 **TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY FACT SHEET**

**TENS OF MILLIONS** OF PEOPLE ARE IN SLAVERY TODAY

RESEARCHERS ESTIMATE **21 MILLION** ARE ENSLAVED WORLDWIDE1



Slavery generates **$150 billion** for traffickers each year2

**78%** of slavery victims today arein labor slavery1

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| **55%** of slavery | **45%** of |
| victims today | slavery victims |
| are women | today are men |
| and girls1 | and boys1 |



**22%** of slavery victimstoday are in sex slavery1



**26%**

of slaves today are children under age 181

**SLAVERY** is not legal anywhere but happens **EVERYWHERE**2



**DEVELOPED ECONOMIES**

1.5 million enslaved

**ASIA & PACIFIC**

11.7 million enslaved

**CENTRAL &**

**SOUTHEAST EUROPE**

1.6 million enslaved

**MIDDLE EAST**

600,000 enslaved

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| **LATIN AMERICA &** |  |  |
|  | **AFRICA** |
| **CARIBBEAN** |  |
|  | 3.7 million enslaved |
| 1.8 million enslaved |  |
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**Freeing Slaves  Ending Slavery**

**MISSION & HISTORY:** Free the Slaves liberates slaves around the world and changes theconditions that allow slavery to persist. Founded in 2000, we are widely regarded as pioneers and leaders in the modern abolitionist movement. Our history is one of groundbreaking research, advocacy to change government policies and business practices, compelling documentary films to spread awareness that slavery still exists, and innovative front-line field programs that free slaves and demonstrate the feasibility of eradicating slavery.

**WHERE WE WORK:** Free the Slaves operates field programs in some of the world’s worsttrafficking hot spots. More than 75 percent of our funds goes directly to programs. We rigorously and systematically assess our work to ensure accountability and to continuously improve our programs.

**STRATEGY:** Slavery is the result of vulnerability: the poor, the uneducated and the marginalizedare exploited and coerced to work without pay. Under threat of violence, they cannot walk away. Our strategy is to reduce people’s vulnerability.



**Empowering Communities For Freedom 2015** *By the Numbers*

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| **1,106** | **4,051** | **327,135** |
| **People Freed** | **Slaves or** | **People Reached** |
| **from Slavery** | **Survivors** | **Through Awareness** |
|  | **Receiving FTS/** | **Raising & Rights** |
|  | **Partner Services** | **Education** |
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| **1,709** | **1,405** | **74** |
| **Communities** | **Government** | **Traffickers and** |
| **Receiving** | **Officials** | **Slaveholders** |
| **Support** | **Trained** | **Arrested** |
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