

## CEDAR Fund

### 'Remove Price Tags, Free Body & Soul' Donation Campaign Against Human Trafficking Ministry Report

In 2023/2024, CEDAR partnered with 7 Christian organisations to support their anti-trafficking ministries, with 10,394 direct beneficiaries and more than 29,000 indirect beneficiaries. Our partners include:

- Asha Nepal (Nepal)
- Eden Ministry (Myanmar)
- Evangelical Fellowship of India Children At Risk (India)
- Immanuel Foundation Thailand (Thailand)
- New Hope (Myanmar)
- Samari Utthan Sewa (Nepal)
- The Salvation Army (Bangladesh)

Our partner, Immanuel Foundation Thailand (IMF), in Thailand carries out the following project, which works closely with the Thai authorities to raise public awareness of combating human trafficking through investigation, law enforcement and prosecution. Our partner also rehabilitates victims, helping them reintegrate into society.

#### Introduction of Immanuel Foundation Thailand

The Immanuel Foundation Thailand (IMF) was established in Chiang Mai in July 2020 with the support of the Immanuel Church. The IMF assists human trafficking victims through investigation, rescue and comprehensive support. The foundation is led by Deputy Chairperson Jaruwat Jinmonca, a Christian driven by the vision and commitment to serving human trafficking victims. He leads a team of nine, including investigators and social workers, in fulfilling the mission of the Lord.

#### Background

According to the US Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report 2024, Thailand is listed as a Tier 2 country for failing to meet the minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking. In recent years, common forms of human trafficking include cyber trafficking, forced illegal activities and transnational trafficking involving young children, minors and men.

The IMF is committed to combating human trafficking. In addition to educating high-risk groups about anti-human trafficking and encouraging community support for the families of trafficked victims, the IMF also has investigation and rescue teams to save victims. IMF provides legal support, temporary shelter, and health, education and psychological counselling services.

#### Project Details

Project Name:

- Cyber Trafficking Victim Assistance in Thailand Project

**Project Period:**

- April 2022 to May 2025 (three years in total, with 2023/2024 being the second year of project implementation)

**Project Goal:**

- Assist victims of cyber trafficking to gain freedom and return to Thailand
- Assist victims holistically after rescue with legal, health, education and emotional support
- Build community awareness regarding human trafficking prevention and prosecution, particularly for law enforcement officers, community leaders and online social media users

**Key action:**

- Utilise high-tech methods to identify cyber trafficking.
- Support police investigations into cyber trafficking cases and provide victims with health, legal and counselling assistance.
- Provide a boy's shelter and educational subsidies to 16 survivors
- Establish a learning centre to provide short-term education and Bible classes to survivors.
- Hold various anti-human trafficking seminars for law enforcement officers and different community members.

**Progress**

- Over 700 victims of human trafficking were rescued this year.
- Subsidised 16 survivors to receive vocational education or higher education; provided informal education to approximately 30 survivors.
- Community leaders, teachers and students collaborated through networks and other means to benefit 82 people from anti-human trafficking training courses.

**A Life-changing Story**

Pichai (pseudonym) is a victim of cyber trafficking. He applied for a position as an online sales administrator in a neighbouring country through Facebook. Only after he accepted the job offer and entered the neighbouring country did he realise he had been coerced into becoming a scammer.

He was confined in a building being used as a human trafficking base. His passport and mobile phone were confiscated, rendering him unable to contact his daughter and family, and he lost his freedom. It transpired that hundreds of Thai nationals had been deceived and coerced to perform illegal work.

Subsequently, IMF rescued 345 victims from the building. Pichai was fortunate to be identified as a victim of human trafficking, but regrettably, ten other Thai nationals were considered criminals and were arrested and imprisoned by the police. Pichai expressed his gratitude to IMF for his rescue, which allowed him to regain his freedom and reunite with his family. To assist the arrested victims, he voluntarily became a witness, testifying and providing evidence about their experiences, hoping to facilitate their early release. IMF appreciated his enthusiasm and communication skills. After a period of observation and training, IMF encouraged him to join their team as a survivor. Currently, he is undergoing

investigation training. May the Lord use his determination and experiences to help those oppressed and deprived of their freedom.

### Take Action

The above is one of the life-changing stories we learned from our partners. Thanks to your support, CEDAR can continue to work hand in hand with churches and Christian organisations in different countries to fight against human trafficking in Myanmar, Thailand, Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Our ministry includes the following elements:



RESCUE:	Reach and rescue trafficked children and women
PROSECUTION:	Arresting traffickers and ensuring convictions
REHABILITATION:	Protecting, counselling, and vocational training for victims
PREVENTION:	Raising awareness through education in the community and establishing support networks

We sincerely invite you to support the 'Remove Price Tags, Free Body & Soul' Donation Campaign with your prayers and support. We say NO to human trafficking together so that people's bodies and souls can be released and freed, and people can live out the values and dignity bestowed by God.

Monthly donation	Beneficiaries
HK\$500	Operating community centres, offering anti-trafficking training and livelihood support to residents (based on half month's expenditure).
HK\$800	Assisting a Nepali woman or child who has been trafficked abroad to return to her country.
HK\$1,200	Offering medical support, trauma counselling, and food to three victims of human trafficking (based on a year's expenditure).
HK\$2,400	Tracing the crime of online sex trafficking, with a team of professional investigators collecting evidence and helping the Thai government to prosecute traffickers.

### Donation (Please specify: Anti-human trafficking)

Online donation	Click <a href="#">here</a> for an online donation
Cheque	Please make it payable to CEDAR Fund
Direct Deposit	HSBC : 004-600-385678-001 BEA : 015-185-68-00931-7SSA BOC : 012-581-2-020114-7 DBS : 016-478-001364162
Credit card: Visa / Master Card	<a href="#">Online donate here</a> or fill in the <a href="#">donation form</a>

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Please donate according to the above methods and send the cheque, bank-in slip, or screenshot of successful payment along with your name, contact phone number and mailing address to us via mail, email, or WhatsApp.

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