



# IMPACT REPORT

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# INTRODUCTION

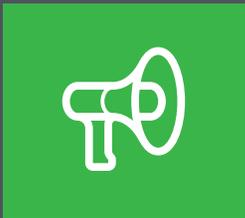
PROJECT FUTURES partners with established service providers in Australia and Cambodia who align with our mission to end human trafficking, slavery and exploitation. Impact Partners are selected and supported based on their alignment with at least one of the below provision of service categories.

PREVENTION | SUPPORT SERVICES | EMPOWERMENT

This report provides a detailed update on the support provided to our four Impact Partners between January - December 2015. We have also published the funds donated to our parnters in a 1.5 year period between 1 July 2014 - 31 December 2015, due to our financial processes being changed over to reflect a calendar year starting 1 January 2016.

## INTERNATIONAL

## AUSTRALIA

 <p><b>AFESIP CAMBODIA</b></p>	 <p><b>CAMBODIAN CHILDREN'S TRUST</b></p>	 <p><b>THE SALVATION ARMY'S TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY SAFE HOUSE AND FREEDOM ADVOCATES</b></p>	 <p><b>CHILD WISE</b></p>
<p>Founded in 1996, AFESIP Cambodia seeks to care for and secure the rights of victims of human trafficking and sex slavery in Cambodia while working to combat the causes and consequences of this crime with the goal to successfully rehabilitate and reintegrate survivors back into the community or with their families.</p>	<p>Established in 2007 by an Australian woman, the Cambodian Children's Trust works with children and families in Battambang to become educated, ethical and empowered leaders in their community.</p> <p>Programs are designed to create lasting and systemic change in Cambodia, by working holistically to break the cycle of poverty.</p>	<p>The Safe House provides supported accommodation for trafficked women, as well as persons experiencing slavery or slavery-like practices (like forced marriage or domestic servitude). The Freedom Advocates Project empowers survivors to become advocates of change.</p>	<p>Established in 1991, Child Wise is one of Australia's leading not-for-profit child abuse prevention organisations.</p> <p>Child Wise has achieved significant recognition and credibility within the sector and from the Government for their award winning and innovative prevention programs, primarily focused on creating child safe organisations.</p>



# AFESIP CAMBODIA

“ A WORLD WHERE YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS ARE SAFE FROM SLAVERY ”

**\$1,208,839**  
DONATED SINCE 2009

**\$357,096**  
DONATED BETWEEN  
1 July 2014 - 31 December 2015

Based on the vision and life’s work of Cambodian survivor and activist, Somaly Mam, AFESIP Cambodia is committed to the eradication of sex slavery and the empowerment of its survivors,

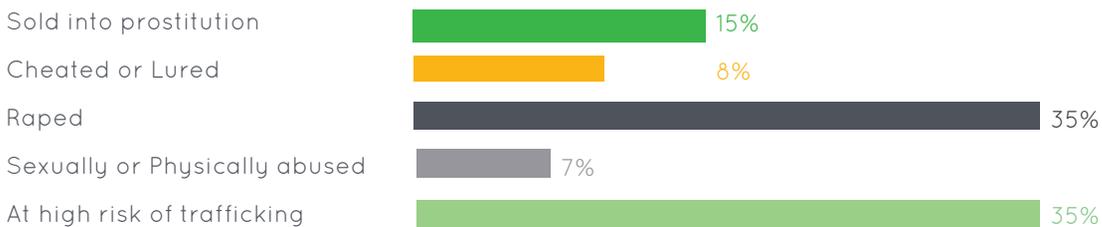
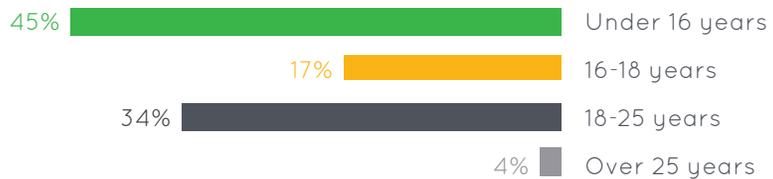
AFESIP Cambodia remains our longest standing Impact Partner and we their largest financial supporter.

Unfortunately, AFESIP Cambodia are still recovering from negative (and unfounded) media coverage dating back to 2014, which has severely impacted their international funding streams.

Operations have been scaled back to include one fully functioning centre in Phnom Penh while the organisation rebuilds. Programs are focused on recovery and reintegration, education and training, as well as outreach and empowerment strategies.

## THE SCOPE AND SCALE OF THE ISSUE

### AGE RANGE OF GIRLS IN THE CENTRE



### TRAFFICKING HISTORY

Over 12 months, 5,325 “Entertainment Workers” (sex workers) were visited at 328 establishments by outreach staff. Over 33,000 condoms, 947 soaps and 1129 toothbrushes were distributed.

This is the first step in a long term approach to build awareness about rights and the choices these women have, where they can go for support and provide an outlet if they choose to leave the sex industry. It builds trust and establishes a safe connection with case workers.

# SUPPORT SERVICES

## KEY OUTCOMES

Enhanced physical and mental well-being of women and girls who are at-risk of and victims of sexual violence, trafficking, abuse or indentured slavery and exploitation.

 <p>One Centre (Tom Dy Centre in Phnom Penh)</p>	 <p>110 girls accommodated at the Tom Dy Centre</p>	 <p>36 new referrals received and accommodated</p>	 <p>618 active reintegration cases</p>
 <p>79 girls participated in art therapy</p>	 <p>148 healthcare check ups conducted</p>	 <p>67% of check ups resulted in a diagnosis</p>	 <p>Over 400 clinical counseling sessions</p>

SAFETY & STABILITY	ADDRESS EFFECTS OF TRAUMA	BUILD TRUST & MAKE NEW CONNECTIONS
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# EMPOWERMENT

## KEY OUTCOMES

Socially and economically empowered women to become self-sufficient by equipping them with the skills and expertise to become financially independent.

 <p>33 girls in primary school</p>	 <p>16 girls in secondary school</p>	 <p>7 scholarship holders studying psychology, accounting, finance or nursing</p>	 <p>38 women in long term in-centre vocational training (hairdressing, sewing etc)</p>
 <p>2 women living and working independently</p>	 <p>4 women gained full or part time employment</p>	 <p>14 women reintegrated into home community</p>	 <p>13 women supported to start a micro business</p>



## CAMBODIAN CHILDREN’S TRUST

“ HELP CHILDREN BREAK FREE FROM THE INTERGENERATIONAL CYCLE OF POVERTY WHILE PROMOTING FAMILY PRESERVATION AND REINTEGRATION ”

**\$45,000**  
DONATED SINCE 2015

Since mid-2015, PROJECT FUTURES has provided financial and non-financial support to the Cambodian Children’s Trust, our most recent Impact Partner. CCT apply a holistic service-based approach, working to address the whole range of issues that cause families to be trapped in the inter-generational cycle of poverty.

The immense stress and pressure placed on a family who is trapped in the cycle of poverty will often result in secondary issues resulting in family breakdowns. This means the children in these vulnerable families are placed at a high risk of being trafficked or ending up in orphanages.

Advocating for and enabling organisations in Cambodia to initiate systemic change is necessary to create environments free from slavery and exploitation.

### PREVENTION

The below statistics reflect the overall impact of CCT’s Youth Centres and Pre School in 2015, of which PROJECT FUTURES has contributed \$40,000. The Youth Centres support children from the slums, providing them with all their basic needs, while also ensuring they remain with their family.

#### KEY OUTCOMES

Promote the emotional and physical development of children by providing crisis intervention services that prevent at-risk children from being trafficked, subjected to child labour or from ending up in orphanages.

 <p>63 families supported</p>	 <p>3 Community Centres (including Pre-School)</p>	 <p>171 children accessing supplementary education</p>	 <p>Close to 75,000 nutritious meals provided</p>
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At Christmas, PROJECT FUTURES donated an additional \$5,000 to CCT to sponsor three children (aged three, nine and ten).

This contribution covered the cost to enroll each child in their local public school, all costs associated with their education, as well as CCT’s supplementary education programs, including ICT Education, cultural activities and physical education.



# THE SALVATION ARMY'S TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY SAFE HOUSE

“ FREEDOM IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT ”

**\$564,825**  
DONATED SINCE 2011

**\$253,000**  
DONATED BETWEEN  
1 July 2014 - 31 December 2015

The Trafficking and Slavery Safe House works with survivors of trafficking and slavery immediately following their escape to provide comprehensive, holistic and culturally appropriate case management support until they are confident to live independently in the community.

The Safe House is currently staffed by two case managers and a coordinator whose roles are to navigate complex legal circumstances, physical and mental health concerns, as well as address any employment/ education barriers of disadvantaged job seekers. Each of these issues (and more) contribute significantly to the vulnerability and capacity of each client to rebuild their lives.

PROJECT FUTURES funds provide case managers with the capacity to work flexibly and holistically with their clients, while enabling them to identify pre-existing gaps in services, and advocate for improved support in the future.

## THE SCOPE AND SCALE OF THE ISSUE



Based on data provided by the Safe House (Apr-Dec 2015)

Forced Marriage was criminalised in Australia under the Commonwealth Criminal Code in 2013. Since then, there has been a significant increase in the reporting of forced marriages occurring.

Criminalising forced marriage was an important first step for Australia, however it is only one part of a complex and comprehensive response to best support young people and their families. Young people aged 16-18 years represent a significant number of those at risk and more nuanced interventions need to be made available.

20% of the clients currently being supported by The Salvation Army's Trafficking and Slavery Safe House have been at risk of, or have experienced forced marriage.

# SUPPORT SERVICES

## KEY OUTCOMES

Enhanced physical and mental well-being, increased engagement in case work and development of positive / healthy relationships.

 <p>36 people supported by case managers</p>	 <p>1,525 case work connections conducted</p>	 <p>170 average case work connections per month</p>
 <p>250 legal consultations provided (average of 28 per month)</p>	 <p>60% of clients received regular counseling</p>	 <p>Approximately 200 healthcare appointments / consultations</p>

The Safe House currently offers a 10 bed residential service for women, but can support men, women, young people and families in a non-residential capacity through case management.

# EMPOWERMENT

## KEY OUTCOMES

Increased ability to advocate for self and others, while also reducing vulnerabilities to repeat exploitation.

 <p>8 people achieved independent housing</p>	 <p>10 people secured stable employment</p>	 <p>4 permanent Visas granted</p>	 <p>13 people engaged in regular education classes</p>
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Three people were also supported to **return home safely**.

 <p>INCIDENCE OF FORCED MARRIAGE IN AUSTRALIA</p>	<p>The Australian Federal Police (AFP) received <b>119 new referrals</b> relating to human trafficking and slavery matters in 2014-2015 of which 93 were investigated further.</p> <p><b>28%</b> of these referrals related to forced marriage matters.</p> <p>Between March 2013 - July 2015, the AFP received 49 referrals for suspected forced marriage. 41 were accepted and investigated, of which <b>78% were under the age of 18</b>.</p> <p>The current challenge is placement options for 16-18 year olds who do not wish to return home, but existing refuges are not suitable.</p>
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# THE FREEDOM ADVOCATES PROJECT

“ EMPOWERING SURVIVORS TO END MODERN SLAVERY ”

The Freedom Advocates Project provides an opportunity for survivors of modern slavery to use their experiences to create positive change.



BRING THE VOICE OF SURVIVORS TO POLICY DISCUSSIONS



ENSURE EXPERIENCES OF MODERN SLAVERY ARE ACCURATE & RESPECTFUL



MENTOR OTHERS WHO MAY HAVE EXPERIENCED EXPLOITATION

## EMPOWERMENT

Funding for the project supports Advocates in the following ways:

**TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT:** Freedom Advocates undertake a comprehensive training program that helps develop advocacy skills. This is critical to ensuring ethical engagement and minimisation of risks for the advocate.

**TRAINED SUPPORT:** The program co-ordinator supports advocates to develop an individual advocacy plan, evaluate the value of proposed activities and then prepare for them.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Support also extends to financial compensation for the time the advocates take to prepare and be present at various event opportunities.

There are currently four advocates engaged in the program.

### 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

 <p>13 ACTIVITIES FULFILLED BY FREEDOM ADVOCATES</p>	<p>ESTIMATED REACH OF</p> <p><b>1,119,491</b></p> <p>THROUGH MEDIA STORIES FEATURING ADVOCATES</p>	 <p>1 NEW ADVOCATE COMPLETED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING &amp; MEDIA MENTORING</p>
<p>2 FREEDOM ADVOCATES ATTENDED NATIONAL ROUND TABLE ON TRAFFICKING &amp; SLAVERY</p> 	<p>18 HEADS OF FAITH &amp; 5 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (INC THE HON. JULIE BISHOP AND THE HON. TANYA PLIBERSEK)</p> <p>HEARD 2 ADVOCATES SPEAK AT THE LAUNCH OF THE AUSTRALIAN FREEDOM NETWORK</p>	<p>3 SESSIONS OF PEER SUPPORT WITH INDIVIDUALS AT RISK OF FORCED MARRIAGE</p> 



## CHILD WISE

“ A SOCIETY IN WHICH CHILDREN CAN GROW UP FREE FROM ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION ”

**\$179,113**  
DONATED SINCE 2011

**\$100,000**  
DONATED BETWEEN  
1 July 2014 - 31 December 2015

PROJECT FUTURES has supported Child Wise since 2011 in a financial and non-financial capacity. Since 2014, this support has been focussed exclusively on their ‘National Child Abuse Prevention Helpline’.

A wide range of people affected by child abuse contact the Helpline, including victims, parents, relatives, teachers, friends, professionals, carers and many others. Many of the callers require information on the indicators of child abuse and what to do if they have suspicions that a child is being abused and assistance on how to talk to children about personal safety.

Child Wise also receives calls from people seeking information or support in regards to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

If you are interested to find out about findings from the Royal Commission, please visit <http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/findings>

PROJECT FUTURES is committed to supporting Child Wise into the future on a sustainable and long-term basis. Support will now include Child Wise’s ‘Personal Safety Protective Behaviours Program’.

### UNDERSTANDING THE SCOPE AND SCALE OF THE ISSUE



**5,581**  
children were **sexually** abused

**11,194**  
children suffered **neglect** at the hand of of the carers

**7,906**  
children were **physically** abused

**16,903**  
children experienced **emotional** abuse



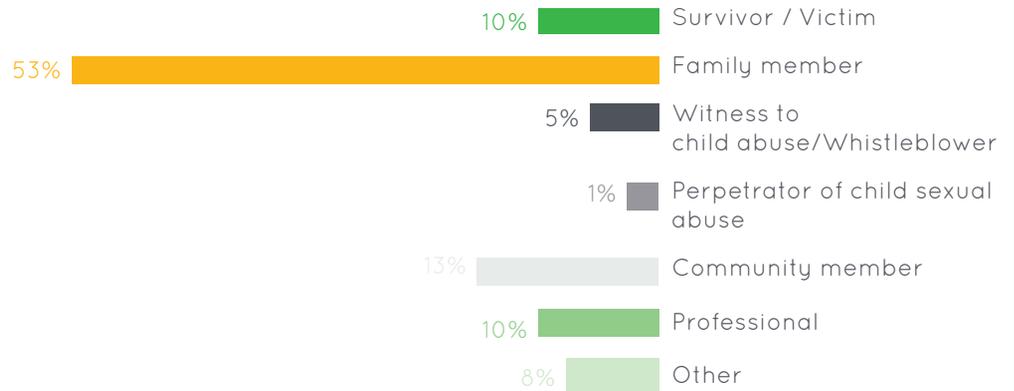
\* Statistics provided by the Australian Government Institute of Family Studies (2013-2014 Report)

# PREVENTION

Snapshot of January - December 2015 Calendar Year  
**HELPLINE CALLS AND REACH OUT**



TYPES OF CALLS



NUMBER OF CALLS: 412

INTERNET REACH OUTS: 78

## REFERRALS TO CHILD WISE

Child Wise often receive warm referrals from the Royal Commission as these calls are considered 'out of scope' for the Government.

A number of callers are also referred by Child FIRST for consultation support, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

These referral pathways speak volumes of the confidence that professionals and community members have in the work of Child Wise.



## CASE STUDY: SARAH\*, 45 YEAR OLD WOMAN "SHE NEVER UNDERSTOOD HOW SOMEONE COULD CARE FOR HER, LET ALONE LOVE HER"



Sarah\* is a government employee who has difficulties with issues of trust in intimate relationships, prompting her to address her past experience of sexual abuse.

Previously undisclosed, Sarah called Child Wise's Helpline to discuss how sexual and psychological abuse is affecting her current functioning.

Abused and bullied by a female teacher in boarding school, Sarah

understood her sexual abuse as a form of punishment for not being "good enough".

As a result, she now struggles to trust those who show interest in her, believing there are other motives for their warmth.

Child Wise's Helpline counsellor provided a safe and supportive environment for Sarah to comfortably share her hidden past, thereby helping to address her

negative self-talk.

Feeling relief for the first time in years, Sarah also made the courageous decision to make a statement to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

In their final correspondence, Sarah informed the Child Wise counsellor that addressing her childhood abuse was the gift she gave herself for her 45th birthday.

# PHOTO GALLERY



FROM LEFT: Margaret and Sandra (Freedom Advocates) speaking at 'The Justice Conference' April 2015 and 'The Australian Freedom Network' December 2015.



FROM LEFT: CCT's Youth Centre and School in the Cloud in action



FROM LEFT AND ABOVE: AFESIP Cambodia vocational training and school supplies provided for reintegrated children in the community.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ON THE ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT US:

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OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS, PROJECT FUTURES HAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE ITS FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES SUPPORTING THOSE AFFECTED BY OR AT-RISK OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF OUR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS, CONTINUED AWARENESS, ADVOCACY AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES, PROJECT FUTURES IS CONFIDENT OF FURTHERING OUR IMPACT ON THIS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION.

THANK YOU TO OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS



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