

Operation Child Rescue

Status: In Progress

Country Office: India

Duration: July 2013 to TBA

Project Coordinator: Jim Rennie

What does this project aim to achieve?

Operation Child Rescue has 2 main components: anti-trafficking and baby rescue.

Anti-Trafficking

The exploitation of children in the many types of trafficking (which includes child labor, prostitution, pornography, begging, mafia controlled begging and drug peddling, and organ transplants) is on a scale that is hard to comprehend. It is estimated that more than 1.2 million children in India are caught up in human trafficking as child prostitutes alone in India.

Asian Aid partners with a Christian organization in India that works closely with police and the government to rescue children. The Anti-Human Trafficking Project has three main phases of operation: Rescue, Rehabilitation and Prevention. The project works with local authorities in the rescue of trafficked and exploited women and children, it provides the after care, counseling and training as well as working with the local communities and rural at-risk communities to prevent women and children from being trafficked.

In the past two years many women and children have been rescued from slavery. However, the after care provided by the government is inadequate. With the full support of the government, Asian Aid is seeking to expand its involvement in intervention and after care provision.

Baby Rescue

As part of its Operation Child rescue program, Asian Aid has partnered with the Ashram Trust, an Adventist run orphanage and child adoption center in Hosur, India.

The rescue center's key roles are to:

1. Save the lives of rejected babies
2. Provide them adoption in India or a safe home in the orphanage

Abandoned babies and orphanaged children continue to be brought to Ashram almost on a weekly basis. The black market for selling babies is a very real and active business, and the Ashram Trust undertakes rigorous checks to make sure the children are taken into happy and healthy homes. Many children are raised at the orphanage go on to Adventist schools and colleges.

To learn more and read stories of some of the children, please click here: [New Life for Abandoned Babies](#)

Or to watch a 3ABN interview with Anita on how children are being rescued from child labor, beggary, and trafficking, please click here: [3ABN Operation Child Rescue Interview](#)

What can you do to help?