




2023 *impact* report



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we fight against human trafficking **in Mexico and Central America.**



We are committed to providing prevention, intervention and restoration for women, children, families, and communities who are vulnerable to this crime, so that they can experience freedom and a new start in life. We currently have nine projects with influence in Mexico, and are members of the Regional Coalition against Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in Latin America and the Caribbean.



letter from **our founders**

As we reflect upon this year, we are extremely grateful to all of our friends who have faithfully championed our work through donations, volunteer time, trips to Mexico City, and constant support. Equally important has been the tireless work of our team in the field fighting for the future of victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Although we know that the burden is sometimes very heavy, we've all become witnesses of the fruit of our work. We have seen doors open to one of the most unreachable municipalities in all of Mexico, notoriously known as the cradle of human traffickers. The high school there has even provided us with a classroom to use as a youth outreach center. We have been invited by the Mexican government and the UN as key partners to develop tangible solutions. We've walked alongside young women as they pursue their university education; we have seen the women of Nunayú achieve their lifelong goal of receiving their high school certificate. We witnessed how women from the red light district experienced a community that changed their lives.

As we look to the year ahead, we have decided to focus on the word "humility." Above all, our desire is to create unity within the anti-trafficking movement throughout the region, and we know that humility is the path to unity. This wish is not only for non-governmental organizations, but also for governments and an eventual regional network of survivors. Coalitions like these go beyond solidarity: they create an ecosystem where an infrastructure for justice can be realized.

Part of our plan is to intentionally involve the private sector, academia and the media. We believe that they are critical pieces in this synergy for justice. Unfortunately, they haven't been properly integrated into the landscape, and we are planning to change that. Our hope is that as we lead with humility, key stakeholders will willingly participate. We have already seen this happen with Google, Meta, The National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and others, and we know we can continue to strengthen this coalition.

We have some ambitious goals for next year. We're planning to fill key management roles within our organization so that our leadership can continue to focus on both our growth and networking with crucial partners. We will launch an innovation lab to continue creating novel technological solutions to end human trafficking. We'll acquire a new vehicle to expand the scope of our prevention and intervention projects. Given all of this and our other goals, we expect a strong 15-20% increase in our 2024 budget.

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you again for walking with us, supporting us, and praying for our team and projects. Let's continue to walk together and encourage others to join us in achieving "freedom for all."

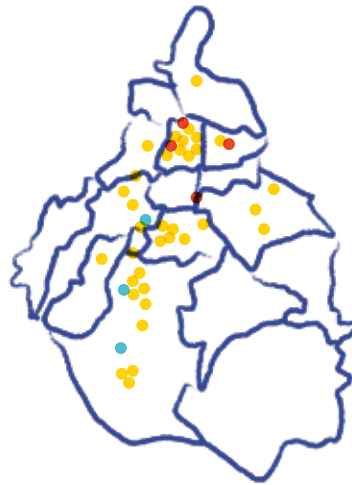
Benny y Janice Yu

highlights 2023

Over **33,000** total beneficiaries in 2023
75 volunteers
6,891 hours volunteered

our reach
in CDMX

● Prevention
● Intervention
● Restoration



Theatrical performance: **“Life is a Dream”**: Our Safehouse beneficiaries staged the play “Life is Dreams” at the National Institute of Fine Arts and Literature. This work, which addresses the theme of freedom to forge our own destiny, allowed our beneficiaries to express themselves creatively and explore profound concepts. Through this theatrical experience, they nurtured their artistic appreciation and personal empowerment, while reflecting on the power of freedom in our lives.



Human Rights Training: In 2023, the EPDV team received a series of human rights training. This strengthened our ability to identify and address situations of vulnerability among our beneficiaries, while also empowering the team as defenders of social justice and human rights.



Disaster relief in **Acapulco**: During the three months after Hurricane Otis made landfall, together with our allies from Operation Blessing, we provided support to the victims of Acapulco, in the state of Guerrero. Our teams made weekly visits, bringing nearly 10 tons of supplies while assisting with the installation of a potable water filtration plant. El Pozo also participated in extensive debris cleaning efforts to help in the reconstruction of affected areas, and prepared and distributed official human trafficking prevention materials in collaboration with SEGOB (Mexico’s Department of the Interior).



collaborations

The fight against human trafficking is a collective effort. Throughout our history as an organization, we have found various entities that share our vision, and with which we have collaborated to combat this crime. 2023 saw us expand our partnerships to include:

UN Agency For Refugees · Constitución Migrant Hostel, Mexico City · Lebo High School of Nogaltepec (Sierra Mazateca - Oaxaca) · Mazatlán Villa de Las Flores High School (Sierra Mazateca -Oaxaca) · Mexican National Legal Bar · Casa Peña migrant hostel, Mexico City · National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), College of Sciences and Humanities · Dr. José María Rodríguez, Mental Health and Addictions Community Center · Diego Rivera Artistic Education Center (middle and high school) · Villaurrutia Cultural Center · Coyoacán Youth Integration Center · Campeche Institute of Development and Social Formation · Jurgen Habermas Elementary School · Corazón Valiente (Mexico City NGO) · Sonora Public Defender’s Office · Department of Public Education · Tourism School of Mexico · National Social Work School · EVERFREE · Faculty of Architecture, UNAM · Faculty of Sciences, UNAM · Faculty of Higher Education, Acatlán · Faculty of Higher Education, Aragón · Faculty of Chemistry, UNAM · Campeche Prosecutor’s Office · Specialized Prosecutor’s Office Against High Impact Crimes, Tlaxcala · Human Trafficking Prosecutor’s Office, State of Mexico · Human Trafficking Prosecutor’s Office, Mexico City · Dr. Javier Buenfil Osorio, Campeche · Hospital de La Fe, Campeche · Hospital Manuel Campos, Campeche · IAWT (In All We Trust) · Church of The Lord, Mexico City · Paul and Barnabas Church, Mexico City · Abundant Life Church, Mexico City · Campechano Institute · State Institute for the Promotion of Artisanal Activities of Campeche (INEFAAC) · Technological Institute of Tlalpan · Technological Institute of Topilejo · IQSEC Cybersecurity · La Cana (Social work for imprisoned women) · Doctors Without Borders · San Pablo Presbytery · Ateneo Elementary School · Efrén Núñez Mata Elementary School · José Azueta Elementary School · Juan Tellez Vargas Elementary School · Librado Rivera Elementary School · Mariano Azueta Elementary School · Miguel Ramírez Elementary School · Profesor Sóstenes Elementary School · Querétaro Elementary School · Safe House Program NGO, Mexico City · Quetzalcoátl Urban Development Project · Radio Núcleo (Largest radio station network in Southeast Mexico) · REDES en Ciudad Juárez · SANNAFARM Addiction Services, Campeche · Campeche Department of Economic Development · Campeche Public Works Department · Mexico City Department of Health · Campeche Ministry of Security and Citizen Protection · Campeche Department of Labor and Social Security · Mazatlán Villa de Las Flores Technical Middle School (Sierra -Oaxaca) · Middle School 125, Mexico City · Middle “ · School 173, Mexico City · Middle School 29, Tlalpan · Torres Bodet Middle School · Department of the Interior · Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Mexico · Campeche Department of Public Education · National System for the Protection of Boys, Girls and Adolescents, Coyoacán · National System For Holistic Family Development · Undersecretary of Labor, Campeche · Tec de Monterrey University · Tec de Monterrey Santa Fe campus · Tele-baccalaureate of Pochotepec (Sierra Mazateca - Oaxaca) · Tele Middle School 101, Tlalpan · Tele Middle School of La Toma (Sierra Mazateca - Oaxaca) · Tele Middle School of Nogaltepec (Sierra Mazateca - Oaxaca) · Tele Middle School Octavio Paz · Tele Middle School Mazatlán Villa de Las Flores (Sierra - Oaxaca) · Autonomous Metropolitan University of Cuajimalpa · Autonomous Metropolitan University of Iztapalapa · Latin American University, Florida · United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Mexico · Vista Hermosa Foundation

our solutions

Around the world, more than 50 million people are in slavery. This figure is difficult to even comprehend in its scope, but behind each of those 50 million cases lies a different and unique account. Our projects have the potential to transform these heartbreaking statistics into stories of transformation and purpose in three areas: **prevention, intervention and restoration.**

prevention

Our prevention strategy seeks to combat human trafficking at the source, working with different vulnerable populations, possible victims and perpetrators, and key decision-makers in the fight against this crime.

Beneficiaries reached: 32,060

intervention

Our intervention strategy focuses on areas in Mexico City with a high incidence of prostitution. We seek to build real relationships with women who find themselves in this situation. This is long-term, marathon work, developing bonds of trust and offering a support network to help them leave their exploitation behind.

Beneficiaries reached: 907

restoration

We understand that the effects of human trafficking are profound and span so many areas of women's lives. In restoration, we offer support to find a safe space for healing and personal growth, giving our beneficiaries the opportunity to rediscover themselves and reach their potential.

Beneficiaries reached: 36

prevention
with
**vulnerable
populations**

We focus on raising awareness about different forms of violence that can lead to human trafficking. Our activism workshops in schools target students, parents and teachers, with the aim of reducing the risk of youth becoming victims or perpetrators. We also train government officials and personnel from private companies, who have the influence and authority to make decisions to promote the fight against human trafficking.



32,060 beneficiaries reached

achievements

132 prevention workshops across 6 different states throughout Mexico.

519 government officials received our training on human trafficking.

Collaboration with more than 50 public and private institutions, as well as state and federal governments.

prevention
with
men

El Pozo de Vida's workshops on machismo and masculinity combat gender violence and discourage the demand for prostitution, both crucial components in the fight against human trafficking. Additionally, we offer outreach in red light districts, interacting with men who are consumers. In these meetings, we seek to shatter deep-rooted beliefs and misconceptions about prostitution, and how misogynistic attitudes perpetuate this practice.



728 beneficiaries reached

achievements

Workshop course entitled "Rethinking my Masculinity" for Engineering and Sciences faculty at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

All male EPDV staff received the same coursework and training

Free, mobile coffee stand operating in Mexico City's red light districts

The objective of this project is to provide support for migrants transiting through Mexico, along with information on how to prevent human trafficking and child sexual abuse. We visit shelters, soup kitchens, migrant houses and other spaces where vulnerable groups are concentrated, to offer workshops aimed at both mobile populations and the personnel who work there. Our goal is that both migrants and staff in these spaces can recognize the risk signs associated with human trafficking and take appropriate preventive measures.

prevention
with
**mobile
populations**

We focus on protecting the most vulnerable children from becoming victims of human trafficking, empowering boys and girls to recognize and protect their rights, and to strengthen their tools for self-protection (such as identification of healthy support networks). We strategically plan visits to vulnerable communities, offering recreational workshops in primary schools, and awareness events specifically aimed at young children.

prevention
with
children

10,196 beneficiaries reached



736 beneficiaries reached

achievements

Collaboration with the Mexico City Department of Public Education to bring prevention activities to schools and libraries

EPDV is now a member organization in the National System for the Protection of Girls, Boys and Adolescents

Implementation of weekly visits to popular tourist areas (with commensurately high numbers of begging situations)

achievements

127% more information and awareness workshops in comparison to 2022

86 visits to Mexico City's North Terminal bus station (a widely used transit stop)

17 visits to migrant shelters



Our community center is located in La Merced, the largest red light district in Latin America. El Pozo provides a safe place of respite for women in situations of prostitution who have been, or are at high risk of becoming, victims of human trafficking. Through free lunches, workshops, therapy, spiritual accompaniment and educational tutoring, they receive tools to improve their quality of life and eventually escape exploitation.

360 beneficiaries reached

achievements

Our kitchen served 1,112 meals last year

258 workshops including: English classes, sewing, self-defense, recognizing signs of violence and psychological counseling

34 women in situations of prostitution successfully completed courses and workshops at our community center



In Mexico City's red light districts, we organize literal parties on the street, inviting women, pimps and clients alike, with the aim of disrupting the commercial sex trade, even for just one night. The goal is to transform the environment through an atmosphere of love and hope- to build relationships of trust, providing support and follow-up for the needs of each of our attendees.

547 beneficiaries reached

achievements

We carried out 41 intervention activities in red light districts:

Hosted a conference for planning and managing bi-monthly block parties in red light districts in Ciudad Juárez

Between the Sullivan, Tlalpan and Metro Revolución red light districts, we met and initiated personal accompaniment with 34 new women



safe house

Casa Refugio is a safe house for minors who have been victims of human trafficking. The girls and adolescents under our care receive 24/7 education, medical treatment, psychological care, legal advice and life skills training- all invaluable support for their future.

22 beneficiaries reached

Logros

4 performances of the play, "Life is a Dream" at the National Institute of Fine Arts and Literature

Accreditation of 80% of primary and middle school exams presented at INEA (National Institute of Adult Education)



The Transition House employs a temporary housing model for young women, over the age of 18, who have passed through the Safe House and need to continue with their social integration process. In this space, we provide the necessary support and accompaniment so that they can achieve their goals and start dreaming again. El Pozo promotes their independence and autonomy through education and tools for personal development.

transition house



6 beneficiaries reached

achievements

- 1 young woman was reunited with her family
- 1 beneficiary enrolled in college
- 1 beneficiary has a permanent, stable job
- 80% of beneficiaries have completed high school in the last 2 years

Nunayú is a social entrepreneurship initiative that seeks to employ women who are survivors of human trafficking. It is dedicated to the design and production of jewelry, offering a fair and competitive employment alternative, while providing psychological care, social services and workshops to enrich their skills.

nunayú

8 beneficiaries reached

achievements

- Launch of the Mirarnos Collection
- 12% annual sales increase in 2023
- One collaborator obtained her primary education certificate and took the corresponding exams to complete secondary education



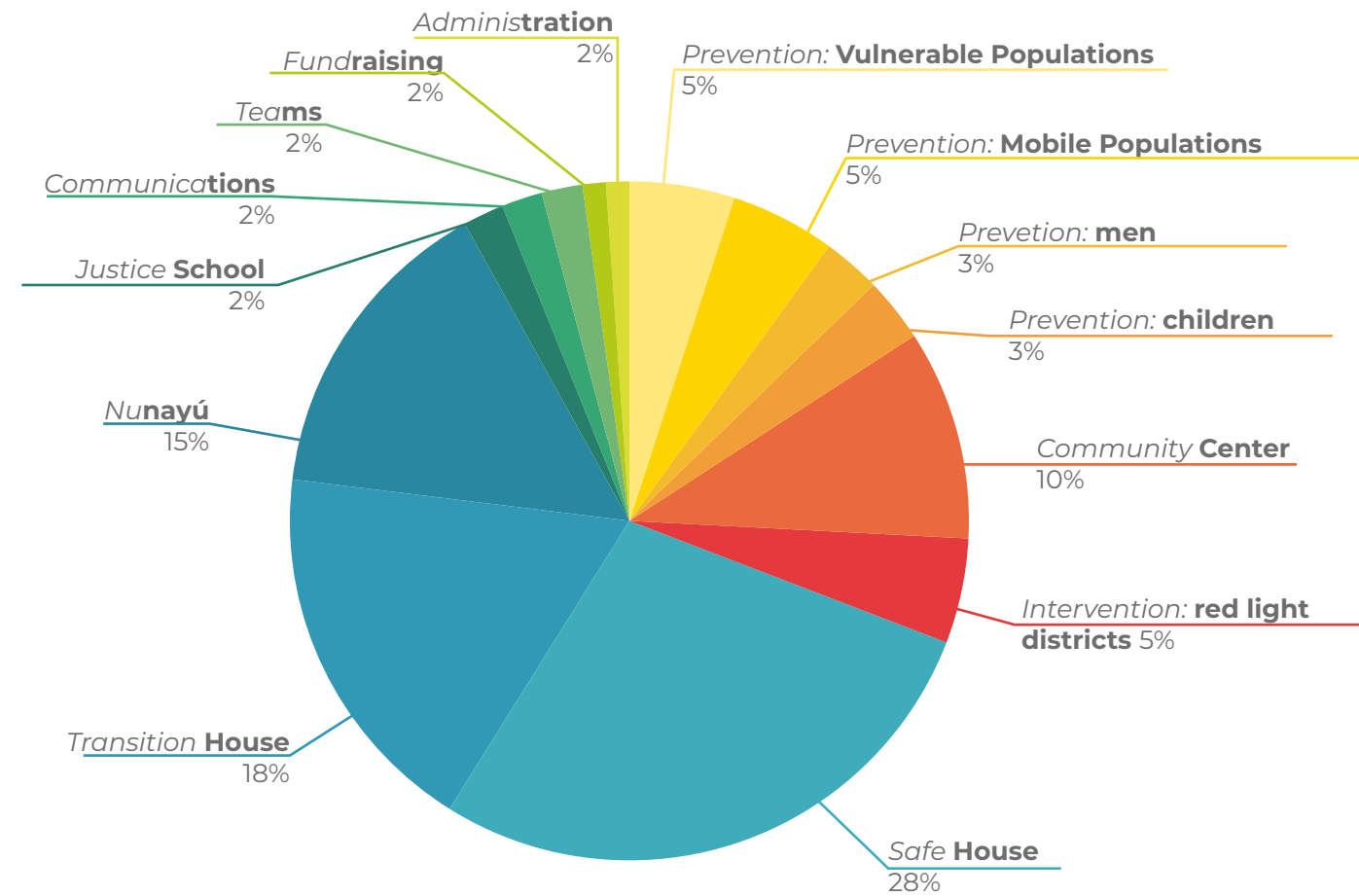
finances

In 2023, our total expenditures were:

\$\$773,914.10 USD*

Prevention: Vulnerable Populations	\$40,136.55 USD
Prevention: Mobile Populations	\$35,512.24 USD
Prevention: Men	\$26,926.96 USD
Prevention: Children	\$20,900.85 USD
Intervention: Community Center	\$79,719.12 USD
Intervention: Red Light Districts	\$41,968.81 USD
Restoration: Safe House	\$214,976.31 USD
Restoration: Transition House	\$136,198.48 USD
Restoration: Nunayú	\$114,500.39 USD
Justice School	\$14,877.66 USD
Communications	\$18,286.35 USD
Administration	\$13,259.56 USD
Teams	\$7,391.65 USD
Fundraising	\$9,259.17 USD

distribución por proyecto



*(based on a 2023 exchange rate of 17.73 pesos/USD)

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