

# CAMBODIA

## THE PROBLEM FORCED LABOR SLAVERY

**Labor trafficking in Southeast Asia and reports of slavery in supply chains are making international headlines.** At the heart of the region, Cambodia is a source, transit and destination for forced labor slavery. Impoverished migrant workers are particularly vulnerable in a variety of industries, like fishing, domestic servitude, and child begging. There are not yet reliable studies detailing labor trafficking patterns within Cambodia, but there have been cases reported in sectors like construction, manufacturing and agriculture.

After more than a decade of successfully working against child sex trafficking, IJM launched a new project in 2016 to combat cross-border and domestic labor trafficking.

## IJM CAMBODIA PROGRESS SINCE 2004



**500+**

rescued from sex trafficking



**198**

criminals convicted for sex trafficking crimes



**500+**

anti-trafficking police officers trained



### THE FACTS



An estimated **40.3 million people** are held in slavery today.<sup>1</sup>

Human trafficking is a massive global enterprise, generating about **\$150 billion a year.**<sup>2</sup>

Children represent an estimated **26%** of all forced labor slavery victims.<sup>3</sup>



## JUSTICE FOR THE POOR IS POSSIBLE

When IJM started operations in Cambodia in the early 2000s, child sex trafficking was an epidemic. After a decade working alongside government officials and NGO partners, we witnessed an inspiring increase in the government's ability to fight the crime and a dramatic reduction of child sex trafficking.

The progress made so far in Cambodia shows that justice for the poor is possible when you invest in improving public justice systems.

## How IJM Cambodia Combats Forced Labor Slavery

**We will rescue victims** by partnering with authorities to identify and remove children or adults being exploited within Cambodia or trafficked across international borders.

**We will bring criminals to justice** by pursuing cases against traffickers, slave holders and other criminals involved in recruiting, harboring or selling children, women and men into forced labor slavery.

**We will restore survivors** by developing customized aftercare plans for clients and partner with organizations in Cambodia that provide trauma counseling, safe shelter and vocational training or education.

**We will strengthen justice systems** by leading anti-trafficking workshops for government officials and civil society organizations in provinces spanning the country. We will help develop nationwide police training curriculum so that all Cambodian law enforcement are equipped with the training and resources they need to combat labor trafficking.

*This is a two-year project for IJM to combat labor trafficking; IJM is a partner on a large USAID Counter Trafficking in Persons grant, managed by Winrock International.*

### IJM CAMBODIA MILESTONES

2004

**IJM CAMBODIA OPENS**

2006

**POLICE TRAINING AGREEMENT SIGNED**

IJM was the first NGO invited to sign an official agreement authorizing training with the government agency that oversees all Cambodian police

2015

**IJM STUDY SHOWS  
DRAMATIC REDUCTION IN  
CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING**

2016

**IJM LAUNCHES NEW  
PROJECT TO COMBAT  
LABOR TRAFFICKING  
IN CAMBODIA**



**FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR  
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Peter joined IJM in India in 2010, from a background as a trial prosecutor in New Zealand. Under Peter's leadership, IJM Bangalore helped rescue more than 1,000 people from forced labor and trained more than 2,000 police and government officials. He and his wife moved to Cambodia in 2016.



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