



# MUMBAI, INDIA

## THE PROBLEM SEX TRAFFICKING

Mumbai is India's largest city—22 million people—and the commercial, financial and entertainment capital of the country. It is also home to one of Asia's largest red-light districts. Every year, scores of girls are trafficked across state borders and from Nepal and Bangladesh to Mumbai. Traffickers prey on young women without a support network, selling them to brothels or private networks where they are exploited in the commercial sex industry. Sex trafficking is a violent crime: IJM has met survivors who were beaten, starved or forced to use drugs and alcohol. Some have shared that they were raped more than a dozen times in a day.

## IJM MUMBAI PROGRESS SINCE 2000



**590+**

survivors  
rescued from sex  
trafficking



**92**

survivors currently  
receiving aftercare  
services from IJM



**97+**

convicted for  
trafficking related  
crimes



### THE FACTS

**40.3 million**  
people are  
estimated to be  
held in slavery worldwide.<sup>1</sup>



India's Central Bureau of Investigation estimates that there are **1.2 million children** exploited in the country's commercial sex trade.

Human trafficking generates **\$150 billion a year globally.**<sup>2</sup>

**1 child goes missing every 8 minutes** in India, and nearly half are never found.<sup>3</sup>



“None of these girls came here willingly; they were all forced. So I knew that by helping I was saving lives.”

-Sani,\* a sex trafficking survivor who led IJM and police to rescue girls who had been hidden inside a brothel

## How IJM Mumbai Combats Sex Trafficking

**We rescue victims** by identifying brothels, hotels and other locations where women and young girls are being trafficked. We partner with police agencies in Mumbai and the state of Maharashtra to rescue the victims and ensure that each survivor is treated with dignity and respect.

**We bring criminals to justice** by helping build strong cases against the brothel owners, managers and pimps so that India’s anti-trafficking laws are enforced. We support prosecutors at every step of the lengthy trial process and advocate for fair sentences that reflect the crime as defined by Indian law.

**We restore survivors** by walking closely with every young woman from the night she is rescued to the day she will complete our aftercare program—often years later. We partner with local aftercare homes that offer safe housing, education and job training. IJM social workers develop treatment plans for each survivor focusing on physical health, trauma counseling, personal security and economic self-sufficiency so she can truly thrive in freedom.

**We strengthen justice systems** by working hand-in-hand with investigating agencies, social workers and the judicial system. We partner with local government agencies to provide training that educates officials on trafficking and how to prevent, identify and prosecute the crime.

### IJM MUMBAI MILESTONES

- 2000**  
**IJM MUMBAI OPENS**
- 2004**  
**FIRST CONVICTION**  
The first criminal is convicted in an IJM case.
- 2004**  
**KINGPIN TRAFFICKER ARRESTED**  
This suspect has trafficked 60+ girls.
- 2013**  
**500<sup>TH</sup> TRAFFICKING VICTIM RESCUED IN IJM-SUPPORTED OPERATION**
- 2014**  
**GOVERNMENT INVITES IJM TO TRAIN THOUSANDS**  
Maharashtra invites IJM to train 15,000 officials and serve on special task force to draft a statewide action plan against trafficking.



### DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS MICHAEL YANGAD

Michael joined IJM in 2012 as a trained lawyer and pastor, and after coordinating dozens of anti-trafficking rescue operations. He helped lead IJM’s 2015 Mumbai initiative to train more than 10,000 officers of the public justice system on human trafficking cases. Today, he oversees the team’s mission to rescue victims of sex trafficking and improve the justice system’s response to the crime.



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\*A pseudonym. Child pictured on cover is not an actual victim; image taken with consent. All text and images © 2017 International Justice Mission