

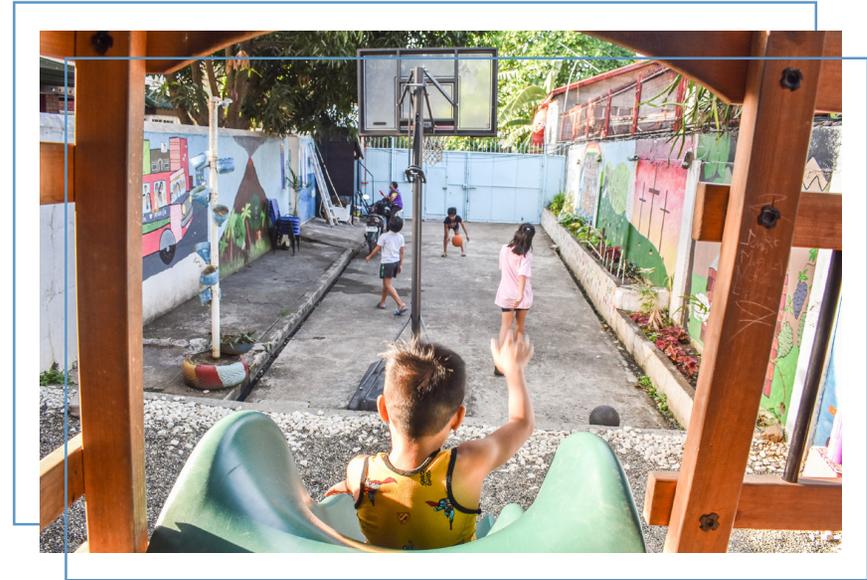


# PROJECT UPDATE: ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## Your Impact: Helping survivors of human trafficking

Human trafficking is a crime that happens in every country and in every region. It also impacts people of all genders and ages; those who are trafficked include men and women, adults and children, and boys and girls. Traffickers prey on those who are already the most vulnerable, including those who live in poverty, as refugees, as survivors of crises, and more. Exploitation breaks down dignity, abusing and manipulating people instead of valuing them.

All over the world, survivors of human trafficking receive affirmation of their dignity as children of God through Nazarene anti-human trafficking projects. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries partners with local churches to help survivors long-term through vocational training, shelters, drop-in centers, educational support for children, therapy, and more. By creating awareness, many of these ministries also address trafficking before it happens.



A home in the Philippines affirms the dignity of children.



In **India**, women and children in a red-light district build skills and relationships in a drop-in center



Child survivors of online exploitation receive trauma-informed care in the **Philippines**



Centers in **North America** provide shelters for survivors to rest in safety



In the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, survivors learn vocational skills and receive counseling

## Stories from the Philippines

Chen\*, age 5, talks about her family all the time. Though she is young, Chen is already a survivor of exploitation. In fact, her home in the Philippines has some of the highest instances of the online sexual exploitation of children. There, UNICEF estimates that 8 out of 10 children are vulnerable to online sexual abuse or bullying. During the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk has only increased.

Chen's trauma made it difficult for her to make friends. When she arrived at the Shechem Children's Home, a short-term, Nazarene assessment center for child survivors of exploitation, she often acted out physically. She began to work with therapists at Shechem, who were able to help her learn art therapy. Through drawing, Chen has begun a healing process that will likely last for her entire life. The friendships she has made with other children will help, too—now, she is able to play and learn in safety.

The online sexual exploitation of children is a growing problem, in part because it is difficult to track this crime. Through Nazarene ministries, Chen and other survivors will learn about their value as individuals in the name of Christ.

\*Children's names are changed for safety.