

Please help us fight human trafficking

July 28 2017

Dear Supporters,

We are just days away from the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (July 30) and still we have no confirmed funding from the Federal Government. Thankfully, many of you have responded to our call earlier this month for support. We are so grateful to those who have given us financial support, but we have a long way to go even with Government funding, should it come.

In the past two weeks, since our last appeal letter, our work to eliminate human trafficking has taken an important step forward. ACRATH has been invited to speak on Wednesday, August 2, at the Federal Government's inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia. ACRATH joined with several other NGOs to submit an exhaustive submission based on our years of work in this area.

At the same time, our forced marriage worker, Liz Payne, went to Perth where ACRATH volunteers had organised a major gathering of Catholic Schools to examine issues of forced marriage. Liz was also invited to present at an Islamic school.

Donations by several bishops, congregations and supporters will allow us to keep going until December - without Government support. We need at least \$250,000 a year to function at our current levels. Again, in the lead up to the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30, we ask you to help protect the thousands of trafficked people and many more at risk of forced marriage. Please donate now and support ACRATH and the victims and survivors of human trafficking today.

Cheques payable to ACRATH and posted to: ACRATH National Office, 54 Beaconsfield Pde, Albert Park, 3206.

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(Please send an email to treasurer@acrath.org.au if you make a donation by direct deposit giving name and contact details so that a receipt can be sent). Thank you for whatever way you can contribute to this appeal.

Many thanks,

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