe migration. In 2019, 96% of the survivors we assisted in Ukraine were recruited by false job offers–this is a step toward reducing vulnerability to one of the largest methods of recruitment in cases we see in Ukraine.


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Prioritizing Anti-Slavery Efforts Alongside the Norwegian Government

The Norwegian Government is set to implement a new aid program against human trafficking globally in Spring of 2020, focusing on prevention work and giving organizations the opportunity to apply for government aid. A21 was invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Minister to collaborate on this new aid program along with other NGOs and organizations. We are so grateful to come alongside the Norwegian Government as they prioritize work to end slavery.

5

Training Educators With Education Curriculum

In partnership with the Western Cape Education Department, our team trained teachers, guidance counselors, and subject advisors on practical teaching methods in the classroom on human trafficking. Our *Bodies Are Not Commodities* Education Curriculum used in the training is being uploaded onto the National ePortal for implementation across South Africa—reaching an estimated 2 million students.

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Awareness Events in Collaboration With Orthodox Churches in Greece

300 flyers were given to the Representer of Holy Diocese of Xanth to distribute to the priests of Orthodox Churches in Xanthi at an awareness event held in partnership with the Diocese. We also had an awareness event in partnership with the Bishop of Volos Orthodox church where many representatives of the Orthodox churches expressed interest in partnering with A21 in a local context. Awareness materials were distributed to all the attendees of the event including: church representatives, local citizens, frontline professionals, and the National Rapporteur for Trafficking.

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Awareness Spread All Throughout Mexico

In partnership with the Mexican Government, our *Can You See Me?* Campaign has been displayed in 77 airports, and has majorly impacted the country of Mexico this past year—assisting 76,924 migrants, informing 2 million people, training 337 police officers, and educating 700+ students in schools and universities. The scenario sheds light on common labor trafficking and sexual exploitation scenarios in Mexico. We've also renewed our MOU with the Mexican National Human Trafficking Hotline for the launch of additional scenarios.

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It's a Penalty Campaign Reaches Millions Surrounding the Super Bowl

Professional athletes like Andy Dalton, Nick Foles, and Aaron Rodgers, spoke out against trafficking and exploitation surrounding the Super Bowl LIII for this year's *It's a Penalty* campaign—reaching millions through in-flight campaign materials on American Airlines and British Airways, media coverage and news outlets, social media, rideshare services, and distribution through our team on the ground.

Our team delivered campaign awareness materials to 300 hotels in Atlanta in partnership with the SOAP Project. As a result, four children were identified from the missing children list that was provided. One was in the hotels at the time of the outreach and the hotel called the police to assist the child.


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TOGETHER

is how we will reach more people with life-saving messages—turning vulnerability into

SAFETY.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PLAY YOUR PART





RECOVER

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Rescue is the difference between *exploitation* and *freedom*.

We are breaking the cycle of trafficking by intervening and assisting victims out of exploitation—whether it's through a bystander calling the hotline, a law enforcement officer partnering with our hotline staff to locate the victim, a hospital that coordinates an A21 training with their staff to identify victims and report it, a social worker advocating for child victims' legal protection at our Child Advocacy Center—or a supporter like you, making all of this possible through your faithful support.

Through your support...

160 operations

secured freedom for **331 victims of trafficking**

20 court cases

were won in Greece, Bulgaria, South Africa, Thailand, and Ukraine

31 traffickers

were sentenced to **638 years** in prison and thousands of dollars in fines

3,547 frontline professionals

were trained to identify victims

125 victims were identified and assisted

through our three National Human Trafficking Hotlines

Breaking News



83 Targeted Flight Operations

A21 U.K. has participated in numerous "targeted flight operations" in partnership with U.K. Border Force and the National Crime Agency across four airports in the U.K. In these operations, A21 supports Border Force's efforts to identify victims by conducting victim identification screenings with passengers on pre-specified inbound and outbound flights from countries where victims are known to be trafficked from into the U.K. This year, our team covered 83 flights spanning over 18 countries, resulting in the identification of 10 victims and potential victims of trafficking.

Two Survivors' Testimonies Lead to 7 Sentenced Traffickers

Two survivors in Greece bravely shared their testimonies despite major opposition—resulting in the conviction of seven members of a trafficking ring. This is a precedent-setting victory that not only brought justice to these survivors, but will continue to bring justice in future human trafficking cases in Greece.

Many Survivors of Labor Trafficking in Ukraine

Our team in Ukraine conducted victim identification screenings after a major law enforcement operation resulted in the freedom of 82 victims of trafficking. They had all been promised a job, but instead were forced to work extended hours with little or no pay. But today, they are free and experiencing restoration as a result.



Freedom for a Child in Southeast Asia

He was drugged and forced to beg for money on the streets day and night—physically abused by his trafficker if he didn't return with enough money. One day, our team noticed him on the street during a victim identification operation. By working alongside authorities, we were able to assist him off the street and into safety. Today, he is free and can be a child again. Your support is providing the necessary care he needs to recover, and is enabling our team to journey with him each step of the way.



For more stories like these and to stay in the loop,
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or check out
A21.org/Newsroom

79 Victims Free in South Africa–Including 34 Children

A collaborative operation among several government departments in South Africa has led to the recovery of 45 adult and 34 child foreign national victims of forced labor. This is how we will end slavery—through the partnership, collaboration, and unity of people from all sectors of society working together and playing their part.



Calls to the A21 Greek Hotline Exposes an Infant Trafficking Ring

Our Greek Hotline received a number of calls about pregnant women begging in a public square. After our team investigated and identified indicators of exploitation, the police were alerted immediately.

As a result, several traffickers were arrested and a large infant trafficking ring was exposed, involving 36 people. Traffickers had recruited pregnant women from other countries and then forced them to beg on the streets during their pregnancy—once they gave birth, their babies were sold and they were returned to their home countries.

This case raised the need for human trafficking training in hospitals—the anti-trafficking police asked A21 to partake in a training they organized with the largest public hospital in Thessaloniki, involving an all-day seminar on human trafficking for healthcare



11 Victims Identified Through the Hotline

The A21 Bulgarian Hotline responded to a request from the Bulgarian National Commission for Combatting Human Trafficking, which resulted in the identification of 11 Bulgarian victims who were trafficked for labor in Spain. As a result of the report to the hotline, our team worked with the National Commission to assist in the survivors' return to Bulgaria.





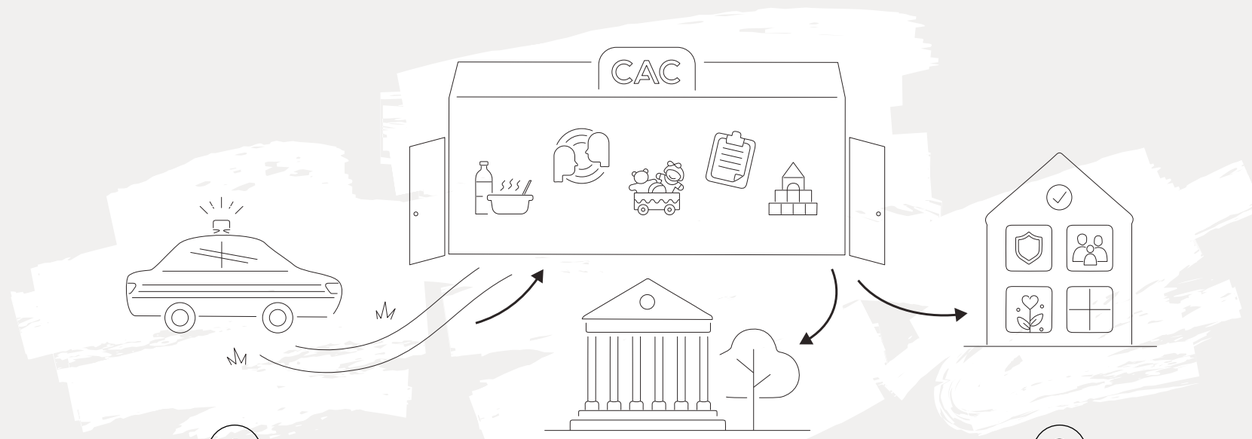
Introducing A21 Cambodia

Breaking the cycle of child trafficking in Southeast Asia.

Through partnerships and relationships with the Siem Reap Governors, Ministry of Social Affairs, Anti-Human Trafficking and Juvenile Protection Office, Homeland Security, and FBI–we officially opened our second Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Cambodia, and with it the launch of our newest location.

Since our work began in Southeast Asia, over 50% of the minors we've assisted in Thailand were from Cambodia and the surrounding regions.

Our new location in Poipet will be expanding prevention and education efforts within at-risk communities to reduce a child's vulnerability to trafficking, as well as collaborating with local and foreign law enforcement to assist child victims into the safety of the CAC—ensuring a child survivor's testimony is effectively used in court against their trafficker and providing proper aftercare services. Through these prevention, intervention, and restorative efforts, we believe we will continue to safeguard children from exploitation and break the cycle of slavery in the Southeast Asia region and around the world.



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Safety

Partnering with law enforcement

2

Protection

Entering a safe environment & pursuing justice

3

Restoration

Finding a safe family & home



Our hope is to expand operations like the CAC into more places—assisting children out of exploitation across the world. This is just the beginning.

The Power of the CAC

Our Child Advocacy Centers in Southeast Asia began because of a need for a specialized response to child-victims of trafficking and abuse. Instead of going to a police station—which can be intimidating for a child—the CAC provides a safe, child-friendly environment, where interviewers are specially trained to gather information from a child, protecting them from retraumatization and collecting their testimony to be used in court against their trafficker. This is conducted alongside providing proper care and support services for the child, allowing them to heal from their abuse and experience restoration to a healthy childhood.

Want to see a 360° Tour of our Cambodia Child Advocacy Center?

Scan the code above and join Phil, our COO, and Kristen, our Cambodia Development Manager.

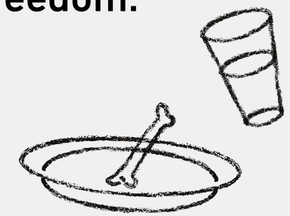
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Meet Chan

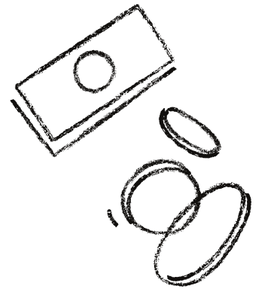
Read his story to see how rescue is ending exploitation and bringing freedom.





Chan* is from Cambodia. Chan wanted to travel for a summer job. Chan is only 11. Here's the backstory.





Chan's family was deceived by a recruiter offering families compensation if they allowed their children to travel for a summer job. But instead, Chan was sold across borders into a forced begging ring. Severely abused, denied food, water, and forced to work extended hours, Chan spent his nights begging for money—beaten if he didn't return with enough.

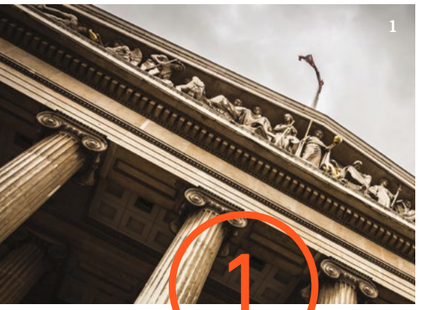
One day during a police raid, Chan was assisted to safety along with a group of children forced to beg in a popular tourist area. He was taken to our Child Advocacy Center where he was cared for by an A21 social worker who conducted a forensic interview in a safe, child-friendly space. After the interview, he was identified as a victim of human trafficking and our aftercare team was able to assist him with counseling and basic needs support.

We assisted his return back to Cambodia and helped him reunite with his family.

In tears, his mother said, "I didn't know if I would ever see you again".

Your support has given Chan a new beginning—of safety, education, and dreams to be a famous musician one day. And with our new Child Advocacy Center and office location in Cambodia, we know that together, we will be able to assist more children like Chan to freedom.

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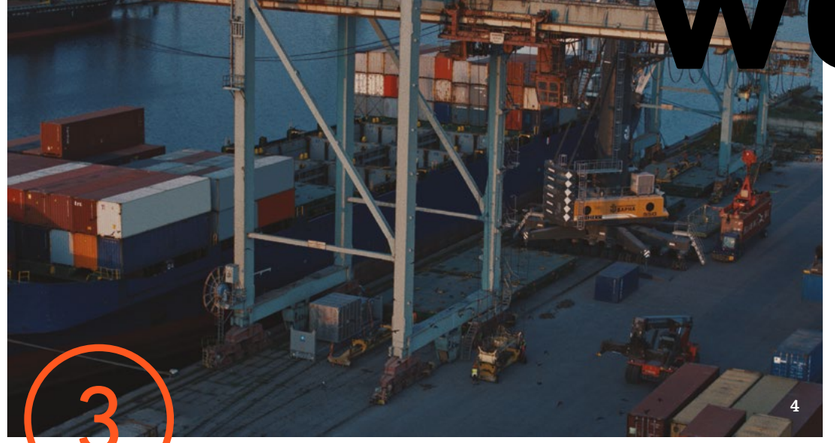
Support for Survivors in Court Results in Conviction of Trafficker

Often, facing their traffickers in court is emotionally difficult for survivors. A21 came alongside several survivors in the USA in the victim-witness process by attending the court hearing with them, and providing appropriate clothing for court, transportation, food, consistent counseling, and emotional support so that the survivors could reach stability and effectively testify against their trafficker. The survivors' trafficker was then convicted in the U.S. Federal Court including charges of sex trafficking, production of child pornography, transporting victims interstate for prostitution, operating an interstate prostitution enterprise, and more.

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A21 and the U.S. Department of Transportation

The U.S. Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking submitted its final report on "Combating Human Trafficking in the Transportation Sector" to the Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary of Transportation. As one of the Committee's 15 members, our Government Relations Director, Mi Yung Park, provided input into the final report, and drafted the subcommittee report on awareness and training. The Committee report provides recommendations to the Department of Transportation on best practices to combat human trafficking in the transportation sector and highlights the use of A21's *Can You See Me?* PSA campaign as one of the recommended best practices.



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A21 Thailand and DSI Law Enforcement—Ending Child Sex Tourism

Our team in Thailand has built a strong working relationship with the Department of Special Investigations in Thailand. Together, we are collaborating on both domestic and international child sex tourism cases. We were honored to have received an award from the DSI for support in investigations and professional trainings for Thai law enforcement officers—we believe this relationship will lead to freedom and justice for more children.

Our rescue efforts aim to assist, empower, and collaborate with all areas of society–all over the world.

Rescue around the world

4

Training Shipping Companies and Professionals

Our South Africa Country Manager, Katie Modrau, spoke during a panel presentation at the annual FIATA (International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations) World Congress in Cape Town to address the issue of human trafficking to an audience of global freighting and logistics companies and how they can put an end to trafficking happening in their industry.

Global freighting and shipping containers can be utilized by traffickers to transport victims to their destination country. One of the most impactful moments for our Co-founder, Christine Caine, was when she met a survivor who was trafficked into another country through a shipping container. (Watch the survivor's story through the QR code below.) This moment highlights the importance of training global freight and shipping companies on how to identify and prevent human trafficking.

Years ago, a survivor had been trafficked in a shipping container. Today she is free. Watch her story by scanning the QR code.

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Training Hospital and Medical Staff in the U.K. & Thailand

Often, medical personnel such as ER staff may be the only people who have the opportunity to engage with victims without their traffickers present. We've had impactful opportunities to train medical staff in both the U.K. and Thailand on how to identify victims in their hospitals.

A21 U.K. trained professionals at the world-renowned hospital, Great Ormond Street Hospital in London, as well as The London Clinic Independent Hospital. During these trainings, hospital staff including doctors, nurses, and members of safeguarding teams said that they had noticed signs of exploitation and trafficking in patients and their visitors. Many foreign patients traveling internationally to receive specialist treatment from Great Ormond Street Hospital have nannies or other "employees" who may in reality be experiencing exploitation or trafficking.

A21 Thailand has also partnered with a local medical NGO in the south of Thailand to conduct victim identification trainings to 78 medical professionals from hospitals in the Narathiwat and Yala provinces—areas where awareness and training are vitally important.



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Judicial Seminar on Human Trafficking, Forced Labor, & Child Exploitation in Thailand

A21 Thailand cosponsored a judicial conference on human trafficking to 32 judges from all over Thailand and 10 observers from the British Embassy, Dutch Embassy, Australian Embassy, and other NGOs. Our Government Relations Director and Thailand Country Manager gave presentations on victim-centered prosecutions, and addressed questions specific to online child exploitation cases and the use of computer forensics. This was the first conference in Thailand for judges focused on human trafficking—and just the beginning of the justice system playing a major role in ending trafficking in Thailand.



Freedom is a result of one person after

deciding to use what's in their hands to join the fight.

TAKE YOUR PLACE HERE

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Restore is the difference between *re-victimization* and *independence*.

By empowering survivors to live independently in their communities, we are breaking the cycle of slavery and preventing re-victimization. With the trauma and abuse survivors have experienced, there can be a vulnerability to being re-trafficked or exploited when lacking the proper support and resources. A21's community-based aftercare model is designed to provide care and support to each survivor based on their unique needs—reducing the likelihood of re-trafficking, while also restoring hope, possibility, and dreams for their future.

Because of your support...

323 total survivors

were assisted in 2019

184 new survivors

came into our care in 2019

50 more survivors

came into our care throughout 2019 compared to 2018

Our 3rd Freedom Center

opened in Sofia, Bulgaria

Repatriation

Survivors that were repatriated back to their home countries **doubled**, and survivors that were relocated domestically **tripled** compared to 2018







Freedom Center in Bulgaria

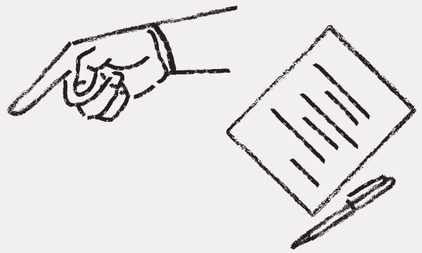
Providing a safe environment for survivors to experience restoration.

We were excited to open our newest Freedom Center in Bulgaria this last year—providing another safe environment for survivors to experience holistic aftercare while they move toward a life of independence.

Through your support and the generosity of people like you, as well as our amazing grant partner, Dressember, we were able to create an inviting, comfortable, and refreshing atmosphere in an incredible facility.

The center serves as a safe place for survivors to receive counseling, support with job searches, vocational skills training, language and cooking classes, creative arts therapy, and life skills development while also providing them with community-based support.

Thank you for creating a place where despair can be replaced with new dreams. Where trauma is replaced with healing. Where limitation is replaced with resources. And where fear is replaced with the hope of a bright future.



Rose's Story

How our restoration model is ending re-victimization and bringing independence

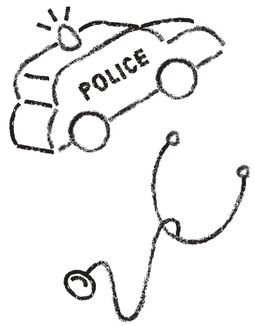


After high school, Rose* trained as a nursing auxiliary worker in South Africa. However, after several personal tragedies and hardships, she found herself desperate for work. When a job in another city became available, Rose gladly took it. However, the job was falsely advertised—she was forced against her will into prostitution. She couldn't move freely and was violently abused. One day, Rose managed to escape with the help of local police. She was connected with A21 and has been in our care taking steps toward full healing and restoration. We are so proud of her as she's courageously faced the pain of her trauma, pressed criminal charges against her trafficker, and has been rebuilding the foundations of her life—including working as an auxiliary nurse again and becoming more independent by the day.



"A21 supported my journey emotionally and financially. Meeting with the A21 social worker helped me to discuss my fears and my goals for the future, and eventually, I was able to practice as an auxiliary nurse again. I am now confident and independent. Thank you so much A21 for turning victims of human trafficking into survivors. I am ready to face the outside world as an independent woman."

—Rose*, A21 Survivor



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Restore Statistics

184 **New Survivors in Our Care**

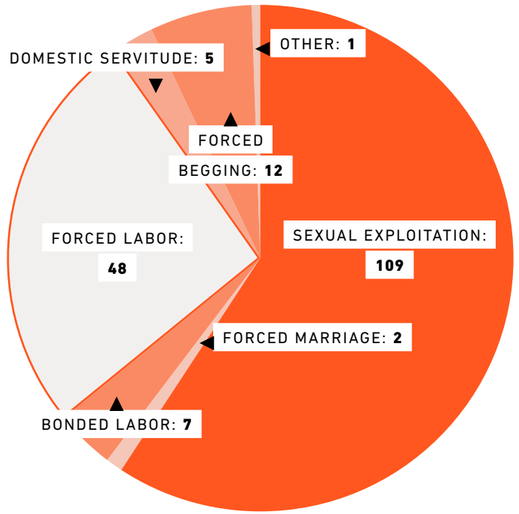
Gender of Survivors



Age of Survivors

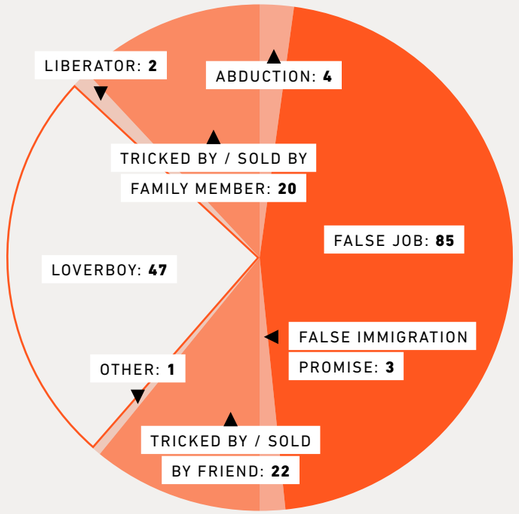


Forms of Trafficking



Country of Origin





Recruitment Methods

FALSE JOB:
An 'agency,' acquaintance, or false advertisement that lures the victim with a job opportunity.

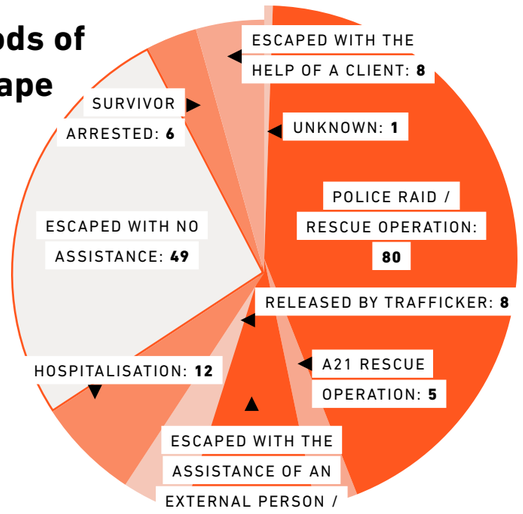
LOVERBOY:
A recruiter who gains a woman's trust by pursuing her romantically.

FALSE IMMIGRATION PROMISE:
An 'agency' or smuggler who promises assistance to a better life in a new country. The victim is trafficked upon arrival, usually with a debt held over them.

LIBERATOR:
A recruiter who helps a victim escape from a situation of abuse, domestic violence, or trafficking, only to re-traffick them.

**Data taken from A21 cases in 2019.*

Methods of Escape



How Your Support Brought New Beginnings

58 domestic relocations were facilitated

47 international repatriations or relocations were facilitated

73 survivors found employment

87 survivors enrolled in an education course

We've Welcomed Over 1,000 Survivors Into Our Care

The victories of one thousand will give hope for the millions—that another story is possible. And another. And another. Until every single one is free.

1,000 survivors have come through our care in the last 11 years. That's a survivor every 4 days. Soon to be every day, and soon to be every hour—because we're just getting started...

From receiving basic needs, to partaking in trauma-rehabilitation programs, to building life skills, to seeking justice against their traffickers—restoration can be a long journey. But this year, we're celebrating the bravery and resilience of over one thousand survivors that overcame obstacles and kept moving forward with determination and perseverance towards the life they always wanted. And we celebrate supporters like you who provide the care that leads to freedom.

Maria* is one of a thousand who lives in freedom because of your support. And her story shows exactly how you are breaking the cycle of slavery.

1 After being trafficked for years, Maria bravely escaped. 2 On the run, she collided with a woman who had become aware of human trafficking through one of our posters. 3 The woman called our hotline 4 and the police conducted a raid to rescue others. 5 In our aftercare program, Maria received medical support, took language lessons, engaged in our group programs, and developed the skills to help her thrive in a new community. 6 Today, she's living in her very own apartment, 7 and working full time. 8 Right now, Maria is testifying in court against her traffickers. This chapter in her life ends not just in freedom but also in justice.

We long for more stories like Maria's. We long for the day where slavery no longer exists. And today, you can make freedom possible for a woman trapped in the sex trade. A child sold into an online trafficking ring. A man labor trafficked across borders. And for the millions more.

Scan the code above to view Maria's full story.



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Eshe* Is Free From a Lifetime of Sex Slavery

We first met Eshe when she arrived in Greece for a fresh start. She lost her parents as a baby, and her caretaker had different plans for her. She started abusing Eshe physically, sexually, and psychologically at 10 years old, and later decided to make money by locking her in a room and forcing her to meet the sexual demands of different men. Until one day, Eshe convinced a client to help her escape.

Despite her trauma, Eshe came into our care with incredible determination. Our team stood with her as she rebuilt her life from scratch—attending our Freedom Center and taking part in A21 Life Programs. She was smart and passionate about life. And eventually, she found her first job by herself, later winning a scholarship to study business.

Today, Eshe is living out the dreams she thought were lost. She is educated, independent, and saving for her future. What was once robbed by slavery, is now restored—a life of freedom, independence, and a bright future.

2

13 Survivors Return Safely to Bulgaria

13 survivors who had been trafficked to Spain were safely repatriated back to their hometown in Bulgaria after six months of exploitation. A21 Bulgaria worked alongside The National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings to provide safe transportation and care packs to survivors, along with supporting their basic needs.



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We saw restoration take place all over the world because of the generosity of people like you.

Restore around the world

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"Brave Hearts Strong Minds" Program Piloted in Cambodia

Developed by our Global Director of Aftercare, Dr. Rhiannon Bell, this new program was piloted in Cambodia for child survivors of trafficking who are now living in foster care families. The program allows child survivors of trafficking to develop emotional resilience skills to manage the aftermath of their trauma. This photo is of a child drawing their emotions on a balloon to describe how they feel.



4

New Play Therapy Room Opened in Cambodia

Survivors of human trafficking and child exploitation are able to come to this room and express themselves in a supportive environment. Play therapy is a form of psychotherapy that uses play to help children process emotional and mental health issues. We believe this room will provide healing and hope for many child survivors of trafficking in Cambodia.



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Independence for Lilly* in South Africa

Lilly was offered a job working in the clothing and cleaning industry. But instead of finding herself in a secure job, Lilly was trafficked into sexual exploitation. After several months, Lilly managed to find freedom and safety through the help of local police. A21 has been working with Lilly for about a year, and she has made incredible steps forward in her life. She is focused on developing her own small business, rebuilding family relationships, and feeling empowered to lead her own life.

"I like working with A21 because they have patience with me and teach me a lot of things that help me with my future. They have helped me to find my identity and to work on reaching my goals. They are caring and loving." - Lilly*

6

Medical Support and Safety for a Man in Ukraine

A man who was desperate for work accepted a false job opportunity in Ukraine—he was forced to work in hard conditions on a farm. He tried to escape only to be captured again and beaten for multiple nights in a row. Thankfully, he managed to reach out for help. The police were notified and he was assisted into A21's care. We were able to coordinate medical care for his many health problems, as well as assist with accommodation and renewing his legal documents. Today, he is safe and journeying toward healing and restoration.

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Three Survivors Graduate From the USA Aftercare Program

A21 Tiered Aftercare support guides survivors through four different stages of care based on their individual needs. Three survivors in the U.S. have transitioned into the final stage of the program and are on their way to living fully independent lives, engaged in their communities. We are so proud of their progress and can't wait to see what the future holds for them.

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U.S. Aftercare Recognized by the Government and Law Enforcement

A21's work with survivors was recognized by several Federal and State law enforcement and government entities at the U.S. Attorney's Office Southern States Conference. Our Senior Caseworker, Kailey Ellis, was in attendance and they asked her to come on stage so they could highlight what we do. It was an honor.

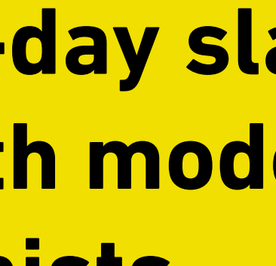
Survivors' names may have been changed for their protection.

Modern-day slavery ends with modern-day abolitionists.

This decade, change will happen. Freedom will prevail. But the rate that freedom will advance is largely determined by the efforts of supporters like you.



By informing our communities about human trafficking, vulnerable communities can become educated communities.



By calling the national hotline and reporting potentially dangerous situations to law enforcement, you're turning a once hidden crime into an exposed crime.



By giving toward our Freedom Centers all over the world, you're helping exploited victims become empowered survivors.

Imagine what we can accomplish together in the next decade when we all play our part. Imagine a world that is free. →

You can be the difference between slavery and freedom

Keep changing lives with us.

Become a freedom sponsor
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Thank You

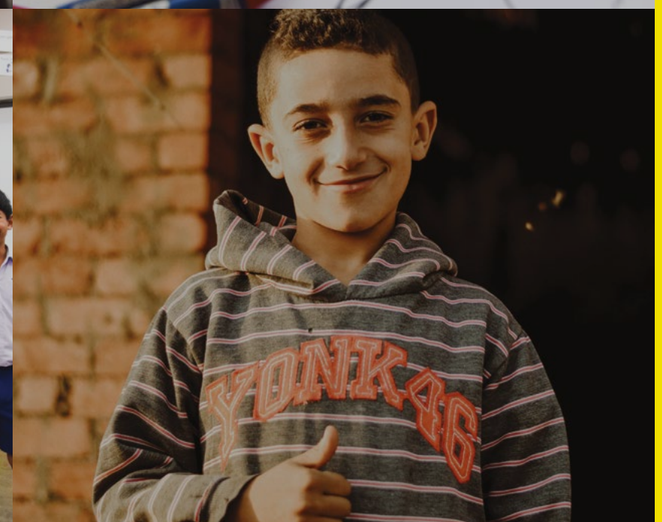












Dear Abolitionists,

Thank you for making 2019 a year of monumental local and global impact. A year where we've seen more identifications, survivors in our care, and people reached with awareness than ever before.

From awareness campaigns spreading across billboards, reaching millions throughout an entire state, to walks taking place in 500 locations around the world, to a record number of victims set free... we saw cities, states, countries, and entire regions take ground in the name of freedom.

How? Because in 2019, people everywhere stepped up to play their part:

Educators implemented curriculum reaching millions of students. Border agencies helped to reach more people with information about safe migration. Law enforcement created environments for more successful victim identification interviews based on the needs of the survivor. Judges and prosecutors gathered to learn best practices for prosecutions in the courtroom to hold traffickers accountable for their crimes. Frontline professionals from every sector were trained to identify survivors. Supporters like YOU were the reason our hotlines assisted the rescue of more victims, and the reason our aftercare programs empowered new survivors as they began to rebuild their lives.

This report is a testament to the many victories your support has made possible in 2019—and why we look ahead to 2020 with hope and expectation. Every victory for the one shows us what is possible for millions more.

Together, we can abolish slavery everywhere, forever.

Nick & Christine Caine



It's because of supporters like you that children like Ong* are safe with a loving family. Together in 2020, we can be the difference for many more survivors like him. And it starts with your actions today: A21.org/Donate

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