

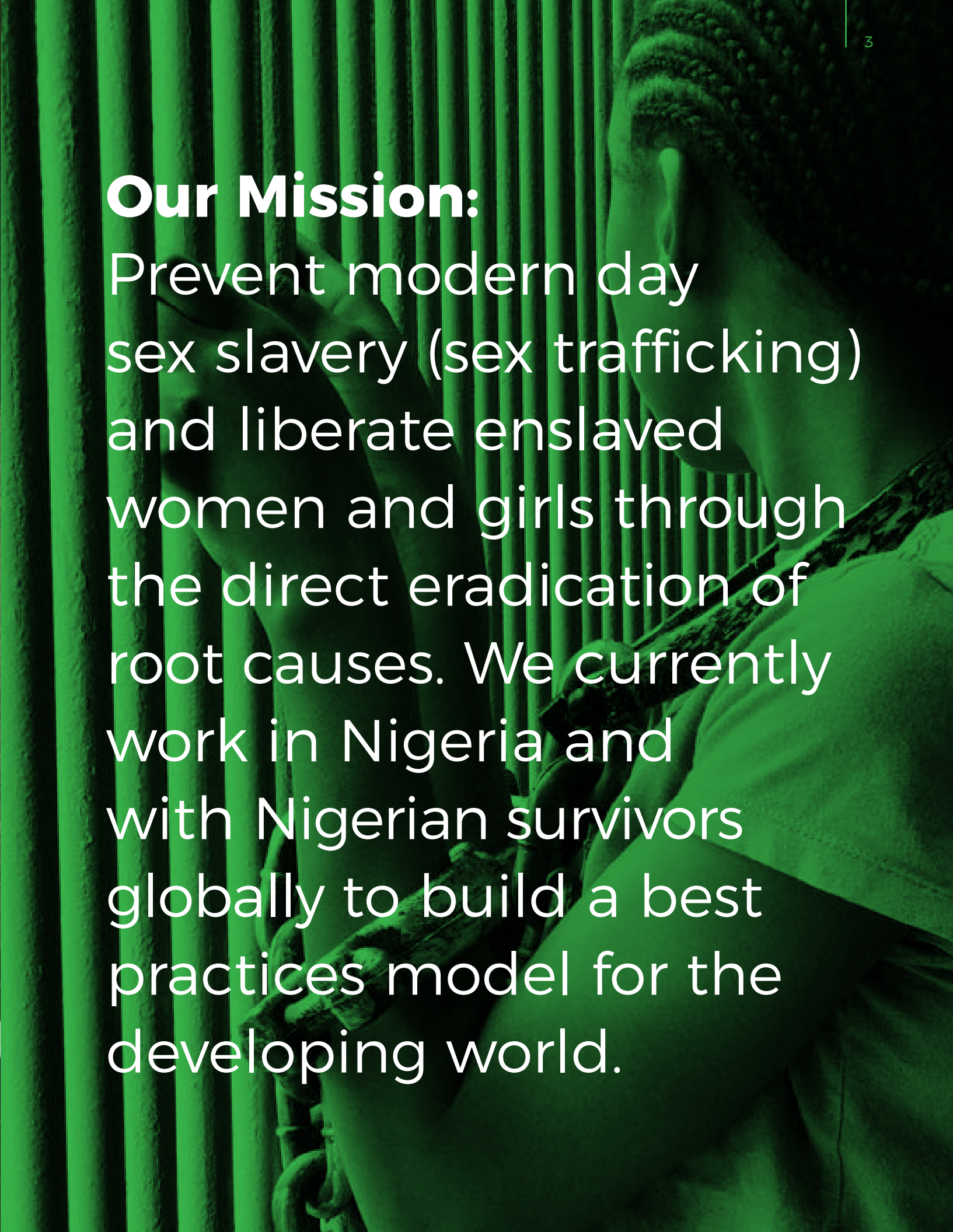


2018 Annual Report



Our Mission:

Prevent modern day sex slavery (sex trafficking) and liberate enslaved women and girls through the direct eradication of root causes. We currently work in Nigeria and with Nigerian survivors globally to build a best practices model for the developing world.



Dear Partners, 2018 was a breakthrough year for Pathfinder... **because of you!**

The year saw our impact and influence continue to increase on a national level, having organized the first Human Trafficking Workshop in Edo State, Nigeria on behalf of Governor Obaseki in 2017, to a global level.

On a national level, Pathfinder was invited to organize, consult and facilitate the Office of the Senate President of Nigeria's first Roundtable on Human Trafficking and Migration, which gathered hundreds of national and international stakeholder leaders to identify gaps and collaborate on the way forward. We drafted the first proposed amendments to Nigeria's current anti-trafficking legislation and participated in the United Nations' International Organization for Migration's (IOM) invitation-only gatherings on 'Vulnerability to Human Trafficking' to share learnings. In July, I was a TEDx Speaker in Benin City on the subject of trafficking of women in Nigeria and the lies Nigeria has

adopted on the subject and later in the year, a speaker at The Platform—Nigeria's premier conference which culls the country's top innovators, experts and thought leaders across varying sectors. We took our message to over 30,000 mothers and daughters at CWFI's international convention in Edo, warning them of the dangers of trafficking and unsafe migration. We were interviewed a dozen times throughout the year as a leading subject matter expert on national and international news broadcasts and radio, reaching millions to address the subjects of irregular migration, trafficking, and the exploitation of women and girls. We trained dozens of NYSC youth corpsers and ambassadors, increased our volunteers to over 300 and served over 400 vulnerable women and survivors.

Globally—and beyond Nigeria—Pathfinder was invited to Italy on multiple occasions to speak at the Italian Parliament, to serve as a

cultural mediator at the University of Rome's Faculty of Law for Roman judges of the Rome Civil Tribunal (Immigration Section), to share learnings with other Italian NGOs and to New York University (Florence, Italy Campus) to educate and call out world leaders to end trafficking. We also served as consultants to the United Nations' Special Rapporteur on Trafficking, following which we were invited to speak at her side event at the UN's Human Rights Council Session in Geneva on the impact of foreign trafficking policies on women and girls in Nigeria. We continued to serve as subject matter experts and consultants to the UK Home Office (via CPA UK), advising and contributing to its e-Handbook on the subject of modern day slavery. We increased our international referral partners from four to six countries, namely Russia, Italy, France, UK, Austria and Libya.

The foregoing events and your partnership have afforded us an opportunity to gain unparalleled access to key decision and policy makers (nationally and globally), to emerge as a thought leader and leading subject matter expert in Nigeria and to impact more lives than ever with holistic, transformative care.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our staff, thank you for the commitment you've made to providing sustenance in the shadows for our survivors and for bringing light and truth to policy makers who have the power to end trafficking in one lifetime: ours.

Yours,



R. Evon Benson-Idahosa
Founder and Executive Director



Why we do what we do:

Because the dehumanization and subjugation of women and girls can be overcome in one lifetime. **Ours.**

Our theory of change is that trafficking ends when human dignity is restored. Human dignity is restored when government is engaged, community is empowered and individuals have access. Engagement, empowerment and access only happen in effective partnerships across all three segments.

An astounding 94% of all Nigerian women trafficked to Europe for prostitution hail from Edo State (UNDOC, 2016), with Italy being the number one destination country (11,009 women trafficked by sea in 2016). The souls and bodies of survivors are turned into commodities for financial gain while the survivors themselves are held in debt bondage, severely abused (often gang raped and physically assaulted), starved, tortured or infected with various sexually transmitted

diseases before being deported back to Nigeria. Others who are victims of organ trafficking are murdered and never make it back to Nigeria.

PJI strives to turn the developing world right side up by providing sustenance in the shadows and demanding accountability and justice on behalf of survivors.

Why Start with Nigeria?

With a history in human trafficking through the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Nigeria has a unique responsibility and leadership role to play in ending modern-day slavery. By taking back the human capital, potential and lives that have fueled the human-trafficking industry, we give Nigeria the opportunity to thrive, not only in Africa but in the world.

By establishing best-practices in Nigeria for eradicating sex-trafficking (a global hotspot for trafficking and transit), we create a blueprint the world can use to eradicate sex-trafficking anywhere.

At Pathfinders, we're not a team of outsiders trying to "fix" problems in Africa. We lead from within, engaging local leaders to build solutions for a global problem by addressing root causes.

We've identified **four root causes** that facilitate sex-trafficking and the sexual exploitation of women and girls in Nigeria and address these through our programming.

Our commitment is to ensure that the 100,000 girls in Edo State that are most vulnerable to being trafficked are rendered slave-proof by the year 2025.



Root Cause 1

1 Socio-cultural norms and paradigms that devalue the lives of women and girls

Root Cause 2

2 Policy and legislation that permit sex-trafficking with impunity

Root Cause 3

3 Lack of inclusive community awareness and education

Root Cause 4

4 Lack of access to life-sustaining economic opportunity and basic social services

Our solutions and impact:

By taking a 'root-cause' approach, we eradicate sex-trafficking before it has a chance to start. We thereby ensure the safety of women and girls today and for generations to come.

The Justice Initiative (TJI)

Root causes addressed:

Policy and legislation that permit sex-trafficking with impunity.

Through this project, we educate, advise and call into account policymakers and gate-keepers who have the power to end sex-trafficking. By working with law enforcement, legislators, judges, and other decision-makers to create systems, policies and practices that close the gaps that permit trafficking, we reduce the number of victims.

Our work here is twofold: shed light on these systemic gaps and close them through training, accountability and legal advocacy.



2018 Highlights

January

1.1 Continued subject matter expert consultation for UK Home Office (CPA UK Modern Slavery Project).

1.2 KU 92.7 FM Radio interview in Benin City, Nigeria.

1.10 Began consultation to Office of the Senate President of Nigeria on human trafficking/irregular migration.

1.30 Speaker at Italian Parliament's Chamber of Deputy on our work at Pathfinders,

providing recommendations to the Italian government on how to address trafficking and unsafe migration from Sub-Saharan Africa.

February

2.1 Served as cultural mediator at the University of Rome's Faculty of Law for three Roman judges who serve on the immigration section of the Rome Civil Tribunal.

2.6 BBC Radio interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

2.15 Began consultation to members of the House of Representatives (Nigeria) on human trafficking/smuggling.

2.21 CNN Interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

Drafted Bill reflecting proposed amendments to Nigeria's anti-trafficking legislation for House of Representatives members (pending).

400

vulnerable women served
through Economic Empowerment

100

survivors for which PATH
Plans were generated

7

**countries where we
served survivors:** Nigeria,
France, Austria, Libya, Russia,
Italy, Cameroon

0%

of survivors re-trafficked

2.26 Organized and facilitated Office of the Senate President of Nigeria's Roundtable on Migration and Human Trafficking in Benin City, with over 200 national and international stakeholders in attendance.

2.28 CNN Interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

3.8 Channels Television interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

3.10 Oba of Benin (Benin's supreme traditional

ruler), whose representatives attended our Senate President Roundtable, revoked all curses placed on victims of human trafficking by native priests and placed a curse on unrepentant priests and traffickers whose curses had held Nigerian women forced into prostitution in bondage for fear of death and reprisals.

3.15 Edo State House of Assembly unanimously passed a Bill to prohibit human trafficking in the State. The Bill was subsequently signed

into law in May by Governor Obaseki to whom we had previously served as consultants.

3.21 BBC Radio Interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

3.22 Channels Television interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

May

5.10 Commenced referral partnerships with four Italian NGOs to provide support for repatriating Nigerian survivors.

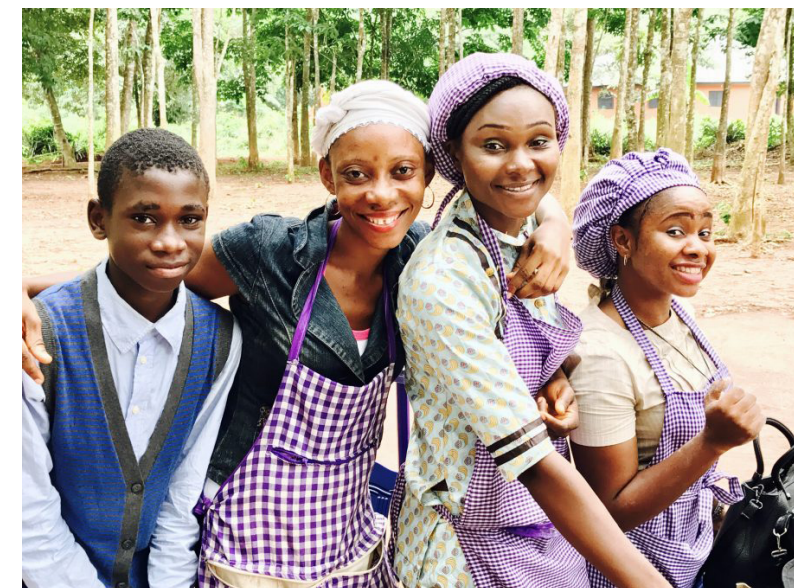
Pathway To Freedom

Root cause addressed:

Lack of access to life-sustaining economic opportunity and basic social services.

Our core project prevents sex-trafficking, liberates trapped women and girls and provides a new path forward for at-risk women and girls.

Our programming has two arms: we help women and girls vulnerable to being trafficked (pre-trafficking) and assist those who have already been trafficked to leave captivity and rebuild their lives with custom PATH Plans, legal services, financial literacy, start-up capital, vocational skills training, education scholarships, counseling, medical services and housing.



Our 20-bed safehouse facility is the only one in Edo State dedicated exclusively to sex-trafficking survivors.

Our work reclaims the concepts of community, family, and trust among survivors. From there, we create the lateral bonds to facilitate a supportive economic network of women on their transformative journey from victim to survivor to thrive.

5.11 Subject matter expert invitation by New York University (Florence, Italy) to discuss the root causes of sex trafficking from Nigeria to Italy, Pathfinders' unique methodology, viable alternatives to prostitution and proffered global solutions. The symposium was attended by Italian prosecutors, judges, academics, CSOs, NGOs, NYU students as well as other community stakeholders and Nigerian survivors.

5.23 The Governor of Edo State, His Excellency,

June

Mr. Godwin Obaseki, signed into law the Edo State Trafficking in Persons Prohibition Bill (2018).

6.1 Consultant for UN Rapporteur on Trafficking.

6.14 Contributor to CPA UK's Modern Slavery Project's e-Handbook on modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour.

6.21 Subject matter expert at UN Rapporteur's side event at UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland on the trafficking of women and girls from Nigeria.

July

6.28 Channels Television interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

7.3 Channels Television interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

7.26 TEDx Talk (Nigeria) on trafficking and the three lies that Nigeria has embraced concerning the value of our women and girls that has led to Nigeria becoming globally recognized as a hub of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

at least
1.5 million
people reached through
radio PSAs every day

1 million
people sensitized
via quarterly radio
appearances / interviews

100,000+
attending / participated
in conferences that sensitized
on sex trafficking, sexual
exploitation and rape

reach
37,000+
followers across multiple
platforms on social media

5,000+
people sensitized
through monthly outreaches
in markets, churches,
schools, etc.

125,000
people sensitized
through quarterly PSAs
in print and email

Truth Tellers

Root causes addressed:

Socio-cultural norms and paradigms that devalue the lives of women and girls.

Lack of inclusive community awareness and education.

Our community transformation/education project brings awareness to local communities about the hidden realities of sex-trafficking, its impact, alternative economic pathways and the power of women and girls. Truth Tellers accomplishes this through campaigns, training, seminars, daily public service announcements on radio and monthly outreach initiatives and workshops. Additionally, Truth Tellers engages male allies as a way of building cross-gender support and breaking down cultural norms around the devaluation of women.



August

7.30 Participant at Edo State Task Force Against Human Trafficking gathering of leaders to examine root causes of trafficking from Edo.

8.11 Speaker at CWFI's 35,000 women international convention in Benin City on the dangers of trafficking.

September

9.13 Trained National Youth Service Corps members on human trafficking in Nigeria.

10.1 Speaker at 'The Platform Nigeria,' Nigeria's premier conference for national and international thought leaders and experts which reaches several million online and TV viewers.

10.5 Channels Television interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

10.11 Channels Television interview (women's rights in Nigeria)

December

Presentation of drafted Bill proposing amendments to Nigeria's 2015 anti-trafficking legislation to major government stakeholders (ministries, departments and agencies) in Abuja.

12.27 End of year holiday survivors' gathering.

Survivor Story

Joy* was learning to become a make-up artist in Benin City but was having a hard time taking care of her two children as a single mother. During the summer of 2017, she met a woman at Oba Market in Benin City who introduced her to a recruiter who promised her a better life in Europe (not a life of prostitution as she later found out). By August, Joy was in the company of 12 other girls leaving Nigeria for France, via the Sahara Desert, Libya and the Mediterranean Sea. At Saba, their vehicle was ambushed, and she was kidnapped and held for ₦150,000 ransom. She had witnessed many in that truck die. Even though her elder sister was able to send the funds to her kidnappers, Joy was still held and sold into slavery. Eventually, she was released and was taken to a detention camp close to the seaside in Libya. The camp was repeatedly raided by Libyan militia. She witnessed the death of many others. Her family then paid an additional ₦150,000 for the smugglers to smuggle her from the camp and cross the sea. However, she was unable to secure a place in the boat and subsequently arrested by the Libyan Coast Guard who sent her to another detention centre where she was raped and starved. During a raid of the detention centre in November 2017, Joy was arrested and sent to another prison where she spent 2 weeks before the Nigerian Embassy in Libya arrived to release imprisoned Nigerians who were willing to voluntarily return to Nigeria. Joy was included in the group and returned in December 2017.

Even though her elder sister was able to send the funds to her kidnappers, Joy was still held and sold into slavery.

Joy was referred to Pathfinders by another survivor/returnee from Libya who gave her our Helpline card. As part of her PATH (Personalized Action to Healing) Plan, Joy was able to access basic necessities such as food, clothing, shelter as well as medical, legal, and counseling support. She eventually also received financial literacy training and start up capital from Pathfinders. She now maintains her own small business, providing make up and hair services in Benin City.

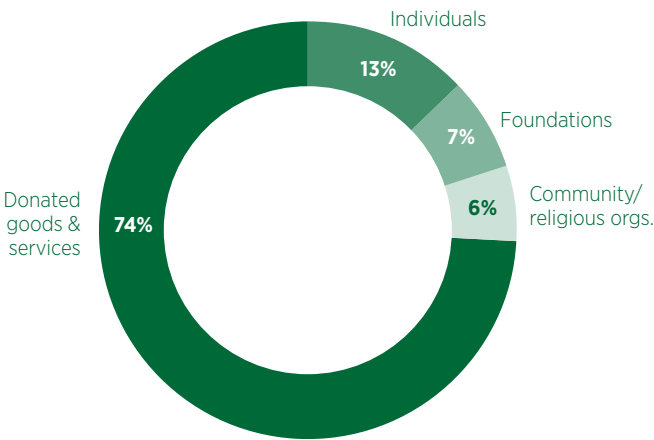
*The survivor's name has been changed to protect her identity

Consolidated Financial Statements

Consolidated figures for US and Nigeria operations

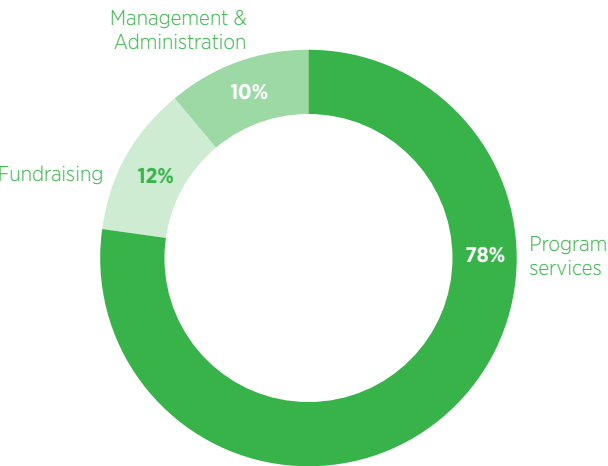
Revenues

Individuals	44,332	13%
Foundations	22,860	7%
Community/religious orgs.	19,500	6%
Donated goods and services	251,000	74%
Total	\$337,692	



Expenses

Program services	235,475	78%
Fundraising	35,224	12%
Management & Administration	31,926	10%
Total	\$302,625	



Net Assets

Beginning of year	42,299
End of year	35,066
Change in net assets	\$7,233



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