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560+ survivors rescued from sex trafficking
80+ survivors currently receiving aftercare services from IJM
87 convicted for trafficking related crimes

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How IJM Mumbai Combats Sex Trafficking

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RESTORE SURVIVORS
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IJM has initiated a project to train stakeholders in the public justice system as set out in the Maharashtra State Plan of Action. Through collaboration with local stakeholders and local police, IJM is in the process of training 10,000+ police officers during the year 2015. The purpose of this training is to educate and sensitize law enforcement officers about issues concerning sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. The training also offers scope for police officers to understand the impact which law enforcement procedures have on the victims of sex trafficking.

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STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

REGION WHERE IJM HAS UNDERTAKEN TRAINING

REGION WHERE IJM HAS TRAINED +150 OFFICIALS

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THE PROBLEM • SEX TRAFFICKING

1.2 MILLION CHILDREN are exploited in India’s commercial sex trade.1

Human trafficking generates $150 BILLION a year globally.2

35.8 MILLION PEOPLE are estimated to be held in slavery worldwide.3

1 child goes missing every 8 minutes in India. Nearly HALF are never found.4

6,643 convictions on crimes against children in 2014 in India4

89,423 reported crimes against children in 2014 in India4

130,925 crimes against children still pending trial by end of 2014 in India5

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1 WalkFree, 2 Indian Central Bureau of Investigation, 3 ILO, 4 National Crime Records Bureau, 5 IJM