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## OUR GOALS: 2017 – 2020

OUR VISION:

A world free of human trafficking

<p><b>GOAL 1</b>  <b>ELIMINATE FORMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SEXUAL EXPLOITATION &amp; IN FORCED LABOUR</b>          eg domestic servitude,          in agriculture, in hospitality,          in the sex industry</p>	<p><b>GOAL 2</b>  <b>ELIMINATE FORCED MARRIAGE IN AUSTRALIA &amp; GLOBALLY</b>          Work with school communities          Collaborate for victim/survivor/family support          Educate marriage celebrants</p>	
<p><b>GOAL 3</b>  <b>ENSURE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN TRAFFICKED ACCESS THEIR RIGHTS</b>          Provide companionship          Ground strategic action in the stories of people who have been trafficked</p>	<p><b>HOW?</b>          Raise awareness          Share education resources          Act regionally &amp; nationally          Work for systemic change, locally &amp; globally          Advocate with government          Collaborate with counter trafficking networks</p>	<p><b>GOAL 4</b>  <b>PROMOTE SLAVERY-FREE SUPPLY CHAINS</b>          Collaborate with networks re chocolate, coffee, tea, cotton, clothing, seafood, electronics, palm oil          Reduce demand for cheap goods, cheap services</p>
<p><b>GOAL 5</b>  <b>DEVELOP OUR ORGANISATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY &amp; INFLUENCE</b>          Grow membership      Ensure robust finances      Archive to preserve the story</p>		

ACRATH appreciates the bipartisan support for policy work on human trafficking. ACRATH believes positive change has grown out of the genuine collaboration between government and civil society.

**In the past twelve months ACRATH exceeded all milestones related to the AGD funding:**

<p><b>34 Trafficked women assisted</b></p>
<p><b>16 Joint campaign actions with a partner agency</b></p>
<p><b>140 Network meetings attended in Australia</b>          Networking also in Thailand, NZ, The Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, India, the UK, the Vatican, the UN in NY, the USA, Canada, Albania, Ireland, Indonesia, PNG and the Pacific Region</p>
<p><b>9 Schools in 3 States trialling a Forced Marriage Education Kit</b>  <a href="https://www.mybluesky.org.au/learn-more/resources/">https://www.mybluesky.org.au/learn-more/resources/</a></p>
<p><b>Began a project in a hospital system to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• educate front line staff re indicators of human trafficking and forced marriage</li> <li>• work towards a slavery free supply chain</li> </ul>
<p><b>7,574 hours of volunteer time donated</b></p>
<p><b>Volunteer time conservatively costed at \$213,000</b></p>

Young people, mostly girls and young women, face **forced marriage in Australia**. Access to ongoing support from the Support for Trafficked People Program (currently run by the Red Cross) is linked to a person agreeing to participate in a criminal justice process against the person exploiting them, usually a family member.

ACRATH is asking MPs to request Social Services Minister Porter to introduce a pilot scheme providing services and accommodation for all young people facing forced marriage in Australia, regardless of their willingness or ability to testify against the person forcing them to marry.

**ACRATH notes recommendation 6 of the Parliamentary Law Enforcement Committee tabled on 18 July 2017:**

**2.117 The committee recommends the Commonwealth government de-links access to the Support for Trafficked People Program from compliance with criminal investigations.**

**ACRATH's work on forced marriage:**

ACRATH began working on the issue of forced marriage in 2008. In 2014 ACRATH was funded by the AGD to produce *My Rights – My Future: Forced Marriage Kit for Australian Secondary Schools* and to trial the resource with 9 government and Catholic schools in 3 states: SA, Vic and NSW. In July 2017 Justice Minister Keenan announced a one year grant to, amongst other things, expand our forced marriage awareness raising work. ACRATH has seen a marked increase in the number of Australian Federal Police referrals into forced marriage, with 69 referrals in the year 2015-16. Alongside this increase in referrals, ACRATH members have met with a number of young people facing a forced marriage who want help, but do not want to testify against the person or people forcing them to marry; this is most often a parent or family member. ACRATH, and other NGOs, have long promoted the idea that support for the young person should not be conditional on compliance with a criminal justice investigation. The government would have the chance to assess this proposal if it were to run a pilot project to trial de-linked entry to the Support Program.

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**ACRATH is asking MPs to support the introduction of a Modern Slavery Act into Australia following the current Joint Committee's interim report to Parliament in August 2017.**

ACRATH wants to see:

- A Modern Slavery Act that ensures the supply chain of goods brought into Australia is slavery-free;
- A Modern Slavery Act that includes **penalties** for companies that fail to comply with requirements to disclose what actions they are taking to address the risks of slavery and human trafficking in their supply chains;
- The establishment of an **Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner**.

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**ACRATH is asking MPs to support funding for a further 3 years to ensure ACRATH and other NGOs can continue working to counter human trafficking. This is work the Australian government has already committed to do in order to meet international obligations.**

ACRATH is asking MPs to raise with Justice Minister Keenan the need for a further 3 years funding.

In his recent media release announcing one year funding for counter trafficking NGOs, Justice Minister Keenan said, "Civil society organisations are integral to Australia's fight against human trafficking and slavery; playing a critical role in identifying and supporting victims, and improving community awareness."

ACRATH believes that 3 year funding gives NGOs the ability to plan a long term strategy for addressing the problem of human trafficking in order to bring about complex systemic change; short one year funding grants limit the complexity of what can be taken on and achieved.

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