



STOP THE TRAFFIK,
PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE BOUGHT & SOLD

**DIRECTORS' REPORT TO AGM
FOR THE YEAR 2015**



HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS THE FASTEST GROWING CRIME WORLDWIDE

BE PART OF ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

START FREEDOM

TOGETHER WE MUST STOP THE TRAFFIK

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Human trafficking is happening Where you live

Human Trafficking
A Global Problem

Prostitution, Servitude, Forced Labor

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ऐसा जबरन, गुलामी, बालबधुरी

27%	of children are trafficked
42%	of women are trafficked
30%	of men are trafficked
49%	of children are trafficked

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VISION & MISSION

Human trafficking is a violation of a person's human rights (Article 4, Universal Declaration of Human Rights). STOP THE TRAFFIK in Australia exists to prevent the physical, emotional and sexual abuse and harm done by human trafficking. We seek to prevent trafficking by engaging in:

- **COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION**

We equip people to understand what trafficking is, how it affects them and what they can do about it. We raise awareness to ensure that vulnerable people are protected against the abusive and deceptive behaviour of traffickers.

- **GLOBAL CAMPAIGNING**

We inform consumers about how trafficking impacts the supply chains of businesses worldwide. We equip and empower consumers to change their buying habits and campaign for change. We advocate for business to take action to prevent the harm and abuse associated with human trafficking. Australians are consumers aware and as such we are able to use the power of our wallets and buying choices to prevent human trafficking.

- **GATHERING AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE**

We gather and analyse information from individuals and stakeholders on how and where trafficking is taking place.

We seek to end the abuse and harm of buying and selling people in our lifetime.

TRAFFIK-FREE CHOCOLATE

Since 2001 it has been well-known that children are trafficked to grow and produce cocoa in west Africa. This cocoa likely ends up in the chocolate we eat. The chocolate industry said it would self regulate and abolish these practices. However, until STOP THE TRAFFIK's consumer driven campaign there was very little movement to this end.

Australia was the first country where Cadbury certified its Dairy Milk block and Green and Black's range in 2009 with Fairtrade. Nestle Australia announced in 2013 the certification of its entire Australian and New Zealand produced range with UTZ. For Easter 2014, Haigh's announced its entire Easter range was UTZ and is working towards 100% certification. In 2015 ALDI Australia was the first major Australian retailer to have its entire Easter and Christmas private label confectionery ranges certified and Milo was certified in Australia and New Zealand, both with UTZ.

Easter is our major focus for chocolate and in 2015 we partnered with Fairtrade Australia and New Zealand in the focus which saw a tour by a cocoa farmer from Ghana; an on-line petition of over 13,000 people and engagement with Supermarkets Coles and Woolworths asking them to increase their product range. Coles has now certified all by one product in their private label range for Easter. Regrettably Woolworths chose not to offer its certified range for 2016

Easter 2016 will see the launch of "A Matter of Taste – the impact of certification systems on eliminating human trafficking in the harvesting of cocoa for chocolate." This report is a joint project with World Vision Australia and Baptist World Aid Australia.





MAKE FASHION TRAFFIK-FREE

Following on from our work with the Cotton Campaign to help Australian companies to exclude Uzbekistan cotton from their supply chain; we launched Make Fashion Traffik Free asking for transparency and traceability in the entire supply chain of garments. The campaign focuses on the Sumangali human trafficking scheme, which holds young women in a modern form of slavery in the spinning weaving and dyeing mills of Tamil Nadu in India. The vast majority of fashion labels and retailers don't know their supply chain. Our protocol asks them to ensure traceability and transparency. **15 labels and retailers have now signed the protocol** and we are in ongoing dialogue with a number of others.

A field trip for retailers and brands was undertaken to raise awareness about the Sumangali Scheme and the importance of tracing to the spinning, weaving and dyeing tier of garment production.

In November we held the first Australian Fashion Forum in partnership with Baptist World Aid Australia and Fashion Revolution. The focus was on the importance of a Living Wage. A short video clip highlighting the living wage issues was produced (<https://youtu.be/xXRUw4cgZhs>). This will be conducted biannually.

TRAFFIK FREE TEA GARDENS

Partnering with Walk Free our Traffik-Free Tea Gardens campaign collected and delivered **over 190,000 signatures** on a petition to Amalgamated Plantations and Tata Global Beverages. The situation in the tea gardens of Assam is one of unique vulnerability to human trafficking and we are calling on these businesses to take action and show leadership. This campaign is ongoing and will focus on the Tetley brand in the next stage.

FISHING AND SEAFOOD

Media and activists reports of the abuse and trafficking in fishing vessels, shrimp peeling and in production of fish meal for shrimp farms increased in 2015. An investigation by The Associated Press collected evidence of forced labor at a factory outside Bangkok owned by seafood supplier Thai Union. Some of the workers are children who have said they work under the threat of violence. This is just one of many stories emerging from the fishing industry in Thailand and SE Asia. Woolworths, Coles and Aldi launched investigations, have implemented policies that trace their supply chain back to the factories ensuring they are traffic-free. We were satisfied that the media allegations specifically against these Australian supermarkets were not accurate but that the situation in the industry as a whole was.

Just before Christmas we launch a campaign to Federal Minister For Justice The Honorable Michael Keenan MP to introduce legislation requiring businesses to publicly disclose the actions they are taking to insure their goods are free from slavery, human trafficking and forced labour. Had this information been available Australian consumers and the media would have been able to draw their own conclusions. We are continuing to develop this campaign and work with stakeholders and partners on the contribution which STOP THE TRAFFIK can best make.



WOMEN IN ASSAM
PHOTO: FUZZ KITTO



FREEDOM SUNDAY

A number of our members are faith based and join together for a day of prayer focusing on preventing the abuse of human trafficking. Raising awareness in these local communities builds resilience and prevents harm.

INDIA INSIGHT TRIP

Once again STOP THE TRAFFIK led a group to learn about trafficking prevention. Our hosts include The Good Shepherd's work with Dalit people and particularly Jogini women; Oasis India in Mumbai and Emmanuel Hospital Associations trafficking prevention work in the tea gardens in Assam.

THANK YOU

We are grateful to our members, volunteers, and 1000's of activists who make what we are able to achieve possible. Thanks to Deb for making everything we produce look good.

We are grateful for the service Scott Higgins has given to the board and are sad to see him step down for personal reasons. Scott has been a powerhouse of policy development and of practical help with all things technological (especially to do with the internet). He has brought wisdom and insight, compassion for the poor and human rights and excellent leadership to the board.

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