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GLOSSARY

ATMS	Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery (a department of The Salvation Army United Kingdom and Ireland Territory)
MSHT	Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
MSHTR	Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response
UKI	United Kingdom and Ireland Territory

Introduction

The Salvation Army Anti Trafficking and Modern Slavery (ATMS) Department in the United Kingdom and Ireland (UKI) Territory exists to:

- **Prevent** modern slavery and the trafficking of people
- **Protect** the individual(s) on their journey from victim to survivor
- **Progress** the survivor's journey to sustained freedom and communities' resilience against trafficking

Trafficking is a global crime which requires a global response. The Salvation Army is present in 134 countries and has made responding to modern slavery and human trafficking a global priority, building on a long history of working in this field.

Our specialist international team focuses provides financial and technical support to project teams, and works in partnership to ensure effectiveness, impact, sustainability, value for money and sharing best practice.

Based in the UK, our team works with national contact persons, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response (MSHTR) practitioners and MSHTR Zonal Coordinators from countries across Africa, Europe, Latin America, South Asia, and South Pacific and East Asia on a range of programmes to help them engage, be encouraged and equipped to respond to human trafficking.

Our three key areas of work include:

- **Investing** in projects that prevent and protect people against trafficking. This includes working alongside national contact persons and project managers to implement a response using project management tools and systems.
- **Training** territorially appointed contact persons in every territory of the global Salvation Army to develop local responses to trafficking as well as improving communication and learning.
- **Delivering** a global return and repatriation programme that builds on the strength of our contact network. It includes international case support for survivors of trafficking and reintegrating back to their home country and support for family members who are separated from a survivor of trafficking living in the United Kingdom.

Key Achievements

ATMS International support The Salvation Army's global modern slavery and human trafficking response (MSHTR). By working closely with the MSHTR Zonal Coordinators - who are based in their respective Zones in Africa, the Americas, Europe, South Asia, and South Pacific and East Asia - we have championed an effective response in vulnerable communities and supported survivors of trafficking, with initiatives led by the territorial/national contact persons.

Over the past year across the global Salvation Army, **12,718** community awareness events were organised with **165,580** people vulnerable to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT) receiving support from The Salvation Army. Our national contact persons and zonal coordinators have been pivotal in mobilising community action, protection and resilience to MSHT.

Our significance in communities is further demonstrated through projects supported by ATMS International and implemented by national contact persons. Between June 2024 - July 2025, ATMS International funded six projects based in Uganda, Mozambique, Poland, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Burundi covering prevention, protection and progress. Some key achievements from the projects include:

Uganda

The projects team conducted a community football tournament themed “Let Us Kick Out Human Trafficking from Our Communities” and featured a match between Busereli FC and Nabitsikhi FC youth teams in which many of the players are members of the MSHT project focus group. Some of the key outcomes were:

- Enhanced awareness of human trafficking signs and preventive strategies among community members therefore encouraging resilience and unity towards the issue.
- Strengthened partnerships between local government, law enforcement, and community leaders.



Bangladesh

Due to the project working with women in brothels and the potential exploitation of children born/raised in brothels, The Salvation Army have managed to campaign to the local government and agree with them that any religious leader who performs a child marriage will have their license revoked.

Mozambique

The project, now in its second phase, recognised the significance of integrating MSHT and education given that young children are vulnerable to the risks of exploitation and child trafficking. The national contact person is working effortlessly with the district offices in three Salvation Army divisions to organise MSHT related activities and topics within targeted schools to eventually incorporate MSHT into the national school curriculum.

We continue to strive and advocate for the safety and welfare of survivors that have been served and supported by The Salvation Army.



Globally, we have worked with zonal coordinators to support national contact persons in helping **14,552** survivors of trafficking. Within our projects we have provided the following protection support:

- **Burundi** - 28 survivors (adults and children) received protection support
- **Bangladesh** - 125 women and 85 children supported in our outreach programme
- **Uganda** - 26 survivors supported through our project
- **Mozambique** - The Salvation Army in Mozambique, alongside partners, intercepted 698 potential victims of trafficking at the Mozambique-Malawi border in Tete. This was facilitated by the Anti-Trafficking Spiritual Coordinator at The Salvation Army.

Beyond

Through the Beyond programme, ATMS International has collaborated with the global structure of The Salvation Army, encompassing our National Contact Persons and Zonal Coordinators, and our partners to provide tailored and individualised support for the return and reintegration of trafficked survivors.

Examples of reintegration assistance that survivors have accessed on arrival to their country of origin have included accommodation, employment, vocational training, counselling, psychosocial support, healthcare, and support with income generation activities through Beyond's micro-enterprise initiative.

Since June 2024, the Beyond Programme has supported 70 survivors with the coordination of return and reintegration assistance. Additionally, it has provided international family support to 20 cases by establishing in-country connections for at-risk family members overseas. This recognises that the welfare of family members abroad can significantly influence the wellbeing and recovery of the survivor.



Story of Change - Kenya

The Beyond Programme received a referral from The Salvation Army Africa Zone regarding a survivor of modern slavery and human trafficking seeking reintegration support. L, who had experienced commercial sexual exploitation, was supported by an NGO to return to Kenya. Upon her return, L faced significant challenges, including a lack of finances and mental health difficulties, which meant reintegration into her community was very difficult.

The Beyond Programme connected with The Salvation Army National Contact Person (NCP) in Kenya West and the Anti-Trafficking Zonal Coordinator for Africa. Together, we discussed L's reintegration needs and available support. The NCP worked closely with L to develop a reintegration plan tailored to meet her ongoing needs and skills. Recognising her skills and previous work experience, the plan focused on supporting L's ambition to open a hair salon.

The NCP visited the survivor and arranged the provision of various supplies for L to establish her hairdressing business. Upon arrival, they assisted her in setting up the hair salon, installing mirrors and arranging the items on the shelves. L had meticulously planned for the reception of these items and was overwhelmed with joy as they unpacked them. L has generated income from the business which has supported her and her families' essential needs and items for her children's schooling.

In addition to economic support, L accessed counselling sessions through a medical practitioner and completed a short course on modern slavery and human trafficking, aimed at preventing re-trafficking. The NCP also helped her obtain health insurance, enabling her to manage medical expenses for herself and her family.

Throughout the process, the NCP has provided guidance and conducted regular welfare checks. Reflecting on L's progress, the NCP shared: 'She has demonstrated remarkable entrepreneurial spirit... her hard work and zeal were evident, and we were impressed by her determination and resourcefulness. The support extended to her has not only helped her start a new business but also fostered a sense of hope and resilience.'

Her physical and emotional well-being has shown significant improvement. The guidance and counselling she received have been instrumental in her recovery. Her journey is a testament to the positive impact of community support and empowerment initiatives. Overall, she is very happy and appreciative of the support from the Salvation Army.'

**Please note that this pseudonym has been chosen by the survivor and some details have been changed to protect her identity*

Story of Change - Uganda

‘Before I received support from The Salvation Army, my life was full of pain and hardship. I was living in a small community. I thought I could find a better life, but I was taken to Saudi Arabia under the promise of a job that would change everything for me. I remember feeling both hopeful and scared. When I first left, my uncle helped me with the money to process my documents and go to Saudi Arabia. He thought it would give me an opportunity to send money back home, and to improve my life.

But when I arrived, everything changed. I was forced to work under harsh conditions and was physically tortured. The people who brought me there denied me my salary and treated me as though I didn’t matter. Every day felt like a struggle to survive. My body became sick from the work, and my spirit was broken by the mistreatment. I had no way to get out, and the weight of the debt I owed for the travel kept me trapped.

When I finally managed to return home, I had nothing no money, no belongings, just the sickness in my body and the pain of everything I’d lost. My community wasn’t welcoming. They looked at me as though I was unwanted, a failure, and they didn’t understand what I had been through. The isolation I felt was overwhelming, and I thought I would never find a way out of this darkness.

But then The Salvation Army came into my life. They gave me a chance when I had almost lost all hope. Through their partnership with Rain Collective and Willow International, they worked hard to help me return home. They paid for my ticket, and took care of the fines I couldn’t afford. They took the time to visit me, to talk with me, to pray with me, and to provide the medical care I desperately needed. For the first time in a long while, I felt seen, heard, and cared for.

Now, with the support from The Salvation Army, I am starting over. They’ve helped me create a small business of selling second hand clothes, a business I passionately wanted so I can begin earning again. It’s not easy, but I have hope now. The Salvation Army gave me more than just physical help, they gave me the emotional and spiritual support to heal and rebuild. Without them, I don’t know where I would be, but I’m so grateful they came into my life when I needed them the most.

The Salvation Army has helped me reclaim my life, little by little. I feel seen, valued, and capable of making a better future for myself. They’ve given me tools, resources, and emotional support that have allowed me to rebuild my life in a way I didn’t think was possible. I’m no longer trapped by my past, I’m moving forward, stronger and more hopeful.’

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