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8.5MILLION
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

32
CAMPAIGN WINS

47
PARTNER
ORGANISATIONS

OVER 200
OFFLINE EVENTS

Community members taking action to hold governments, business, civil society and themselves accountable to end slavery.

The Walk Free Movement is the largest anti-slavery community in the world. It provides an opportunity for everyday people to take action towards ending modern slavery. The Movement began under the auspices of the Walk Free Foundation and in four short years has grown to a global community of over 8 million people who have driven 32 campaign wins and held over 200 events. Partnerships have been formed with almost 50 likeminded organisations and 7,000 Freedom Leaders have been inspired to hold their own events, drive campaign petitions and provide their expertise to the global community. Through this model, the Walk Free Movement has been highly successful in securing changes in government policy, business practice and social attitudes to help end slavery.

Recent campaign successes include:

- The inclusion of wording in the Sustainable Development Goal 8.7 calling for efforts to end modern slavery.
- The Scottish Parliament voted through the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act ensuring thousands of at-risk children will get greater protection from the dangers of trafficking.
- A UK domestic slavery campaign with four partner organisations led to the UK now agreeing to allow overseas domestic workers to change employers within the period of their original visa.
- A Mauritanian anti-slavery activist Biram Dah Abeid was released after 18 months of imprisonment due, in part, to pressure from thousands of Walk Free supporters.

Now led by US-based Audacity Factory, the reach of the Movement's community of millions will be combined with Audacity Factory's advocacy and community activation expertise, to enable an even greater global impact. Minderoo will continue to support the work of the Movement and we look forward to its ongoing success.

Challenging Heights defeats slavery

Walk Free partner, Challenging Heights, delivers social justice interventions to communities in the coastal and farming communities of Ghana. Led by a former child slave, the organisation rescues and provides medical care, education and shelter to children who have been enslaved.

In late 2014, Challenging Heights identified a group of 15 children who had been trafficked into slavery in the Lake Volta fishing industry, an area renowned for exploiting child labour. These children live in appalling conditions, treated as disposable

property. Death and injuries are commonplace, and escape is virtually impossible. Walk Free launched a fundraising campaign, raising almost AU\$16,000 from supporters which contributed to the rescue, rehabilitation and long term monitoring of these children.

Challenging Heights successfully completed a raid in March 2015, rescuing 17 children from slavery in the fishing industry. They were given immediate medical attention and counselling and began the long term rehabilitation program. This included psychosocial support and

basic literacy training. The children's families were also provided with support to help them out of poverty. The children have now been reintegrated into their communities and continue to be monitored by Challenging Heights to ensure they do not end up in slavery again.

“Working together we are reaching more people than ever before, and have been inspired to seek changes in laws and attitudes at a local, national and international level with renewed vigour.” James Kofi Annan, Founder and President of Challenging Heights.