



Twenty years ago, a small group of women religious met to discuss reports of people being trafficked into Australia for sex work and other forms of exploitation. Two decades later, with your support, our organisation is now companioning victims/survivors, advocating for their rights, educating the community, and raising awareness against human trafficking and modern slavery within Australia and beyond.

ACRATH has received some government funding and grants over the 20 years, but funding has come mostly from you, our community. Because of your willingness to help victim/survivors of human trafficking we continue advocating for systemic change that will improve their lives in Australia. This year we need \$350,000 to continue our work. Please donate today.

In ACRATH's 20th year we are strengthening the Companionship Program which provides support to women, who have been trafficked, and their children. ACRATH will be providing more training opportunities and ongoing support to build the ACRATH companions' capacity to assist survivors of modern slavery to take charge of their own life.

ACRATH receives regular feedback from the referring agencies that our Companionship Program is a highly valued complement to the formal case-work supports that are provided through government funded programs. As detection and response to instances of modern slavery improves, so too is the need for a range of supports for the increasing number of victims and survivors identified. The need for ACRATH companions will also grow.

The experiences of the women in the Companionship Program inform ACRATH's advocacy work at the National Roundtable and annual advocacy trips to Canberra meeting ministers and departmental staff.

During 20 years of impact ACRATH has played a role in many significant developments including the Modern Slavery Acts (2018), the establishment of both Federal and State Anti-Slavery Commissioners, and an additional pathway for victims and survivors into the Support for Trafficked People Program.

ACRATH President Sr Clare Condon sgs said "The heart of ACRATH is its members across the nation, with regional groupings in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and the East Coast. The work done locally and in collaboration with one another and with other civil society agencies is our unique way of responding to the issues involved in human trafficking."

(SOURCE: ACRATH Website)

ACRATH's mission is to eliminate human trafficking and the harm it causes, in Australia, the Asia Pacific region and globally. We do this in collaboration with others in Australia and internationally. ACRATH has been a pioneering voice in the Australian Catholic sector in the fight against human trafficking and modern slavery since 2005.