

ACRATH launches fundraising campaign

ACRATH has launched a fundraising campaign following the end of Federal Government funding on June 30 2017. While ACRATH, and several other organisations, have been invited to apply for funding as part of a competitive grants program, we have no guarantee of success.

ACRATH needs to secure funding **now** and so we have launched a fundraising appeal throughout July, leading up to the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30.

We need your help.

Our work is critical to the lives of so many people. We cannot stop now when we are on the brink of significant change:

- A partnership developed with St Vincent's Health Australia will change the way hospitals identify and treat trafficked people and 'slavery proof' the goods and services they use. This will prove a critical benchmark and a potential roll-out to other healthcare providers and the business sector.
- Significant gains are being made to stop the forced marriage of young people, predominantly girls and young women; the roll out of our schools kit is key to this.
- Our advocacy programs are creating consumer change through the promotion and sale of slavery-free products such as chocolate, tea, coffee and clothes, particularly cotton-based clothing.
- Collaborating and sharing information with anti-trafficking organisations. For example, in May 2017 we gave a forced marriage presentation to Indonesian NGOs at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.

Right now we need at least \$250,000 a year to function at our current levels.

This figure would be triple without the volunteer hours of our community. We value this contribution enormously; in fact we could not exist without it, but now we need funds.

Funds to work with key community leaders to prevent forced marriage (\$40,000 annually); support teachers with our online forced marriage unit (\$25,000 annually); maintain our website which is a key research point for the sector (\$18,000 annually); meet MPs each year during a Canberra lobbying pilgrimage to educate them on human trafficking issues and the need for change (\$6,000). These are just a few examples of our work.

Many of you, or your congregations, parishes or communities, already donate to ACRATH. That is a remarkable contribution that has helped ACRATH do what it does. But we need your support more than ever now if we are to continue.

So leading up to the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30, we are asking you to support this appeal and be a part of the future, not just ACRATH's future, but to help secure the future protection of thousands of trafficked people and many more at risk of forced marriage.

Please support ACRATH and the victims and survivors of human trafficking today. Time for these vulnerable people is running out. Please, can you:

1. make a donation today.
2. have a conversation with three other people you know about this important issue and ask them if they could help.
3. Go to ACRATH's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ACRATH> and like it. This means you will receive the regular posts about our fundraising appeal. To help spread the word about our appeal please share these posts on your timeline.

Donate Now :

Cheques payable to ACRATH and posted to:

ACRATH National Office, 54 Beaconsfield Pde, Albert Park, 3206.

Direct Deposit

Commonwealth Bank of Australia

ACRATH Public Fund

BSB 063 111 Account number 10802141

(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).