



## Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery



### What you can do to help in the fight against Slavery

- **Join with others who have the same aim:** A good start would be to enrol in the Action Group of Rotarians against Child Slavery. You will learn about the issues of slavery and trafficking and how to help contribute towards its extinction. Encourage others to join the Group. Alternatively join one of the other anti-slavery or anti-trafficking organizations in your area.
- **Persuade your club to participate in a project:** Projects can be found either via the Group's website ([www.racsrag.org](http://www.racsrag.org)) or through its regular Newsletter.
- **Give a personal donation:** This is an option if your club shows no interest. The donation can be made to help fund one of the Action Group projects or to generally support the work of an anti-slavery organization.
- **Visit a rehabilitation centre:** You will learn why slavery exists in a particular district, how children become enslaved and what is required to effect a successful rehabilitation. Then share your experiences, knowledge and subsequent actions with others.
- **Raise awareness in others:** Tell club members, friends or business colleague about the existence of modern slavery, the use of children as slaves and the numbers involved.
- **Obtain support at District Level:** Promote the work of the Action Group and anti-slavery organizations within the District through the District International Committee. Encourage your District Governor or District Executive to include the topic at a future District Conference or Council or Assembly.
- **Give or organize presentations:** This could be to your Rotary Club, other clubs or District Assembly/Conference. If you are not able to do it yourself find someone who can.
- **Visit local schools:** Inform them about modern day slavery and offer to provide a presentation on the subject.  
NB. In the United Kingdom, "citizenship" is now an imperative subject in a school's key stage curriculum. The subject addresses issues relating to social justice and human rights and encourages pupils to challenge injustice, inequalities and discrimination. When school children learn about modern slavery, they become unstoppable in their determination to end it. Give them the opportunity to join the anti-slavery movement by sharing with them, and letting their teacher know about teaching packs which are available from some of the anti-slavery organizations
- **Write to your local political representative(s):** Ask him/her/them to prioritise ending all forms of slavery.
- **Contact your fund managers:** This could include your mutual, savings and retirement fund. Ask how is the investment of your money screened to exclude any profit from slavery.
- **Contact your local administrative authority:** Find out if they have a website which raises awareness of human trafficking and slavery. If not, encourage the authority to establish a website which includes information similar to the information included in this Newsletter, eg how to spot victims, information on the mindset of victims, information on help lines, etc.
- **Write to local retailers:** Ask them about their current purchasing policies, eg do they conduct social and ethical audits on their suppliers to weed out cases of child slave produced goods ?
- **Try to purchase only fair trade goods:** This is the best way to ensure that we are not contributing to the funds of the slavers. Fair traded goods empower vulnerable people, advance social justice, guarantee a fair wage and safe working conditions and ensures no child or sweatshop labour was used to make the item.
- **Widen your knowledge about child slavery:** There are some excellent books, films, DVDs and anti-slavery websites that do spell out the full extent and horrors of modern slavery. If you cannot find any, ask your RACSRAAG officers and Coordinators.