2023

Freedom Report



You've done it again. You've given us another reason to celebrate—to believe that eradicating human trafficking is possible.



What started with a "Missing Persons" poster in an airport in Greece has grown into a global movement to end human trafficking, something we never imagined when we set out to address this issue in 2008. At the time, there were few countries with coordinated efforts to combat human trafficking. But every year, we're building momentum thanks to our community of supporters and growing network of local and global partners. The remarkable progress we made in 2023 is because of people like you who have come alongside A21 to fight for freedom in your cities, schools, and communities.

When we work together, the impact is so much greater. More vulnerable people are being informed and protected. More victims are identified and assisted to safety. More traffickers are being convicted. And more survivors are receiving personalized support on their journey to restoration and independence.

In 2023, we celebrated 15 years since A21's work began in Greece, where we assisted our very first survivor of human trafficking. Across this year, we've celebrated the freedom that you've made possible through your advocacy and generosity.

Because of your support, together we've—

- Reached billions of people with awareness, prevention, and education
- Trained and equipped more than 40,000 professionals
- Assisted thousands of victims out of exploitation through identifications and referrals
- Seen 229 perpetrators sentenced to collectively 3,848 years in prison and $4.8M in fines and compensation
- Provided holistic aftercare to nearly 2,000 survivors of human trafficking
- Launched 4 Human Trafficking Hotlines, receiving more than 65,000 calls

Thank you for making these milestones possible and bringing us closer to our goal to end human trafficking. You'll notice a theme of partnership woven throughout this year's report, as it's a driving force behind everything we do here at A21 and the reason we continue to break records year after year. And it all starts with you—your decision to partner with us to abolish human trafficking everywhere, forever.

Thank you for joining us on this journey. Let's celebrate the incredible strides you made possible in 2023.

Nick + Christine Caine

Nick & Christine Caine, A21 Co-Founders

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The Problem



Vulnerability

An individual becomes vulnerable to trafficking when exposed to risk factors like instability, violence, poor education, substance misuse, poverty, disability, unemployment, displacement, or isolation. These factors make a person more susceptible to victimization.

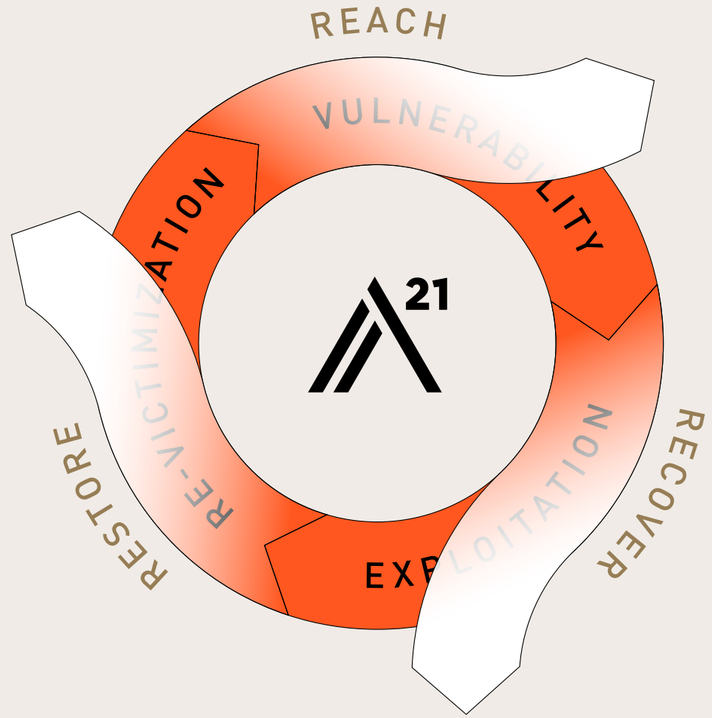
Exploitation

Exploitation occurs when a vulnerable individual is coerced, deceived, forced, or otherwise subject to an abuse of power. It can look like false job opportunities, fake romantic relationships, or being sold by a family member or friend 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-victimized, and the cycle of human trafficking continues.

Our Solution



Reach

Equipping people everywhere to understand exploitation and reduce the risk of human trafficking through prevention programs, education resources, and awareness campaigns. People become empowered with knowledge about safeguarding themselves and others and gain tools to report suspicions.

Recover

Partnering with governments and local authorities to identify and secure the freedom of victims and the conviction of traffickers through hotlines, Child Advocacy Centers, professional training, and legal assistance. Facilitating survivors' access to justice is critical to putting traffickers behind bars and preventing them from exploiting others.

Restore

Empowering survivors through holistic aftercare, safe accommodation, and relocation services. When survivors receive personalized care, they can reclaim their independence. When survivors have access to psychological support, education, and job training, they can pursue new opportunities—equipping them to live the life they've always wanted.

A21 Foundational Programs

A closer look at our proven solutions.

Reach is the difference between vulnerability and safety.

Awareness Presentations
Communicating to diverse audiences about the problem of human trafficking and how everyone can be a part of the solution.

Can You See Me?
Public awareness campaign that shows common scenarios of human trafficking that may be encountered and provides tools to report suspicions.

K-12 Education Curriculum
Targeted content aligned with education standards that engages students in the classroom to recognize and respond to the threat of human trafficking.

Prevention Programs
A range of interactive and age-appropriate programs designed to safeguard and empower vulnerable children and adults.

Walk For Freedom
An annual day of global awareness and local action where individuals engage their community through walk events worldwide.

Recover is the difference between exploitation and freedom.

Child Advocacy Centers
Safe place for children exiting exploitation to be interviewed forensically in a child-friendly, victim-centered manner that minimizes trauma and can be used to support prosecutions.

Hotlines
24/7 confidential call service used by the general public, victims, and frontline professionals to seek assistance or make reports related to human trafficking.

Legal Assistance
Providing legal representation and/or support for survivors in the criminal prosecution of their traffickers or during civil proceedings.

Professional Training
Training for frontline professionals, most likely to encounter trafficking victims, to recognize the warning signs and respond appropriately.

Victim Identification Operations
Proactive efforts to identify and assist victims safely out of a trafficking situation, often in partnership with local law enforcement.

Restore is the difference between re-victimization and independence.

Accommodation
Independent, long-term housing that provides survivors with safe and stable accommodation.

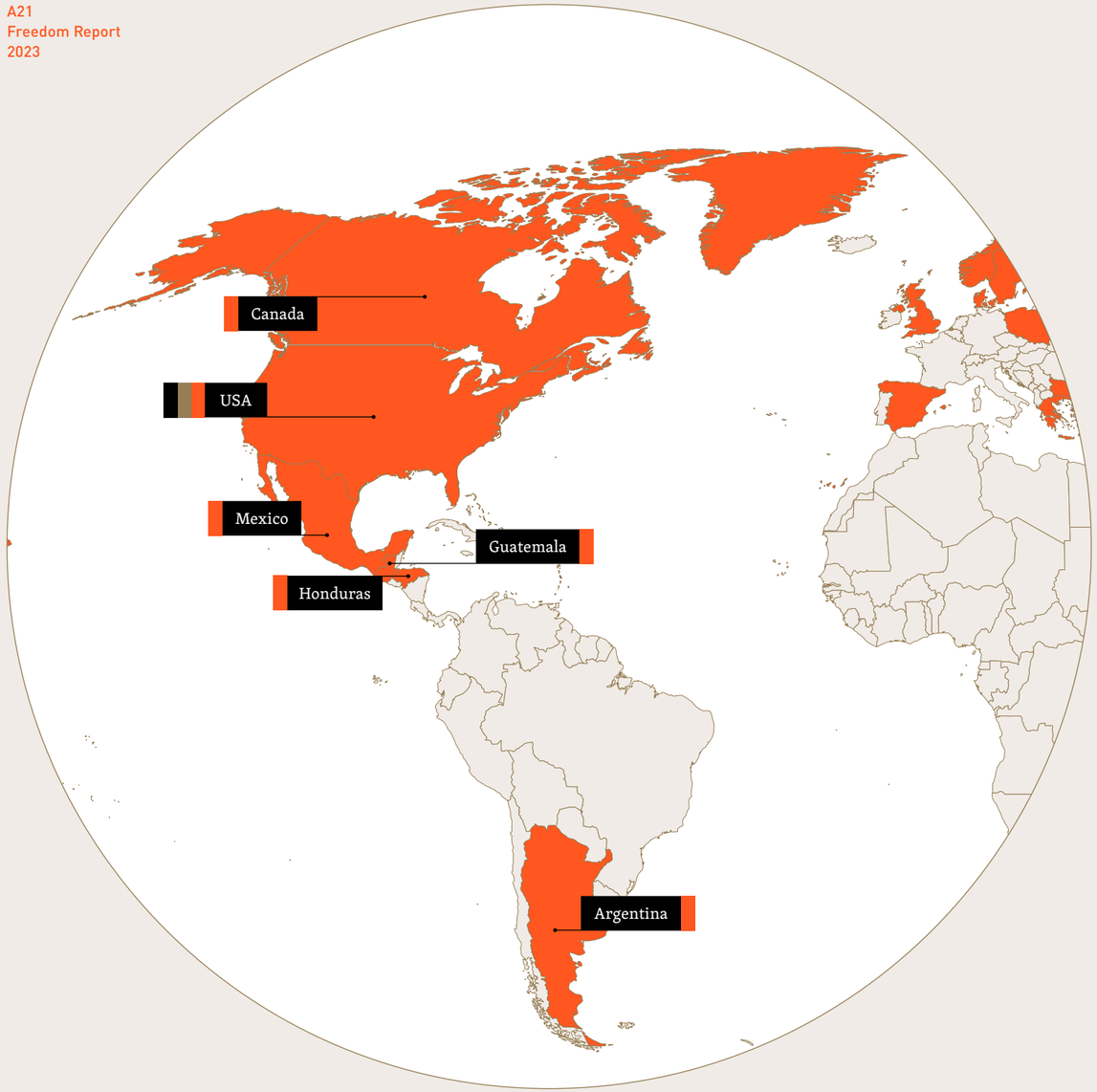
Aftercare Services
Trauma-informed holistic support services provided to survivors of human trafficking.

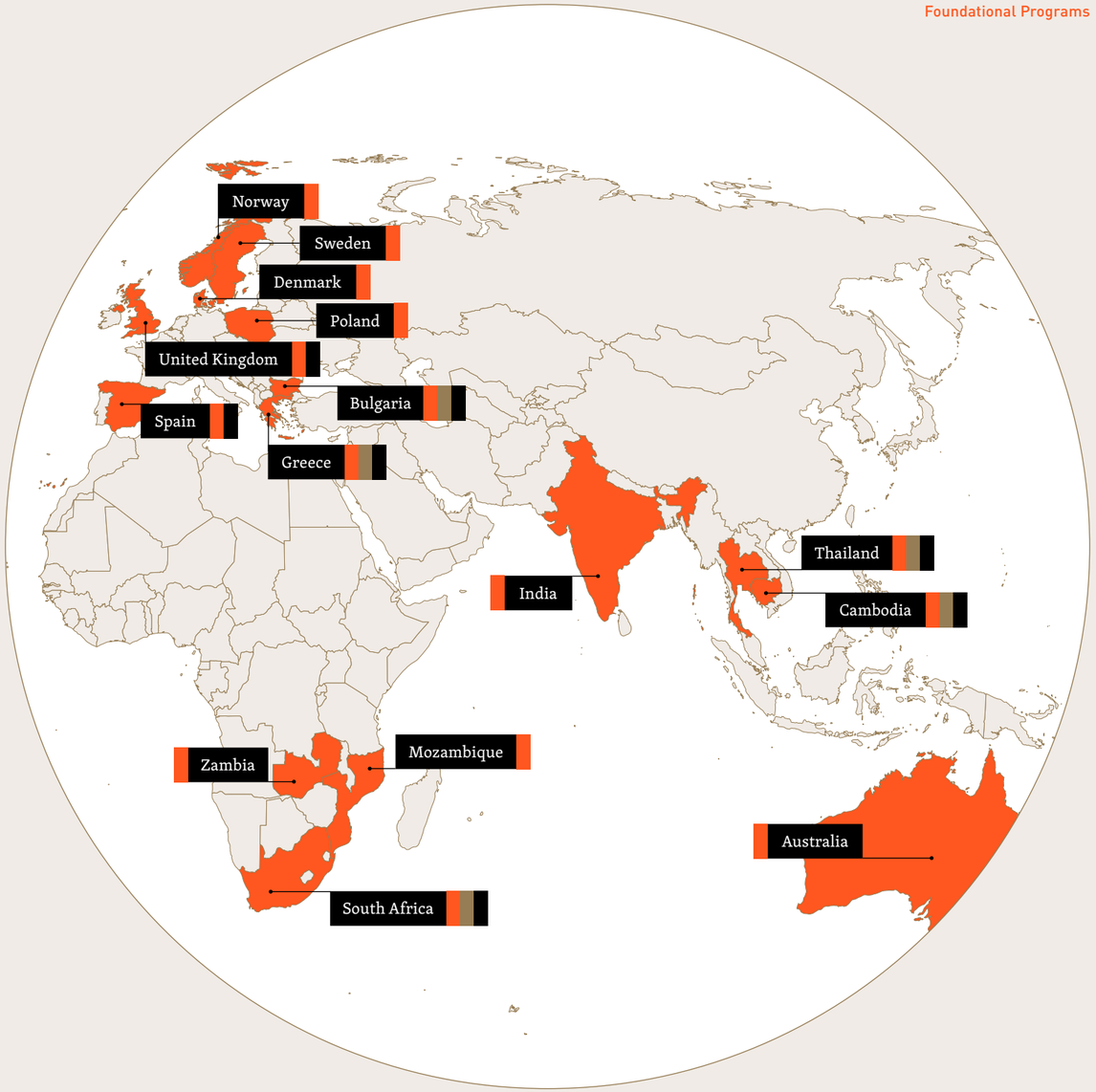
Foster Care Program
Safe and family-based foster care program for child survivors of human trafficking.

Life Programs
Collection of group and individual programs designed to equip and empower survivors of human trafficking with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to overcome trauma and step into a life of independence.

Freedom Centers
Drop-in day centers designed to empower survivors to restore wellness, reintegrate into society, and live independently.

Relocation Services
Domestic and international relocation and repatriation services, including a worldwide referral of aftercare services.





A21 is combatting human trafficking at a local, domestic, and international level. Our programs reduce vulnerability, identify victims, and support survivors in over 20 countries across six continents.

Through the work of our staff, volunteers, and frontline partners, we continue to impact more people than ever before. Our programs stand alone or work together to provide a comprehensive response to human trafficking.

- Active Reach Program
- Active Recover Program
- Active Restore Program

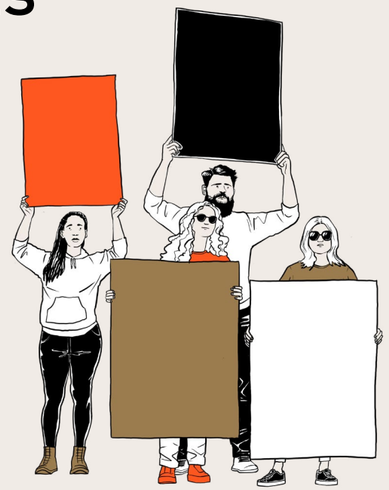
Global Highlights



Reached *208,947 minors* with prevention resources



Can You See Me? launched in Argentina, Cambodia, Greece, Guatemala, and Honduras



Walk For Freedom reached over *811M people* across more than *57 countries*



Received *7,157 calls* to our hotlines, resulting in *210 victims* assisted



182 survivors supported with legal assistance

23



20 perpetrators were sentenced to collectively *410 years* in prison



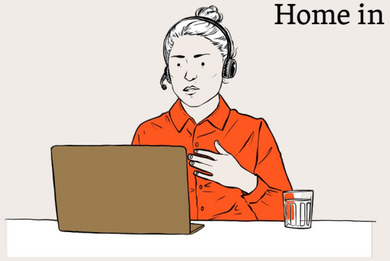
Provided care for a total of *543 survivors* in 2023



Provided accommodation for *217 survivors*, including *27* in our A21 Home in Greece



Welcomed *306 new survivors* into A21 Aftercare, including 42 minors



Launched a *Human Trafficking Hotline* in Spain



Reach

3,848

educators and facilitators trained and equipped

208,947

minors reached with prevention

3.6B

impressions through Can You See Me? campaigns

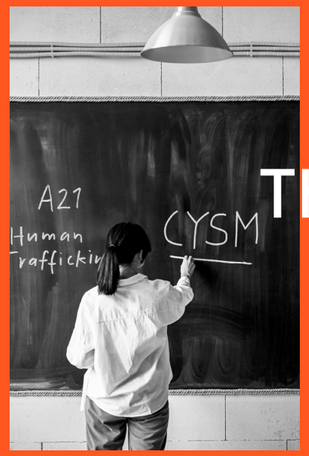
811M

people reached through Walk For Freedom

3.6M

people reached with awareness

Our Reach initiatives bring awareness, prevention, and education resources to audiences of all ages and demographics to minimize vulnerability and prevent exploitation before it occurs. From the expansion of our public awareness campaigns like Can You See Me? to downloadable safety guides and comic books, we take a comprehensive approach to equipping people worldwide to reduce the risk of human trafficking and report suspicious activity.





Resources That Change the Narrative



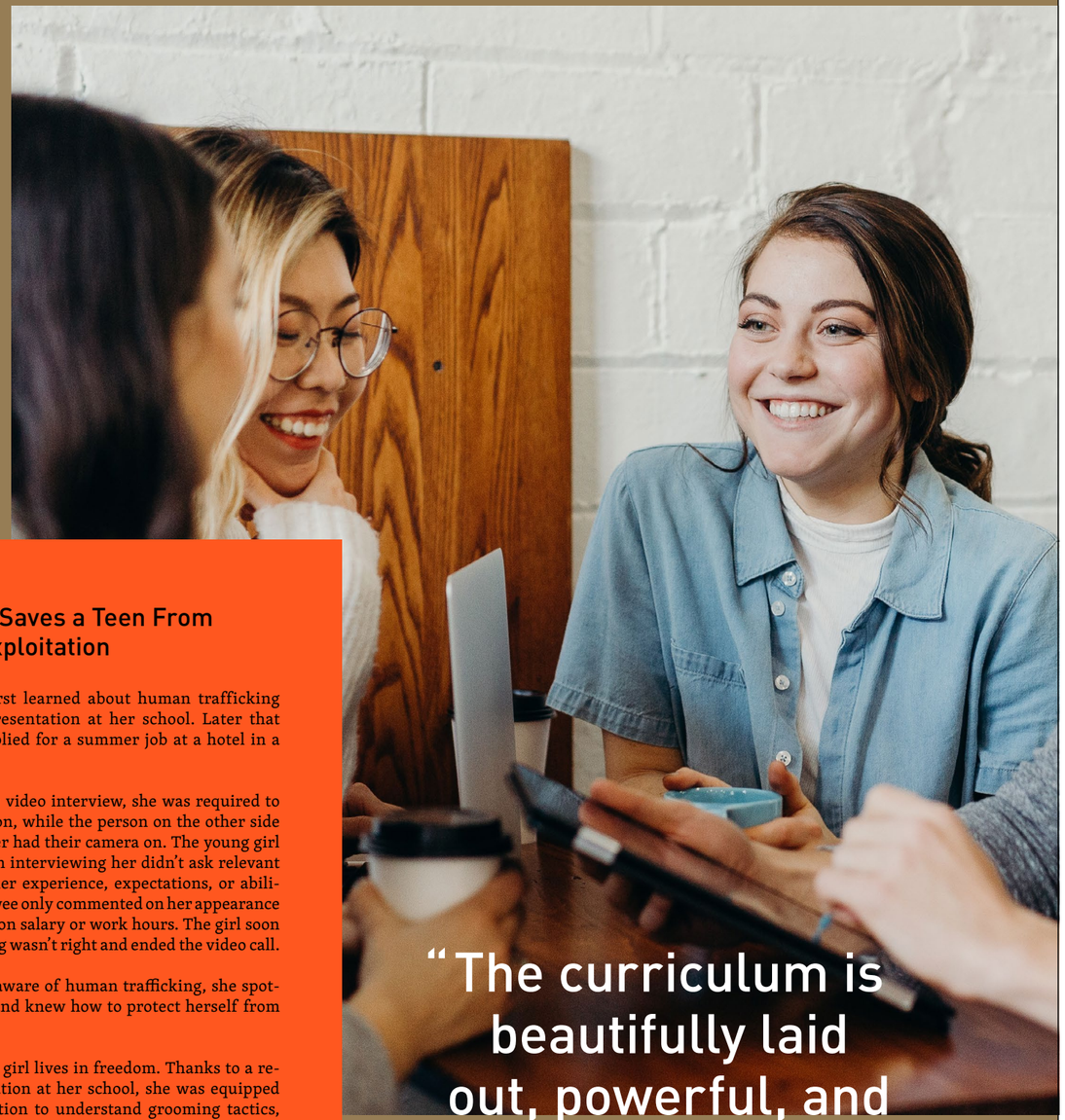
In January 2023, a school district in Michigan launched an anti-trafficking initiative, piloting our K-12 curriculum. During a lesson with high school students, they watched our CYSM film depicting the reality of online child exploitation.

After watching the film, a student immediately walked out of the class and approached the school resource officer who had attended an A21 training. The student stated, “What I just learned in class, I believe, is happening to me.”

Authorities were contacted, and subsequently, the FBI, in conjunction with local police, arrested the trafficker as he was arriving at the airport from another state to meet her. He was also in possession of child sexual abuse material on his computer from other victims.

The trafficker was charged with four felony counts that will hopefully result in a sentence of 40 years to life in prison. This is the power of prevention education.





Awareness Saves a Teen From Potential Exploitation

A teenage girl first learned about human trafficking during an A21 presentation at her school. Later that semester, she applied for a summer job at a hotel in a seaside town.

During her online video interview, she was required to have her camera on, while the person on the other side of the screen never had their camera on. The young girl noticed the person interviewing her didn't ask relevant questions about her experience, expectations, or abilities. The interviewee only commented on her appearance and did not mention salary or work hours. The girl soon realized something wasn't right and ended the video call.

Because she was aware of human trafficking, she spotted the red flags and knew how to protect herself from potential danger.

Today, this young girl lives in freedom. Thanks to a recent A21 presentation at her school, she was equipped with the information to understand grooming tactics, identify recruitment signs, and respond appropriately.

Awareness is the first step to prevention, and it has the power to stop the cycle of human trafficking before it begins. As online exploitation increases, A21 continues to create digital safety resources for children and adults to navigate the risks of interacting online.

"The curriculum is beautifully laid out, powerful, and much needed."

—Educator

K-12 Human Trafficking Education Curriculum



Equipping U.S. Schools

In early 2023, A21's K-12 Human Trafficking Education Curriculum was officially launched alongside our first Trusted Trainer event. This school-based curriculum teaches students how to identify and respond to situations where they may be vulnerable to human trafficking.

Over 1,900 educators have taught A21's curriculum to more than 300,000 students across 500+ schools in Florida, Michigan, and Texas. After learning about human trafficking and online exploitation through our K-12 Human Trafficking Education Curriculum, several students recognized that they or someone they know were victims and reached out to their schools for help. In response, a principal shared, "This curriculum has the ability to positively change students' lives, and it is doing it already!"

Equipping educators to teach a sensitive topic like human trafficking at an age-appropriate level safeguards their students from the schemes of traffickers. One school counselor said, "This curriculum is not only a prevention human trafficking curriculum, but an intervention curriculum. I have witnessed it prevent several of our students from becoming victims of human trafficking."

Our goal has always been to equip people locally and partner with key influencers, like parents and educators, to raise awareness and prevention among vulnerable populations, such as children and teens. That's why we strive to provide programs that are—



Aligned to state standards

Research and evidence-based

Accessible to educators

Easy to facilitate

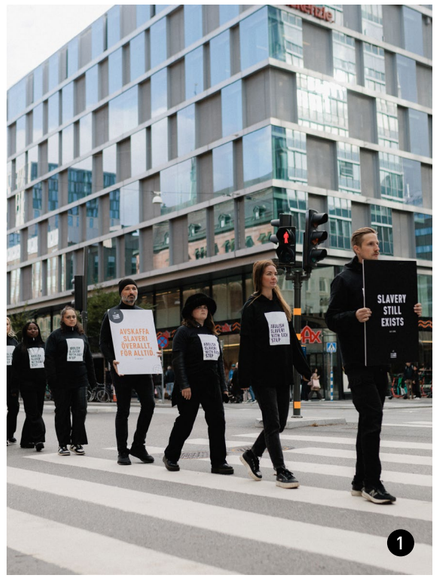
Because of your generosity, we can empower schools to proactively teach students about the dangers of exploitation and protect children from traffickers. The K-12 curriculum was designed to grow with students from Kindergarten through 12th grade, and it's currently available to schools in the United States.

Educator Training

Training is required, providing an opportunity for educators to learn more about human trafficking and online exploitation, become familiar with the curriculum content, and understand how to best engage students around these important topics. From school guidance counselors and administration to science teachers and health educators, A21 has implemented in-person training sessions in several states and will be releasing a self-paced online training course in 2024.

Education is essential to stop human trafficking and online exploitation. Thank you for making prevention education available to students in U.S. schools.





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Walk For Freedom:

Taking ground against slavery, one step at a time.

425 walks
59K participants
811 million people reached

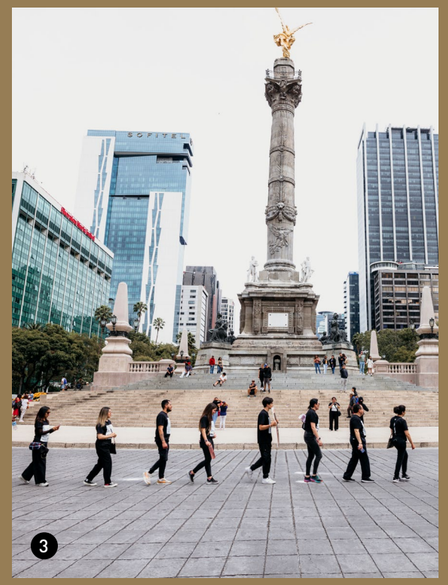
Partnership is at the forefront of our annual awareness event, Walk For Freedom. And 2023 was no exception. Local organizations, businesses, and individuals all across the globe embody a passion for freedom, recognize the importance of local mobilization, and raise awareness in their communities every October.

In its 9th year, Walk For Freedom expanded remarkably, uniting thousands of supporters worldwide. With a total of 425 walks and over 59,000 participants across 57 countries, this was one of our most impactful years yet. Nearly 93,000 awareness flyers were distributed, and 811 million people were reached with awareness through media.

Walk For Freedom is a day of global awareness and local action in the fight against human trafficking. Individuals worldwide reach their communities through local walk events to raise awareness about human trafficking. The collective action of thousands taken globally every October creates a ripple effect—resulting in increased awareness, prevention, and victim identification.

In India, one local organization multiplied the impact of Walk For Freedom in 2023, hosting 107 walks across the region with 33,704 participants. In Spain, walks were held in 20 cities, more than we've had in the country any year prior. 2023 was especially important because Walk For Freedom not only increased awareness of human trafficking but also how to make a report to our new Spanish Human Trafficking Hotline.

Every year, Walk For Freedom invites longtime supporters and new advocates to take the message of human trafficking and our mission to abolish it to places beyond where we work. It's exciting to see what's possible when people unite to fight for freedom. Together, we're taking ground against slavery one step at a time.



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1 Stockholm *Sweden*
2 Telangana *India*
3 Mexico City *Mexico*
4 Dallas *USA*
5 Cape Town *South Africa*
6 Sydney *Australia*

Forced Marriages Prevented

A partner organization in India held awareness events leading up to Walk For Freedom, where they discussed child marriage. As part of a writing exercise, some children wrote about their classmates who were to be married in the community. It was reported to the district administration, and the children were protected.

Assistance During Walk

During a Walk For Freedom event in the United States, a woman approached participants to tell them about a trafficking situation involving multiple minors close to where the walk took place. Our Walk Hosts gave the woman the hotline number and followed up to ensure the kids were safely assisted to freedom.

Child Victims Identified

A Walk Host in India noticed two young children doing household chores on the terrace of their building. When the team member inquired about what they were doing, he received threats from the flat owners who housed the children. He reported it to the Chairperson of the Child Rights and Protection Commission (also a participant in Walk For Freedom), who took action and assisted the children to safety.



"Promised"

follows two young girls on their journey to a new job in a foreign country. The girls are recruited by someone they know for a promising opportunity. Instead, they're trafficked into a situation of forced marriage and pregnancy.



"Lost Innocence"

depicts a young girl who gets caught up in an online relationship after the death of her mother. The relationship seems innocent at first but eventually leads to sexual exploitation.

Can You See Me? Cambodia

Can You See Me? Films Launch

In December, we launched two new Can You See Me? (CYSM) campaign scenarios in Cambodia alongside the National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT). Planning for this initiative started at the beginning of the year to support the local government in the fight against human trafficking across Cambodia. Each campaign included a short film that shares a real story of individuals who face unimaginable challenges and shines a light on common forms of human trafficking and child exploitation within the region.

Can You See Me? campaigns are designed to help the general public recognize what human trafficking may look like in a specific region and provide the tools to report suspicions. An increase in reporting leads to an increase in victim identification. Identification often leads to freedom.

For information on human trafficking in Cambodia, visit *A21.org/Cambodia*.

Local Leaders Attend Launch Events

Thanks to the involvement of local partners, thousands of people were reached through two launch events with representatives from government agencies, non-governmental organizations, law enforcement, advocates, news outlets, social media influencers, and film production teams. More than 2,650 awareness and prevention resources were distributed between these events, bringing our total distribution in December to nearly 6,000 in a few short weeks.



↓ Her Excellency Chou Bun Eng, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Interior and Permanent Vice Chairperson of the National Committee for Counter Trafficking in Persons attended the CYSM launch in Cambodia.



An Estimated 100 Million Reached

Many leaders, as well as A21 Co-Founders Nick and Christine Caine, spoke at launch events. An estimated 100 million people were reached across the region in December through published news reports and live streams on national news channels, local government channels, movie theater showings, and social media. That's the power of partnership. Shortly after the campaign launched, millions of people in Cambodia were exposed to the reality of human trafficking—expanding awareness exponentially with the help of our incredible partners.

Film Results in Victim Identification

Within weeks of the new CYSM film launch featuring sextortion, a teen victim bravely self-identified and reported her situation to the police. The swift response from this young survivor underscores the importance of shedding light on the dark corners of sextortion, fostering an atmosphere of empathy, and inspiring others to break their silence. This is the positive change that arises when awareness and education intersect with the resilience of those affected by human trafficking.

Reach Around The World

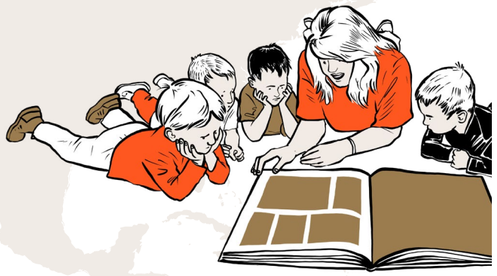


CYSM Message Traveled via Trucks in the U.S.

Our team gathered in North Carolina to launch a new Can You See Me? (CYSM) campaign partnership with an area trucking transportation company. A21's award-winning awareness campaign featured trafficking scenarios and hotline information placed on 20 semi-trucks in Boonville, North Carolina. Trucks had a potential reach of 100 people per mile and traveled thousands of miles up and down the East Coast over several weeks.

Millions Reached Throughout Latin America

From media interviews to panel discussions, awareness was raised like never before in Latin America on #MyFreedomDay. A21 has been a longtime supporter of this student-driven event, and in 2023, we created social media graphics in Spanish—a huge success among Latin American students. Our team participated in a panel that reached 200 people and presented in schools, reaching over 1,000 students and a dozen educators.



A21 South Africa Reached Minors in High-Risk Communities

In February, A21 South Africa taught the Early Childhood Prevention Program (ECPP) to 119 vulnerable minors in a high-risk community. The program was successful at a primary school and community aftercare program, which led to an invitation to roll out our Primary Prevention Program (PPP) with more children the following month. A21 facilitated the ECPP with an additional 103 children and the PPP with another 70 children. A total of 15 facilitators were also trained in the process.



Reached 21K+ at the World Forum of Human Rights

A21 Latin America presented our Can You See Me? (CYSM) awareness campaign at the 2023 World Forum on Human Rights. More than 21,000 people participated in the Forum, raising awareness of human trafficking on a local, regional, and national level. Our team also had the opportunity to meet and collaborate with key stakeholders in the fight for freedom.



Youth Awareness Expands Across the U.K.

In May, our U.K. team hosted 15 awareness and prevention presentations in local schools. The goal was to increase student engagement and strengthen school partnerships. We presented at a new school for the first time, reaching 80 teen girls, thanks to an invitation from My Freedom Day earlier in the year. An additional 250 students and leaders joined the fight during a youth event by designing posters and action plans to raise awareness in their communities.





Education Empowered Thousands of Children in Greece

In January, A21 Greece had the opportunity to pilot our Early Childhood Prevention Program (ECPP) to 25 kindergarten students in Volos City. This play-based program equips children with safety tools to navigate potentially dangerous situations in their young lives. The feedback from 4 and 5-year-old students, parents, and educators was overwhelmingly positive, including the suggestion to create a Greek edition of the program.



A21 Thailand Recognized for Prevention Efforts

In June, A21 was honored to receive the "Outstanding Agency in the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Award" for our work in Thailand. In collaboration with local partners, we reached more than 30,000 people with awareness, prevention, and training. None of this would have been possible without the relentless support of our incredible partners, including the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security.



Online Game Equipped Minors in Cambodia

As technology advances and access to digital devices expands, so does the increase of online child sexual exploitation. A21 trained children in rural communities across Cambodia with a computer game titled 'May and Bay: A Serious Game for a Serious Issue' to protect minors from being sexually exploited or abused online. The game is designed for children ages 8-14 and uses interactive and age-appropriate tools to educate minors about online safety.

University Program in Australia Reached College Students

In March, we officially launched a new A21 Australia University Program. This program is designed to combat human trafficking by equipping and empowering university students across Australia to use their voices, raise awareness, and activate their networks in the fight for freedom. Whether through a University Club, as a group, or independently, students have the power to abolish slavery, and we provided them with the tools to do so.





Identifying, assisting, and safeguarding victims out of exploitation.

Recover

559

victims now have access to freedom

7,157

hotline contacts, resulting in 210 victims assisted

20

perpetrators sentenced to collectively 410 years in prison

182

survivors assisted by A21's Legal Assistance Program

5,459

professionals trained

From launching a new hotline in Spain and expanding our Child Advocacy Center model in Thailand to assisting over 70 victims in multiple Greek operations, it was a monumental year for our team. Thanks to the power of partnership and a larger scale of law enforcement operations, we saw more individuals assisted out of exploitation, traffickers arrested, and a victim-centered approach to anti-trafficking efforts worldwide.



Over 70 Victims Recovered in Greece





In 2023, an alarming number of Latin American women were recruited via social media to Greece for what they thought was a well-paying job. However, traffickers transported the young women to apartments and exploited them in local brothels. Victims worked long hours with no days off to cover a fake debt for their transportation costs from Latin America to Greece. They were subject to psychological abuse and numerous restrictions. Traffickers also controlled their movements.

A21 played a pivotal role in several Greek law enforcement-led operations alongside Interpol, Spanish Police, Colombian police, Homeland Security Investigations, and other NGOs to dismantle trafficking networks and provide support to these Latin American victims.

On four separate occasions, A21-operated hotlines served as a crucial asset in providing intelligence to law enforcement, which was instrumental in the operations that led to the recovery of cumulatively over 70 Latin American victims.

In the first case, the A21 Hotline in Greece shared information with local law enforcement, leading to the dismantling of a significant trafficking ring and the recovery of 15 Latin American victims. Around this time, two women traveled to Greece from Latin America for a job, saw this case on the news, and realized similarities to their situation. The A21 Hotline was contacted, and these women returned home.

An operation in Athens, initiated by tips provided to the A21 Hotline by a concerned citizen, resulted in the recovery of 52 Colombian victims and the arrests of the traffickers. The Greece Hotline received an additional tip, leading to more Latin American victims recovered in Thessaloniki.

Later in the year, our Spain office received intel concerning victims in Greece and reported it to the Greek Hotline, which sparked law enforcement to investigate another large-scale operation in Greece, resulting in the freedom of 10 Latin American victims and the arrest of six members of the trafficking ring.

A21 provided crucial support to victims during these operations, including emergency accommodations, essential medical care, basic needs, translation services, and legal support to ensure victims get the justice they deserve.



Successful operations like these are possible thanks to the role of A21 Hotlines, our trusted partners, collaboration with law enforcement, and the generosity of our community.



A21 and local partners celebrate the launch of our Human Trafficking Hotline in Spain. ↑

Human Trafficking Hotline Launches in Spain

Spanish Anti-Trafficking Hotline

Spain's geographical location along the Mediterranean coast makes it a gateway for human trafficking networks throughout Africa, America, and Europe—and a top priority for our team.

After a decade of operating hotlines in other countries, we've seen the impact of this effective tool in preventing human trafficking and increasing victim identifications. Since launching A21's first hotline in 2012, we've received over 65,000 calls. In July 2023, the Spanish Hotline (Teléfono de Ayuda Contra la Trata) officially launched in Madrid, marking our fourth hotline. This initiative was in the works long before it was publicly launched, and we're excited to see the impact already take shape.

With interpreter services for more than 230 languages, the hotline is a confidential service for victims, the general public, law enforcement, and frontline professionals to seek assistance or make reports related to human trafficking. As awareness of the Spanish Hotline grows, we expect to see more reports made and victims identified across the country.

People are often unaware of how to respond to a suspected situation of trafficking, or victims may feel uncomfortable contacting the police directly. The Spanish Hotline strategically fills a need by providing an NGO-operated, victim-centered resource focused on combating human trafficking and fostering collaboration with government entities and non-governmental organizations to fight this crime nationwide.

At the launch event, the Spanish National Police signed an MOU to support and promote this new initiative. Publicity around the hotline's launch reached people across Spain and connected partners throughout the region.





More than 150 calls were received following the launch, resulting in 17 police reports and six victims identified in hotline-initiated operations.

Importance of Hotlines

A21 Hotlines play a pivotal role in the ongoing efforts to combat human trafficking and ensure the safety and protection of those at risk. It's the go-to resource for reporting suspicions of human trafficking in many countries, allowing our team to gather intel and build cases to stop exploitation regionally—or in another country.

In 2023, intel provided in Spain led to a law enforcement operation in Greece, which resulted in the recovery of dozens of victims and the arrest of traffickers. As hotlines expand into new countries, awareness of human trafficking increases within the region. As a result, we see a direct correlation between the number of calls received and the number of victims identified and assisted.

Thank you for making this essential tool available in several countries. A21 currently operates human trafficking hotlines in Greece, Bulgaria, South Africa, and Spain.

Check out the new
Child Advocacy Center
in Thailand.



Expanded the CAC in Pattaya to better serve victims and support partners in forensic interviewing. →



CACs provide a safe environment for child victim-centered holistic aftercare. ↑

A21 CEO Nick Caine, alongside local leaders at the opening celebration of the CAC. ↓



The Power of Partnership + Child Advocacy Centers

Equipping Partners in Thailand

Many individuals who enter our care in SE Asia are child victims of human trafficking. A21 strives to ensure victim-centered intervention and support. From safely assisting victims out of exploitation to collecting testimonies and providing legal support, our team collaborates on anti-trafficking efforts in Thailand as part of a multidisciplinary team.

2023 was a year of strengthening our support through the expansion of partnerships, operations, and the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Pattaya. A21 works closely with local leaders, opening doors for our team to train key partners and establish collaborations, resulting in successful partnerships, ethical operations, and a victim-centered approach to lasting change.

We walk alongside local partners, providing the education, tools, processes, interviewing equipment, and facilities to ensure an effective and sustainable solution to combating human trafficking and child exploitation in the region.

In February, we trained prosecutors specialized in human trafficking cases in Thailand, on best practices to support trafficking survivors during the prosecution process.

In September, we collaborated with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) to host a week-long conference on forensic interviewing in Pattaya. Local prosecutors, law enforcement, government workers, and NGO partners learned how to effectively conduct forensic interviews with child victims.

In December, we expanded our Child Advocacy Center in Pattaya with upgraded equipment and additional space for our trusted partners to use for forensic interviewing and screening.

Expansion of the CAC

The CAC expansion in Pattaya included relocation to a more centralized area to offer easy access to the region's key members of the multidisciplinary team. The expansion also permits additional space for prosecutors and law enforcement to collaborate with separate areas designated for child victims to receive holistic aftercare services.

The upgraded CAC provides children with a secure and comfortable environment to disclose their abuse. The facility also includes state-of-the-art forensic interviewing equipment to provide quality recordings that meet the legal requirements to be used effectively in Thailand's prosecutions and other countries, such as the United States. These upgrades increase the likelihood of disclosures and successful prosecutions. Thank you for making this expansion possible.



Play-based aftercare supports child victims of trafficking. ↑

Breaking News

Groundbreaking Moments From Around the Globe

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U.S. Court Victory Resulted in 6 Life Sentences

In July, a trafficker was found guilty on six human trafficking-related charges. Five victims provided key testimonies in the trial to support the conviction. Our team helped survivors prepare for the trial, accompanied them in the courtroom, and coordinated with the attorneys to oversee their experience. In addition to six life sentences, the trafficker was ordered to pay restitution of $914,401 to the five survivors. This is the largest sentence for a criminal prosecution supported by A21.



CYSM Leads to 4 Victims Recovered in Latin America

A minor girl, sold by a family member and trapped in sexual exploitation in Latin America, bravely managed to get access to a cell phone and called her mother for help. Her mother had seen an A21 Can You See Me? pamphlet and reached out to A21 for assistance. We immediately reported the tip to relevant authorities, who extracted the young girl and three others out of exploitation.



10 Victims Recovered & 6 Traffickers Arrested in Greece

In December, A21 Greece successfully collaborated on another transnational law enforcement operation, resulting in the recovery of 10 sex trafficking victims, primarily from Venezuela. The initial information that spurred the operation originated from our Spain team after assisting a Venezuelan victim months earlier. The Greek anti-trafficking police investigated the intel we shared, which resulted in the arrest of six members of the trafficking ring, including the leader.



Parents Report Trafficking Suspicion to the Child Advocacy Center

Upon receiving a report from parents about their daughter who was missing after taking a job overseas, A21 connected with the National Anti-Human Trafficking Police, initiating an international investigation. The dedicated efforts of law enforcement and government partners resulted in locating the missing female as a victim of forced marriage. She was removed from her place of exploitation and safely repatriated to reunite with her family.

A21 Greece Collaborated With Authorities to Recover 15 Victims

A21 Greece joined forces with authorities in a large-scale operation in response to a police report filed by the A21-operated Greek Hotline seven months prior regarding a woman trafficked for sex who escaped from a Central Athens hotel. As a result, 15 victims were recovered, and eight perpetrators were arrested. A21 provided support to survivors at the police station, facilitated interpretation, and remained involved until the victims were repatriated four days later.



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More Than 50 Victims Recovered From Scamming Compounds in SE Asia

Since COVID-19, human trafficking via forced criminality in Southeast Asia has increased significantly through the operation of illegal online scamming centers, particularly in border towns, where business and trade laws are different from the rest of the country. This is a type of labor trafficking where victims are deceived through a false job opportunity and forced to scam people out of their money.

While each survivor's story is unique, the process of exploitation follows a very similar pattern.

- Individuals were recruited through social media, brokers, employment recruitment agencies, or friends to travel to Southeast Asia for a job.
- Upon arrival, traffickers forced the individuals to commit financial crimes by scamming others online.
- Victims were subjected to harsh working conditions, some up to 15 hours a day of work, and required to meet a daily quota.
- Failure to meet the quota would result in punishment, ranging from physical beatings to electrocution to monetary fines, such as increased debt.
- Some victims managed to escape, others managed to alert the police through outside sources, and still others paid a ransom for their release.

Our team collaborated with law enforcement, government, and non-governmental organizations to identify, support, and repatriate more than 50 victims from scamming compounds. The nationalities of survivors assisted by A21 in 2023 included nations in Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Africa.

Recover Around The World



A21 U.S. Toolkit Launched at Amtrak National Training

Our U.S. team collaborated with Amtrak to create and cobrand a Counter-Trafficking Toolkit specifically focused on combating human trafficking on the railways. The Toolkit helps frontline professionals understand best practices to stop human trafficking, including how to employ a victim-centered approach to intervention and safeguarding efforts. To officially launch this new initiative, our team trained the Amtrak police at its national conference in Florida.



Officers Trained To Equip Students Across Spain

A21 Spain hosted a professional training for the National Police in February, where officers from all over the country learned about human trafficking and digital safety. These officers then gave school presentations and distributed A21 resources across Spain. We also introduced an Instagram Scavenger Hunt activity that uses a Can You See Me? scenario to facilitate discussion on the potential risks of social media. Students were equipped to prevent exploitation and report suspicious situations they encountered online.

A21 Spain Trained Latin American Consulate and Airline

In 2023, national reports revealed many victims of trafficking coming to Spain are from Colombia, with Honduras and the Dominican Republic also among the main countries of origin. In response, A21 Spain provided frontline professional training for over 90 professionals working in the Embassy and Consulate of the Dominican Republic, the Consulate of Colombia, the Consulate of Honduras, and LATAM Airlines, an airline offering flights from Latin America to Europe.



Transnational Teamwork Results in Recoveries

Our teams in South Africa and Asia had the opportunity to work hand-in-hand on a couple of cases. Together, we identified a vulnerable Cambodian fisherman aboard a ship docked in Cape Town Harbor. We helped him obtain a new passport and reunite with his family. Both teams worked together to help a young man from Zimbabwe who had been recruited to Thailand through a false job offer. He was repatriated home and connected with our partners on the ground for resources, counseling, and other support.





Labor Inspector Training Led to Proactive Efforts

A21 Greece conducted a training for labor inspectors in Athens. A month following the training, an inspector coordinated an inspection in collaboration with Greek Police, which resulted in the identification of potential labor exploitation of 45 migrant workers, 5 of whom were minors. In 2023, our team invested in strengthening the partnership with the Labor Inspection Authority by conducting several meetings, training inspectors, and providing them with resources.

Equipping Law Enforcement and Social Workers in Bulgaria

A21 Bulgaria and the Local Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings organized a training for police officers and social workers on victim identification and providing psychosocial support. Two attendees later called the A21 Hotline to report two different situations; one involved potential recruitment via the "loverboy" scheme, and the other related to a group of individuals exploited for labor. Our team followed up on both cases, locating the potential victims to offer assistance.





Job Vetting Prevented Exploitation in South Africa

A21 South Africa did a radio interview to shed light on a trend of fraudulent job offers in Southeast Asia. A father heard the segment and called the A21 Hotline, alarmed by the possibility of his daughter falling victim to cyber fraud, as she just accepted an opportunity in the region. Our team uncovered that the job and its associated company were fictitious, with fabricated details and stock images. This case highlights the impact of awareness and the role of hotlines in safeguarding individuals from exploitation.

Over 1,000 Frontline Professionals Trained in Cambodia

A21 Cambodia led training sessions for 1,374 professionals in 2023, many of which were conducted in partnership with National and Provincial Law Enforcement and Government agencies. Victim identification training equips law enforcement with the skills and knowledge to effectively recognize and assist victims of various crimes, ensuring their safety and well-being. By focusing on techniques such as trauma-informed interviewing and identifying signs of abuse, this training empowered local law enforcement to provide crucial support and aid to those in need.





Empowering survivors on their unique journey to restoration and independence.

Restore

306

new survivors welcomed into A21 Aftercare

543

total survivors in our care in 2023

217

survivors received accommodation assistance

162

survivors completed A21 Life Programs

166

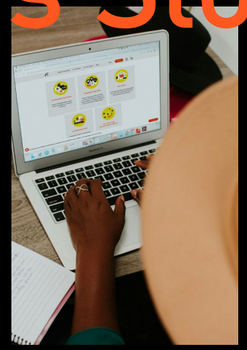
survivors received relocation assistance

It was a phenomenal year for A21 Aftercare. Survivors are more engaged than ever, graduating from our program with confidence and the skills to pursue their dreams. Our holistic, personalized approach empowers survivors to heal from trauma and live fully in their freedom, breaking the cycle of human trafficking for generations to come. Thanks to your unwavering support, survivors worldwide are experiencing restoration.





Nelly's Story



Growing up in an orphanage, Nelly quickly learned life would be full of challenges. Unlike other children raised in families, she fought for her basic needs. Nelly gave birth to her son at a young age and worked hard to provide for him.

A female acquaintance of Nelly's knew about her situation and offered her a well-paying job abroad. Nelly was eager to provide a better life for her son, so she accepted. But when Nelly arrived at the destination, her freedom was stripped away. The trafficker withheld her identification documents and prevented her from communicating with her child. Nelly was forced to provide sexual services to multiple men for many hours a day. A financial debt created by her traffickers was growing each day while she endured physical abuse, threats to her life, and a lack of medical support. Nelly felt hopeless and was convinced not even the police could help.

Nelly didn't know that the police were investigating her situation, and she would soon be connected with A21. Upon recovery, our team helped Nelly transition into the A21 Home in Greece and later into an A21 apartment. We assisted her with basic needs as she began the restoration process. Nelly participated in Freedom Center activities for several months, such as Life Programs, creative sessions, job readiness training, and Greek language lessons.

Nelly's resilience grew with each passing day as she realized her capabilities, value, and self-worth. She developed new skills through vocational training and found a job she enjoys—an important step towards independence. After months of healing and restoration, Nelly reunited with her son. She's expecting her second child and told her caseworker that through the support of A21, she has found a family in Greece who will always be there for her.



„Through A21, I have found a second family in Greece who will always be there for me.„

—Nelly, A21 Survivor

A Record-Breaking Year of A21 Aftercare

306
new survivors



543
total survivors

2023 was our best year yet. We welcomed a record of 306 new survivors into A21 Aftercare, increasing the number of survivors we're supporting by 22%—more individuals in our care than ever before.

Assisting more survivors is a result of the expansion of A21 Reach and Recover initiatives and partner referrals. From expanded awareness campaigns and increased hotline reports to law enforcement operations and training frontline partners, more victims are being identified and referred into our care year after year. Our program is reputable, survivor-informed, and holistic, giving partners the confidence to refer victims. It's the reason our Aftercare teams worldwide are empowering survivors of human trafficking through A21 Freedom Centers and Child Advocacy Centers.

In 2023, 123 survivors completed A21's program and stepped into independence. Our team of professionals walks alongside each individual as they journey to restoration. From helping survivors regain their strength to job training support, our Aftercare is 100% personalized to each individual based on their needs and goals.

Not only did we assist more survivors in 2023, but survivor engagement also increased. Every year, more survivors participate in various restoration services and our individual, group, and community programs. As a result, more survivors are graduating from A21 Aftercare with the confidence and skills to pursue their dreams and sustain lasting freedom.

A21 Restore also improved the quality and scope of our care by writing new Life Programs to strengthen our support to survivors on their journey to restoration. Our Survivor Consultant Group invites the input of lived experience experts into our work, ensuring our programs are survivor-informed.

Highest # of New Survivors in Greece

In Greece, we welcomed 110 new survivors in 2023. Several prominent law enforcement operations and an uptick in hotline referrals resulted in the identification and recovery of several victims, many of whom were welcomed into our Aftercare program in Greece.

The A21 Home in Thessaloniki was consistently at full capacity throughout the year. It operates 24/7 and serves as an emergency shelter to accommodate survivors in the initial months following their recovery from exploitation.

Survivor accommodation is an essential part of the restoration journey. When survivors are provided with safe housing, they can rest assured that their basic needs will be met while reclaiming identification documents, participating in job training, and obtaining employment.



↑ Play-based aftercare helps child victims heal.



Survivors enjoy ↑ community at our Freedom Centers.



← Essential items available to survivors at our Grab 'n Go room.



Life Programs were rebranded with a fresh look and feel in 2023.

Life Programs

Expanding Survivor Support

It was a year of content creation, training, and piloting our newest Life Programs. Every year, we strive to strengthen the scope of our Aftercare support for survivors of human trafficking. We launched seven new Life Programs, bringing our total number of programs to 13. 162 survivors completed A21 Life Programs in 2023. Life Programs equip survivors with specific knowledge and support around a given subject and provide the tools to set them up for long-term success. From peer support to budgeting and establishing healthy boundaries, we developed these programs with survivors in mind.

We launched Art That Inspires, a program designed to help child and adult survivors learn the basics of art as they navigate difficult circumstances. A21's Pregnancy and Motherhood program was finalized and sent to our global Aftercare teams to begin piloting. With many survivors experiencing pregnancy and stepping into motherhood, we're excited to provide tools to support survivors during this important time in their lives. Fortify and Job Readiness were also new programs rolled out in 2023.

Survivors participated in group-based Life Programs.



"Freedom to Flourish has helped me feel I have a purpose for living."

—A21 Survivor

Life Programs enable survivors to dream and equip them with the tools to turn those dreams into reality, fostering a sense of hope and a renewed sense of purpose. They can be completed individually or with a group.

Our team in Greece facilitated a total of six A21 Life Programs, and 44 survivors completed at least one, while others completed 3-5 programs. Survivors built community while learning vital information from A21 and one another to support their journey to independence.

Strengthening and expanding our holistic aftercare has opened doors to new opportunities, like partnering with government programs and resourcing them with A21 programs. These programs run in Freedom Centers, online, over the phone, in government shelters, and at survivor retreats in Thailand and Cambodia.

Breaking the cycle of human trafficking is far bigger than any one person or organization. We're grateful to link arms with more supporters and partners worldwide to assist survivors on their journey to restoration and independence.

A21 Life Programs



*Art That Inspires

Designed to encourage minor and adult survivors of human trafficking to engage in creativity and be inspired as they learn the basics of art as they navigate difficult circumstances or transition periods.



*Adolescent Development

Developed to assist preadolescent and adolescent survivors of human trafficking understand how and why their bodies are changing, as well as promote overall wellness during puberty.



Brave Hearts, Strong Minds

A group-based program that focuses on equipping and empowering child survivors of human trafficking with strategies to enhance their emotional resilience.



*Fortify

A group program designed to help survivors of human trafficking develop knowledge, skills, and strategies to reduce the likelihood of re-victimization and build resiliency.



*Freedom to Flourish

A peer support group program that assists female survivors of human trafficking to flourish, connect, and support each other in their restoration and journey toward independence.



*Job Readiness

Equips survivors of human trafficking as they begin their search for employment and grow in their vocation.



Life Skills

An A21 curriculum developed to give survivors of human trafficking simple and practical day-to-day living skills to help them reintegrate smoothly into society.



*Pregnancy and Motherhood

Designed to ease apprehension associated with pregnancy and educate survivors of human trafficking who are preparing for parenthood.



*Sexual Health

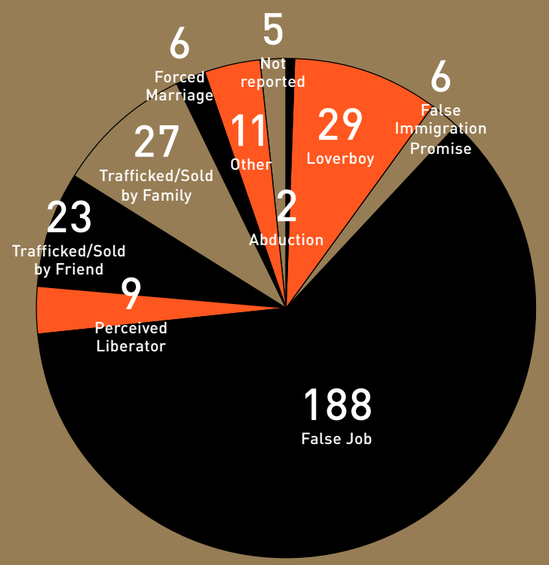
Developed to assist adult survivors of human trafficking in understanding their bodies and sexual wellness during reproductive years.

*This highlights many of our programs, but does not include all programs available for survivors of human trafficking. *Asterisk indicates new Life Programs in 2023.*

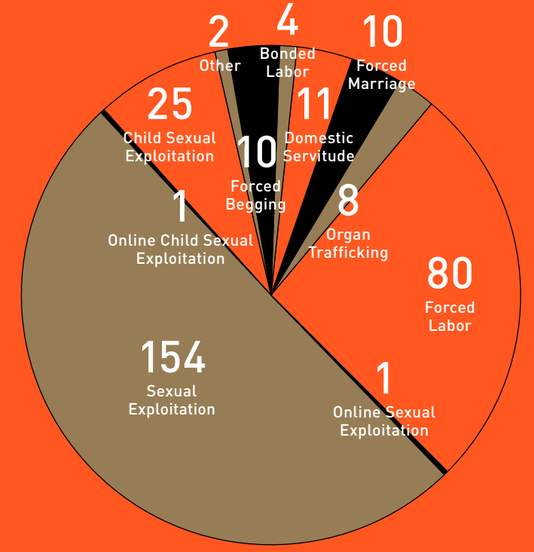
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New Survivors in Our Care in 2023

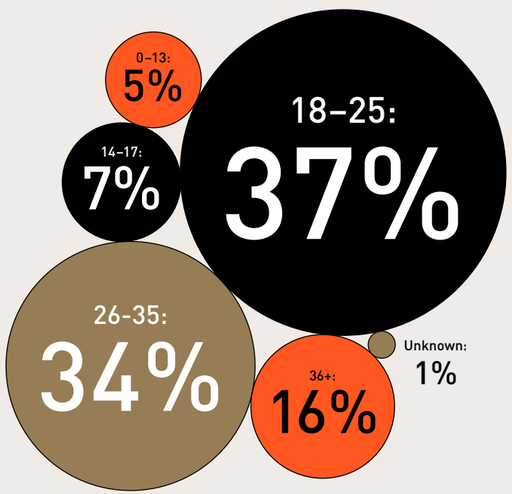
Recruitment Methods



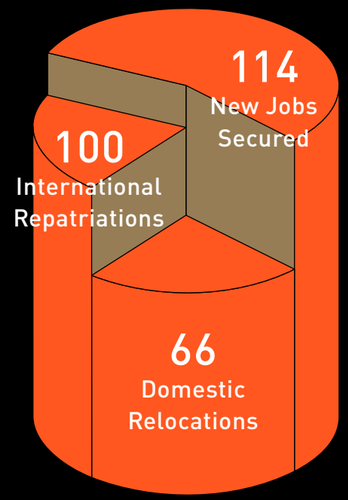
Forms of Exploitation



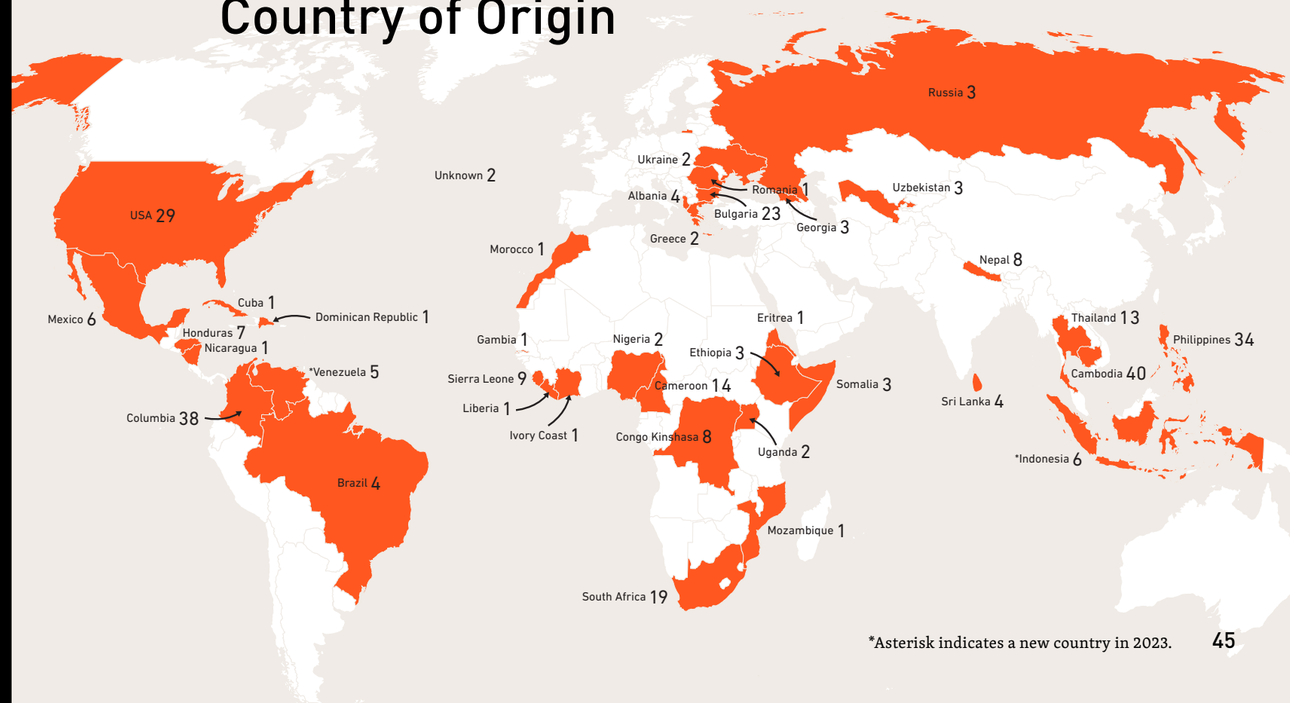
Age



New Beginnings



Country of Origin



*Asterisk indicates a new country in 2023.

Restore Around The World



A21 North Carolina Welcomed 200th Survivor

In February, our Aftercare team in North Carolina welcomed the 200th survivor into our program since the U.S.-based office launched in 2012. We celebrated by connecting with survivors, including one of the first survivors assisted in North Carolina. A21 Aftercare has expanded over the last 11 years, and we're grateful to walk alongside every individual who comes into our care.



Hope for Survivors in Texas

At the beginning of 2023, A21 Texas assisted seven survivors (and their children) with relocation back to their home states. One brave survivor moved to another state to begin college, where she received financial aid, secured housing, and got a job on campus. Other survivors chose to be relocated so they could be reunited with their families, seek safety from their trafficker, and pursue new opportunities.



Survivors Celebrated Spring in Greece

Spring of 2023 was a season of celebration at the Freedom Center in Greece. Survivors attended an Easter event, where they made baskets, painted eggs, enjoyed lunch, and received gifts from our team. We also hosted the "Creative with a Purpose" project, a workshop where survivors made cookies and sent them to a local partner safehouse for the women residing there.



Survivors in South Africa Prepared To Join the Workforce

Survivors in South Africa participated in a job readiness program to develop skills specific to their field and connect them with potential employers. We also focused on enriching the lives of survivors through diverse workshops, combining education with fun. A soap-making workshop was a resounding success. These workshops are more than skill-building—they're platforms for empowerment and self-discovery, fostering personal growth and community spirit.



Nine Child Survivors Entered A21 Foster Care

In 2023, nine child survivors were placed in A21 Foster Care families, receiving ongoing follow-up and aftercare support. Three families were selected and trained in Emergency Foster Care in June, receiving training on child protection, positive parenting, psychological first aid, medical first aid, child trauma-informed care, basic counseling, and the impact of human trafficking. Regular home visits took place throughout the year to connect with child survivors and coach foster families.



Freedom Retreat Connected Survivors in SE Asia

Freedom Retreats were designed to help survivors connect in person, build community, and engage in Life Programs. In Thailand, survivors attended a two-day retreat and participated in Freedom to Flourish, a candle-pouring workshop, and shared meals. In Cambodia, 17 survivors attended a four-day retreat where they learned strategies to foster post-traumatic growth.

12 Survivors Graduated From Freedom To Flourish in Cambodia

In March, 12 survivors graduated from Freedom to Flourish, an A21 Life Program. Freedom to Flourish is a peer support program that assists female survivors of human trafficking to flourish, connect, and support each other in their restoration and journey toward independence. Survivors build friendships, rediscover dreams, and establish a community of support, which is an essential part of the healing process.





32 Survivors in Greece Secured New Employment

A fulfilling job can not only revive dreams but can also be a pivotal moment in building confidence and achieving independence. While taking sewing classes, one survivor was offered a position due to her quick progress and impressive skill. After seeking asylum in France, another survivor accepted a job at a technology company, allowing her the income to find her own apartment and support her daughter independently. In total, 114 survivors secured jobs in 2023.



New Survivor Sewing Program Launched in Cambodia

In September, A21 Cambodia launched a new sewing program at the Freedom Center. This initiative provided survivors the opportunity to cultivate their talents and build practical skills that foster self-sufficiency and opens doors to various jobs and small business ventures. With a focus on skill development, creativity, and entrepreneurship, this program was a monumental step toward independence for survivors in our care.

Partnership is essential to everything we do—from the unwavering commitment of our supporters to equipping partners around the globe.

Together, we're breaking the cycle of human trafficking.



15



March 9, 2023, marked A21's 15th anniversary. It was a year of celebration, hope, and remarkable impact. What began with one person's decision to take action in 2008 has led to billions of people reached with awareness, thousands of survivors restored, and hundreds of traffickers convicted and sentenced.

Today, millions are talking about human trafficking in their communities, schools, and online. Thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and frontline partners, A21 programs are at work in 20 countries across six continents. In 2023, our supporters' commitment to freedom was stronger than ever. Many of you joined us to celebrate 15 years of A21. With every passing year, we're getting closer to ending the crisis of human trafficking—and we couldn't do it without you.

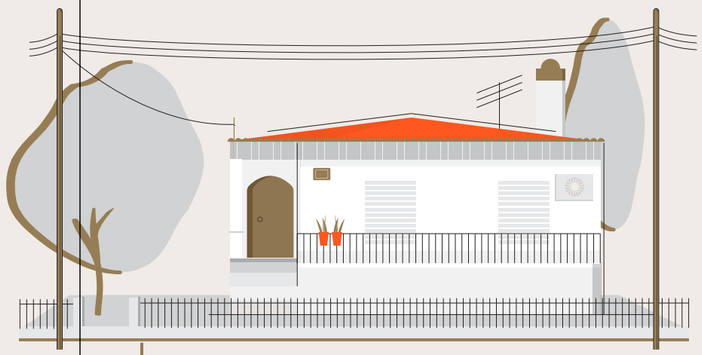
The rate of our collective impact is accelerating. In the last five years, we've seen over 70% increase in the number of victims identified and doubled the number of survivors we've assisted on their journey to independence. Join us as we reflect on the last 15 years and look forward to the next 15 with greater impact and more milestones ahead.

Milestones You've Made Possible Over the Last 15 Years



MAY Christine Caine saw the Missing Persons Poster in Greece and decided to take action, marking the beginning of A21.

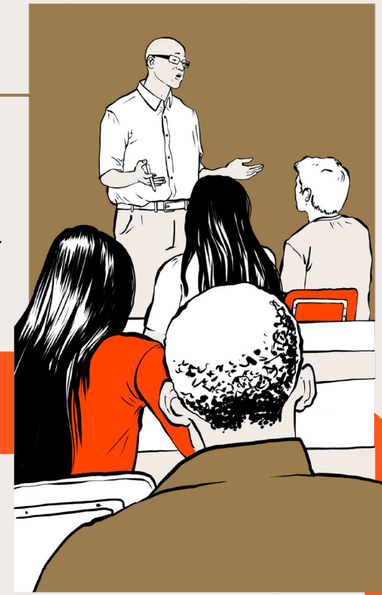
2007



SEP Opened the first A21 office in Thessaloniki, Greece.
DEC Opened the A21 Home in Greece and assisted our first survivor.

2008

JUL A21 Student Program began with student presentations in Australian schools.
AUG Opened our second office in Kiev, Ukraine.
SEP First police operation and intervention initiated by A21 Intelligence.



2009



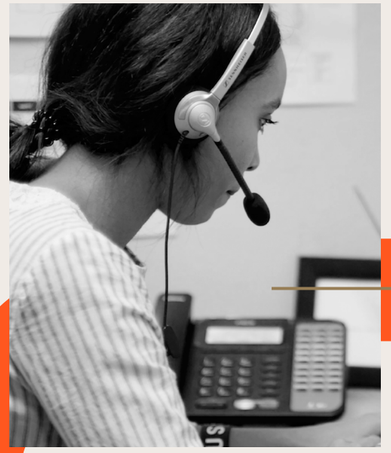
JUN First court case victory resulted in a steep fine and imprisonment for the trafficker.
JUL Opened our third office in Costa Mesa, California.

2010



FEB Second major court case victory in Greece resulted in imprisonment and fine.
JUN Published in the U.S. Trafficking in Persons Report for our work in Greece.
OCT Opened our fourth office in Bulgaria.

2011



APR Launched the A21 1109 Greece National Human Trafficking Hotline.
JUN Opened our fifth office on the East Coast of the U.S. and our first residential shelter in Bulgaria.
JUL Opened our sixth office in London.

2012



APR Opened seventh office in Cape Town, South Africa. A21 became the first point of contact when a new victim was identified and brought to safety.
OCT 10 cyclists rode the Freedom Challenge from Bulgaria to London to raise awareness.

2013



JAN Our Bodies Are Not Commodities curriculum launched in U.S. high schools.
JUN Became a founding partner of It's a Penalty Campaign, launched at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil.
OCT The first Walk For Freedom took place in 16 countries around the world.

2014



JAN Opened our eighth office in Norway.
MAR Opened our ninth office in Thailand.
AUG Opened our 10th office in Amsterdam.
SEP Distributed prevention materials and aid to 182,431 refugees across six camps in Greece.
OCT Launched the Bulgarian National Human Trafficking Hotline.

2015



2016

MAR 77 victims were identified through our 1109 Hotline in Greece.
JUL Opened our first Freedom Center in the U.S., housing our 11th office.
AUG Launched our South Africa National Human Trafficking Hotline.
OCT Opened our 12th office in Denmark, and an 18-month-old child entered our care in Thailand.
DEC Launched our first Can You See Me? (CYSM) campaign in the U.K., leading to a 300% increase in reports in the region where the campaign was piloted.

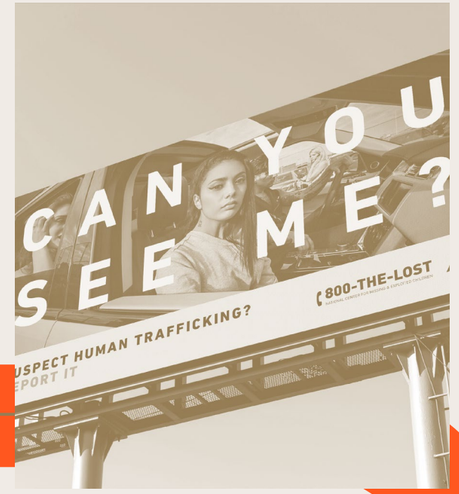


2017

JAN Opened first Child Advocacy Center (CAC) in Thailand, housing our 13th office.
JUN Launched Flourish Aftercare program in the U.S.
JUL Can You See Me? launched in Thailand in partnership with the local agencies.

2018

MAR First legal case in Thailand.
MAR Opened a Freedom Center in Greece.
MAR Can You See Me? launched nationwide in the U.S., including major transportation hubs and airports.
APR Opened our 14th office in Spain.
SEP Can You See Me? launched in Mexico throughout airports, bus stations, and migrant centers.
OCT A21 appointed to the first USDOT's Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking.





2021

MAY Opened our 17th location and first regional office for Latin America.
SEP Conducted our largest operation in Ukraine, assisting 130 victims.
DEC Received USDOT Human Trafficking in Transportation Impact Award for our CYSM campaign.



2020

FEB It's A Penalty Superbowl LIIV reached over 139 million people with hotline info.
MAR Primary Prevention Program launched to educate and equip young children.
DEC Legal Assistance Program started in Cambodia.
DEC Launched Freedom Center in South Africa.



2022

JAN Launched our 5th Freedom Center in Dallas, TX.
MAY Launched A21 Foster Care in partnership with Hagar in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
MAY Counter-Trafficking Toolkit launched with the U.K. Border Force.
AUG Launched our 6th Freedom Center in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
SEP Launched new Can You See Me? in Guatemala.
OCT Launched Can You See Me? in Bulgaria.



2019

JUN Co-sponsored Judicial Seminar on Human Trafficking, Forced Labor, and Child Exploitation in Thailand.
JUL Launched Freedom Center in Bulgaria.
AUG Can You See Me? launched in South Africa.
SEP Can You See Me? launched in more than 70 cities across Texas.
OCT 5th Annual Walk For Freedom occurs in 500 cities across 50 countries.
NOV Celebrated 1,000 survivors coming into our care.
DEC Opened our 15th office in Cambodia and a CAC in Siem Reap, housing our 16th office.



2023

MAR Celebrated 15 years of A21.
MAY Launched the U.S. Counter-Trafficking Toolkit.
JUN Launched Can You See Me? in Honduras.
JUL Launched Can You See Me? in Argentina.
JUL Launched new Human Trafficking Hotline in Spain.
SEP Co-hosted Forensic Interviewing Conference in Thailand.
OCT Launched CAC expansion in Pattaya.
OCT Launched Can You See Me? in Greece.
DEC Launched Can You See Me? in Cambodia.

Additional milestone moments + A21.org/15-Years

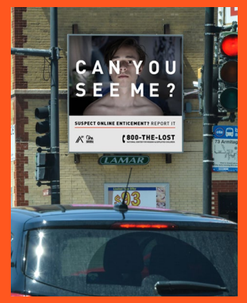
Here's to the Next 15 Years

With your support, millions of lives have been impacted in the last 15 years.

Reach



Because of the involvement and action of tens of thousands of people like you, our annual Walk For Freedom event, spanning over 80 countries and 500 cities with hundreds of thousands of participants, reached over 2 billion people through media.



Can You See Me? campaigns reached a potential 3.2 billion people across four continents. This award-winning campaign has been recognized by governments, the United Nations, and over 34 film festivals—furthering the reach of awareness.



Numerous prevention and education resources have been developed and distributed, including safety guides in 15 versions and 10 languages, children's storybooks and comic books, computer games, refugee brochures, Early Childhood Prevention Program, Primary Prevention Program, and a school-based K-12 curriculum.

Recover



A21 Hotlines have been contacted over 65,000 times. Over 6,000 potential victims were reported in those calls, many of which led to the identification and recovery of victims.



Thousands of professionals have been trained to identify victims and report human trafficking.

Hundreds of perpetrators sentenced to collectively over 3,800 years in prison and 4.8M dollars in fines and compensation. In Greece, the testimony of one brave survivor led to the conviction of a trafficker that authorities estimated had trafficked over 1,000 victims.





Restore



6 Freedom Centers support hundreds of survivors annually across four continents, including an extensive worldwide referral network for survivors not located near one of our offices.



Hundreds of survivors have been assisted with relocation and international repatriation, depending on each individual's situation.



Thousands of men, women, and children once trapped in exploitation are now living in freedom. Nearly two thousand survivors have been through our Aftercare program.

Thank



You

A future that bends toward justice is on the horizon.

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Our Fight Continues

Fifteen years in, our commitment to a future where every person is free hasn't wavered. Though our progress has been monumental, it's only a fraction of the challenge we're up against. The path to justice is well-worn, and the model for success is proven, but we're still in the early stages of this fight. Now is the time to dig deeper, go further, and move faster until the narrative bends toward a brighter tomorrow. Together, we can scale our collective impact.

With your support, we plan to multiply and accelerate the rate at which we reach, recover, and restore the one—the one vulnerable child at risk of exploitation, the one woman trapped in sex trafficking, and the one man seeking restoration. Freedom is far too important to slow down now. Our goal is to equip people everywhere to stop human trafficking at a faster and more efficient rate by giving away our programs, processes, and resources until every victim is free and survivor restored.

With the help of dedicated supporters, an incredible team, and world-class partnerships, we expect to see...

- Vulnerability to human trafficking rapidly decreasing as we reach more people than ever before through global campaigns and education resources.
- A cutting-edge global network of frontline partners whom we can connect with, resource, and equip to impact countless people in cities where A21 does not currently have a presence.
- An increase in access to hotlines around the world to accelerate the number of victims identified and assisted.
- Victims being identified and traffickers being prosecuted on a mass scale as we partner with more governments, law enforcement, and NGOs all over the world.
- Increased support for survivors by expanding our Freedom Centers and Child Advocacy Centers.

A future that bends toward justice is on the horizon. With your partnership and our proven approach, we will end the human trafficking crisis. Join us by donating today at A21.org/Donate.


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