About us

Justice and Care Bangladesh (JCBD) is a branch of Justice and Care UK, a registered charity in the United Kingdom. Justice and Care Bangladesh commenced operations on 1st March 2017 following registration with NGO Affairs Bureau Bangladesh (NGOAB) on 28th Jan 2016.

Justice and Care helps rescue victims of slavery and human trafficking. We empower them to rebuild their lives. We work with the police to pursue and dismantle criminal networks and bring perpetrators to justice. We secure communities at risk from traffickers and spark systemic change.

Internationally, we bring together world-class specialists – including social workers, researchers and experts in policy and criminal justice. We know it is vital to support governments to achieve national change. That is why we work with governments and law enforcement agencies to fight slavery and we share our expertise with people in power to drive lasting change at scale.

Our Vision

Every captive free.
Every perpetrator brought to justice.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Justice and Care Bangladesh completed its second year of operation in December 2018. Our programmes focus on the prevention of trafficking and exploitation; supporting the identification and rescue of victims; repatriation, comprehensive aftercare and legal assistance for those who have been exploited, and driving systemic change.

Although we are a relatively young organisation, thanks to the decades of experience of our core staff, our global Justice and Care partners and our commitment to working collaboratively with government and other stakeholders, we have been able to quickly establish substantial reach and impact. We are deeply passionate about seeing individual lives rescued and restored - and about seeing lasting systemic change in the fight against human trafficking and slavery.

Highlights this year include:

Rescue and Prosecution

We support the work of police and border guards to identify and rescue trafficking victims. In Jashore district, Justice and Care trained 180 members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) on victim identification methodologies. Following our training, the BGB went on to identify and rescue a staggering 75 potential women and children victims from bordering areas right before they were sold - including more than 30 children. It transpired that almost all the children were the subject of missing persons reports lodged by their families across Bangladesh. All 75 victims are now safely reunited with their legal guardians.

The team supports victims to testify via video conference against their traffickers in India, to help them see their exploiters brought to justice without the trauma of facing their traffickers in court or having to remain in India for protracted court proceedings. Victim testimonies were recorded in this way across four districts.

Aftercare

Our team has quickly become the go-to NGO to support repatriations of Bangladeshi victims who had been trafficked to India. It is well documented that Bangladeshi victims have frequently languished in Indian shelter homes for years awaiting repatriation, which has a hugely negative impact on their recovery and ability to move on with their lives. Crucially in 95% of cases, our team were able to repatriate the victim within 12 months of referral. This year we repatriated 39 victims including a child who had been trafficked to Gujarat in India. Our teams supported police in locating the missing girl and cared for the child throughout her repatriation and reintegration.

Following safe and supported repatriation, we provide victims with life skills training, counselling, medical care, vocational training, education and ongoing social work support according to each victim’s needs. We supported 135 victims during 2018 and 98 at-risk victims received holistic aftercare support from our teams this year. Uniquely, Justice and Care provides continuous support to survivors on a case by case basis, without imposing an arbitrary time limit on their recovery.

Prevention

Traffickers are known to target garment factories in Dhaka, offering fictitious job opportunities abroad to the vulnerable women there who are generally low status, poorly educated, poorly paid and already separated from their families and support structures. Our Bangladesh team conducted awareness sessions on trafficking and safe migration to over 1,600 female factory workers during a specially developed lunch hour programme.

Systemic change

In July our team was able to convene the stakeholders from both India and Bangladesh for a bilateral conference on repatriation of human trafficking victims. New commitments were made to strengthen cooperation and coordination to improve victim care and repatriation timelines. In addition, the Ministry of Home Affairs inducted Justice and Care as a member of the Drafting and Technical committees for developing the National Plan of Action for Combating Human Trafficking (2018 – 2022). This enabled Justice and Care to have direct input into shaping the country’s plan for tackling human trafficking for the next 5 years.

This annual program report captures the quantitative and qualitative achievements of the year 2018. We are deeply grateful to all our valued partners, especially the Ministry of Home Affairs, Border Guards Bangladesh, Bangladesh Police Forces and NGO working partners. We look forward to achieving even greater impact together in the future.

Rifah’s story

Rifah was trafficked to India when she was 22 years old, tricked by a boyfriend. She was held captive and forced into sex slavery.

She was rescued by Justice and Care, initially taken to a local shelter home for protection: ‘I still remember how good I felt when I saw one person from Justice and Care - they have been holding my hand since.’

Today Rifah is back in Bangladesh, where she is working in a factory. Our team have helped protect her when those accused of her trafficking were trying to pressure her to drop the legal case. She has been given counselling to help deal with her trauma.

‘I feel blessed that Justice and Care came to know about me otherwise I should have been in prostitution still. They have made me capable of standing on my own two feet. Thank you Justice and Care for giving me a second chance in life.’

We look forward to achieving even greater impact together in the future.
Program Achievements 2018

- **Rescued**: 180 BGB trained on identification - directly leading to 75 rescues.
- **Awareness Training**: 1,600 vulnerable garment factory workers and 250 garment trade association members trained in trafficking awareness and safe migration.
- **Awareness Training**: 550 residents of border communities made aware of human trafficking.
- **Repatriated**: 39 victims safely repatriated.
- **Survivors Supported**: 135 survivors cared for.

**Rescue and Prosecution**

Justice and Care’s unique partnership with the BGB includes training of border guards in victim identification, joint programmes to raise awareness in border towns (including a poster campaign at known transit points) and cooperation in providing support to victims once identified.

This year Justice and Care trained 180 BGB in victim identification. Our unique engagement with the BGB (approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs Bangladesh) has sparked a huge change in BGB’s ground protocol on handling intercepted victims at the border. BGB officers previously used to hand over all intercepted individuals to the local Police Station irrespective of their status and the intercepted individuals were produced before the District courts, being charged for attempting illegal border crossing. Once bailed or released, victims would be picked up by the traffickers and attempt to cross the border again. Now BGB members in the districts where we have worked apply their observation skills to identify trafficking victims from the intercepted groups and refer potential victims to Justice Care through local Police stations.

The impact of the project was evidenced by the quick and successful implementation of the principles accepted by the BGB members. No trafficking victims were identified or referred in the year prior to the training. In the months following the training, Border Guards in the project districts identified and rescued 75 victims including more than 30 minors. All these victims were safely reunited with their legal guardians following verification and assessment by Justice and Care.

Justice and Care has also been a pioneer in supporting the prosecution of cross border cases. In 2018 with the approval from Ministry of Home Affairs a total of 4 video conferences (VC) were facilitated in which repatriated Bangladeshi victims and a doctor from the National Mental Health Institute Dhaka recorded their evidence. A total of 6 victims have been supported 16 times collectively in the appointment of lawyers to assist public prosecutors, so that their cases can be strongly presented in the courts in different Districts. 2 BGB rescued victims have been assisted in lodging their case with local police stations under human trafficking prevention laws and have assisted investigating officers in collecting evidence against their exploiters.

**Victim M (Jashore)** - rescued by the BGB now enrolled back at school, said while thanking Justice and Care:

“It’s like I was brought back from the verge of death, had I not been rescued from border I would have been sold into human trafficking racket, thanks for giving me my life back.”
Aftercare

135 victims received ongoing support, with 98 at-risk cases receiving intensive holistic support according to their individual care plan. This included:

- **76** victims receiving life skills development training
- **61** visits to victims from our social workers and 914 phone follow ups
- **59** victims receiving psychosocial counselling support across 111 sessions
- **47** victims receiving need based assistance and rehabilitation inputs (resources to start income generation activities)
- **5** minor victims receiving intensive support to enter and remain in education
- **366** Home Investigation Reports conducted for missing victims and rescued victims preparing for reintegration

The base of 424 victims have been referred to Justice and Care Bangladesh from Indian shelter homes (‘direct ref’), a Justice and Care NGO partner in India (‘legacy victims’) and the BGB as detailed below:

- **BGB ref. to JCBD, 75**
- **Legacy victims rescued/ repatriated by JC, 156**
- **Direct ref. to JCBD, 193**

The outcomes achieved for survivors have been very significant:

11 victims of 13 who were supported with rehab inputs (income generation activities) in late 2017 are now more financially solvent, which reduced their risk of re-trafficking and importantly they feel increasingly mainstreamed into society. Most victims receiving income generation support in 2018 have just started their activities but 5 have already started earning a profit.

4 further victims have remained in employed work thanks to the provision by Justice and Care of vocational training fees and accommodation expenses. 6 other victims received assistance like tube well installations for safe drinking water, sanitary latrines and cow sheds which they report substantially contributed to their family’s wellbeing. 8 victims are reintegrated back in school and progressing in their education.

The provision of health care support to victims has also had a significant impact. During 2017-2018, 9 victims were able to give birth safely to healthy babies as a result of proper health care during pregnancy and 23 victims who had health complications are now enjoying a healthy life including 1 HIV+ victim.

In the last two years (2017-2018) all 81 victims who attended 200 psychosocial counselling sessions have reported feeling able to ventilate out their suffocating mental stresses, which helped them to renew their mental strength to take on new challenges in life. 70% of these victims reported feeling more tolerant compared to earlier in dealing with day to day challenges. 40% of these victims have been observed to have evident positive behavioural changes while dealing with our case workers.

Over the last two years, 164 victims have received life skills development training, of which 80% victims surveyed have reported feeling much more empowered. They have learned to say NO to things they do not like and began to make choices for themselves.
“People at Justice and Care always go beyond their job responsibilities while they work to assist victims of human trafficking - that is what we all should follow”

Additional Commissioner, Khulna Metropolitan Police

Prevention Programme

We work strategically with vulnerable communities to prevent human trafficking. In 2018 the prevention programme in garment factories reached 1,600 workers and a further 250 garment association members. Trainees were conscientized on trafficking awareness and also empowered with messages regarding safe migration, to enable them to make informed decisions when considering job opportunities. The training sessions were very well received by the attendees but we are also developing processes to trace the impact of this awareness raising on the ongoing choices and behaviours of these vulnerable women going forward.

Justice and Care also organised meetings in border towns in Jashore and Satkhira districts which are plagued by trafficking. Our teams convened locally elected councillors, border guards and local police to improve coordination between stakeholders, strengthen joint working and improve vigilance in these communities. Working with local leaders and state actors is a key dimension of our strategy for creating lasting sustainable change.

Systemic change

Bilateral forum on repatriation organised:

On 24th July 2018 Justice and Care, Bangladesh convened a bilateral forum in collaboration with the Rescue, Recovery, Repatriation and Integration (RRRI) Task Force from the Ministry of Home Affairs Bangladesh; involving key stakeholders from both sides of the India-Bangladesh border. A total of 40 participants attended the forum of which 9 were from different states of India. The primary objective of the forum was to bring together cross border stakeholders to discuss common agendas. The RRRI Task Force Dhaka moderated 3 sessions which culminated in concrete recommendations on the need for uniformed SOPs for RRRI process, use of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty for solving cross border human trafficking cases and deepening bilateral cooperation for combating human trafficking.

Some of these recommendations will be considered by the Dhaka RRRI TF in their next bilateral meeting with their Indian counterpart. Participants from both countries appreciated the event for creating a common platform for regular interaction across borders on RRRI matters. A report was prepared by Justice and Care on the consultation and sent out to all participants for future reference.
Collaboration with Law enforcement agencies:

Our teams worked closely with law enforcement to help create and support pathways for victims to be identified, rescued and supported. 4 sensitization meetings were organized with 80 district police officers across 3 districts to help ensure victims once identified are able to access services. This directly led to case referrals from the police to Justice and Care - for example, a cross border trafficking case was referred to Justice and Care by Satkhira District Police for repatriation and aftercare assistance. The victim had been rescued by CID Kolkata in response to the request placed by Bangladesh police via Interpol. This illustrated the importance of fostering multi-agency cooperation and collaboration in order for victims of trafficking to be rescued and rehabilitated, particularly in cross-border cases.

Similarly, 2 advocacy meetings were organized with 93 District Counter-Trafficking Committee members in two districts to establish a referral mechanism to ensure victim’s access to available services. In the subsequent period the Women and Child Affairs Department of Khulna District referred a case of cross border trafficking to Justice and Care for legal and aftercare assistance.

Justice and Care Bangladesh also assisted Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) in repatriating one minor victim from Gujarat, India who was missing a pending human trafficking case in Khulna District. This repatriation of a minor Bangladeshi victim was the first ever repatriation of Bangladeshi victim from the state of Gujarat to Bangladesh.

Most notably, our continuous advocacy and networking with Khulna Divisional police has triggered a change in mindset of the senior police officials to coordinate with NGOs on solving cross border trafficking cases. Investigation officers of Khulna division wrote 17 formal requests to JCBD seeking assistance for rescuing victims and collecting evidence - as a result, victims were rescued in 14 of these cases in 2017-2018.

Drafting the National Plan of Action

In 2018 the Ministry of Home Affairs inducted Justice and Care as a member of Technical and Drafting committees for the National Plan of Action (NPA) 2018 – 2022. As part of these committees Justice and Care was able to directly input into the country’s plan for tackling human trafficking for the next 5 years.

We have also been invited to join the GO NGO coordination committee under the Ministry of Home Affairs, responsible for helping to lead the implementation of the National Plan of Action. As a result Justice and Care will play a lead role in helping to outwork the plan of action in the nation alongside a small number of other NGO's.

Summary of achievements to date
(March 2017-Dec 2018)

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<td>3,390 vulnerable people trained in trafficking awareness and safe migration</td>
<td>553 police and border guards trained in victim identification and care</td>
<td>75 women and children rescued by BGB before being sold, as a direct result of JC training</td>
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<td>REPATRIATED</td>
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<td>152 victims safely repatriated from India to Bangladesh</td>
<td>380 survivors cared for</td>
<td>164 victims received life skills training; 85 victims supported to establish income-generating activities</td>
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<td>87 victims received psycho-social counselling; 8 victims given legal assistance</td>
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### Justice & Care

**Bangladesh**

Annual Program Report 2018

Project name: Integrated Approach to Combat Human Trafficking (IACHT)

Implemented By: Justice and Care

Funded By: Justice and Care UK Ltd

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the year from January 01, 2018 to December 31, 2018

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The annexed notes (1 to 16) form an integrated part of these financial statements.

Signed as per our annexed report of even date.

Country Director

Country Manager

Chartered Accounts

Dated Dhaka

February 14, 2019
“When I realized that I was trafficked I thought I would die there without seeing my daughter and parents face again. Justice and Care not only saved my life also saved my daughter who was only 3 months old. They also provided my baby with foods and other necessary accessories. Justice and Care supported my mother and me to handle the police case. Fate of my life would have been differently destined if Justice and Care had not helped me. They are now looking into my rehabilitation. I owe my life to Justice and Care”

N.M. aged 16