

# National Freedom Network

# News Letter 2016

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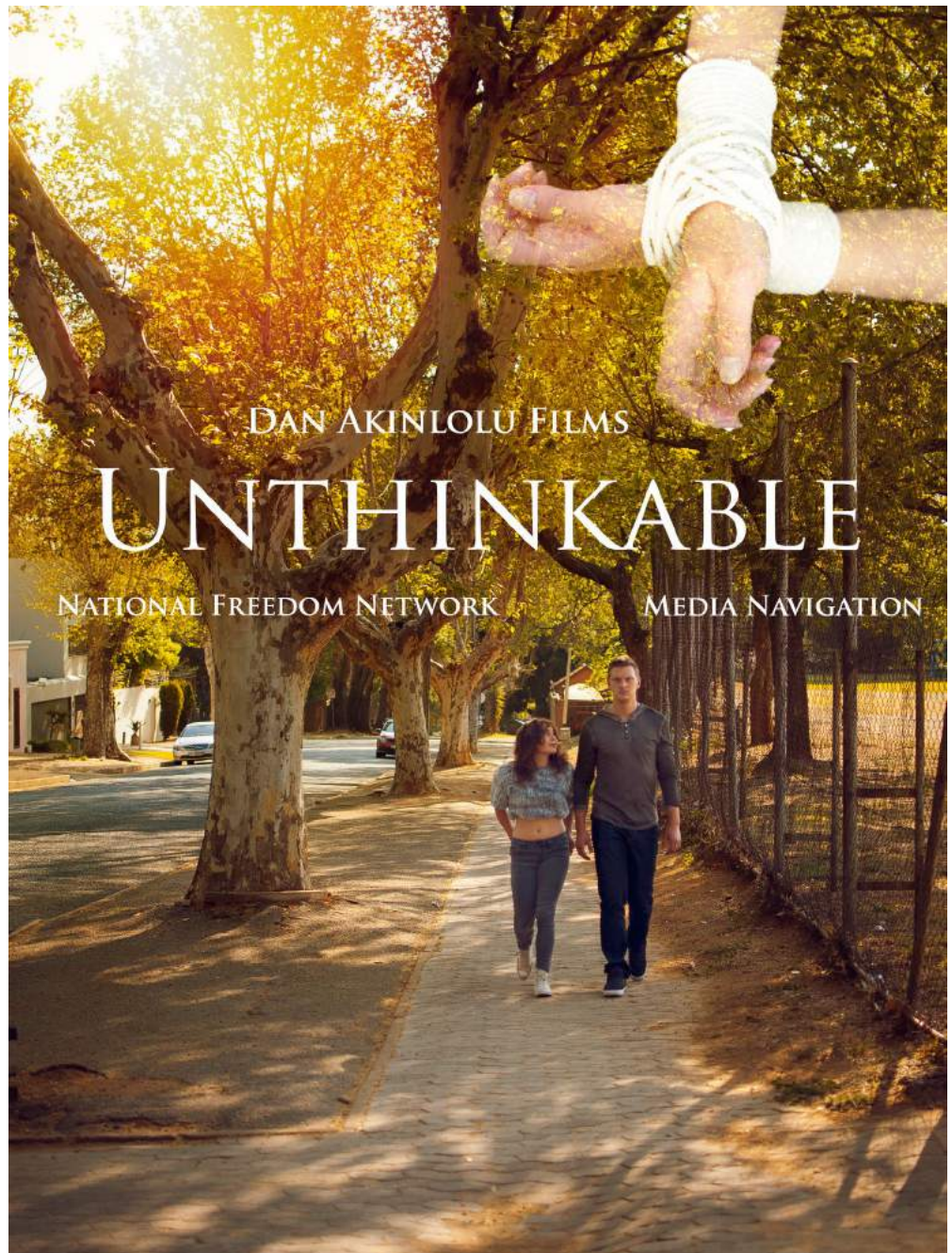
## “Unthinkable” the Short Film

This 34-minute short film aims to educate the public on ‘Lover Boy Recruitment’ or ‘Romeo pimping’, tactics used by human traffickers to lure and trap victims. Many of these victims are then sold into the sex trade. It is based on chapter 32 of Kris Hollington’s book “Unthinkable”. It’s been a very interesting journey working with a team of four since January 2016. So proud of what we have achieved. We want to extend thanks to Nicolette Hocking, Sarah-Kate Edworthy, Dan Akinlolu and Marina Reyneke.

Lexis Nexis hosted three screenings of Unthinkable with mini awareness presentations and sponsored several DVDs for distribution. Thank you, Mandy!

Click [here](#) to watch the short film.

## Sponsors





# National Freedom Network and Traffick Wise presented the Unthinkable short film with a panel discussion on 7th October 2016 at The Link, Hatfield.

Huge thanks to Annelize Theunissen and the teams at OM for making the event a huge success.





# Comments on Unthinkable

Normally one would be disturbed after watching something like that and battle to process the psychology behind this organised crime. The panel discussion thereafter acts as a debrief for us, the audience who are not aware of human trafficking in this scale. This session is very important, the audience is reassured that the problem is being addressed, it's dealt with by competent and knowledgeable organisations. This is very comforting to the rest of us and evokes the idea of I can do something too.... let me get involved.

Excellent. This short film is going to impact high schools. I will be making use of this powerful tool. Thank you for your hard work, National Freedom Network.



Thuthula Ndunge,  
Director of B4E Trust



Pastor Caroline Pitout, Judah  
Harvest & Freedom Generation

As an actress, the experience was amazing and learning about human trafficking was such an eye opener. Seeing the film was no exception, the reality of this crime made it hard to listen and watch the story being told. This short film will make people aware of what is happening around them. I'm glad to have been a part of the film.

This film is a good resource for training purposes. I will use it to train my staff with regards to recruitment methods of traffickers. This film is not destined for entertainment purposes, but to equip workers who stand in this field to assist survivors daily.



Reitu Thipe, Actress



Jath van der Westhuizen,  
Author, Trauma Counsellor  
and Producer of short films.

# 2016 Awareness Events

## Can you handle the Sweatshop Challenge?

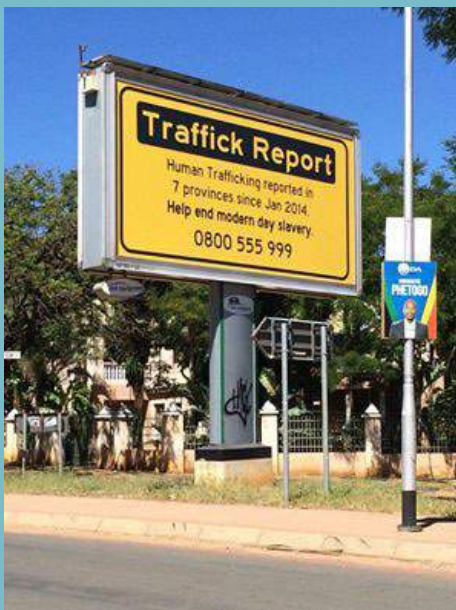


Well done to Shannalee Raquel Doran and Bronwyn Dugtig of Monash University who organised the Sweatshop Challenge on 5 October 2016, a unique way of simulating labour trafficking.



After one hour in pleasant conditions, Marina Reyneke (NFN Administrator) felt tired, her eyes were watery and her head and neck were aching! **Now** imagine how someone feels doing this hour after hour, day after day.

## NFN walking 5km in Silence



Creating awareness of Human Trafficking, one billboard at a time! NFN's billboard by Ad Outpost 31 March 2016 in Park Street, Arcadia (Pretoria)



The National Freedom Network participated in the Walk for Freedom on the 15 October 2016 in Randburg. The event is organised by A21 Campaign and takes place in over 200 countries.





## 150 guests at the Colour of Brave fundraiser

We are grateful to Chantal who is committed to raising funds for the NFN. Over 150 guests attended the 'Colour of Brave' event on 8 October

2016. Idalette sang and Chrisna shared her story. Ruby donated artwork to be sold. Diane did a short presentation and her and Annalize participated in a panel

discussion to raise awareness of the reality of human trafficking in South Africa.



### Annual Gift 67 Dinner 15 July 2016

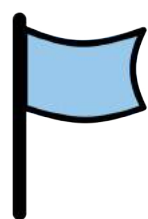
Thank you Candice James and the BBQ Downs Community for raising funds for the launch of the Unthinkable short film.



Marcel van der Watt, while working on his Doctorate gave a very interesting presentation to the Law Society of South Africa titled: Human Trafficking in South Africa – What can lawyers do?

# Awareness events and activities for January – November 2016

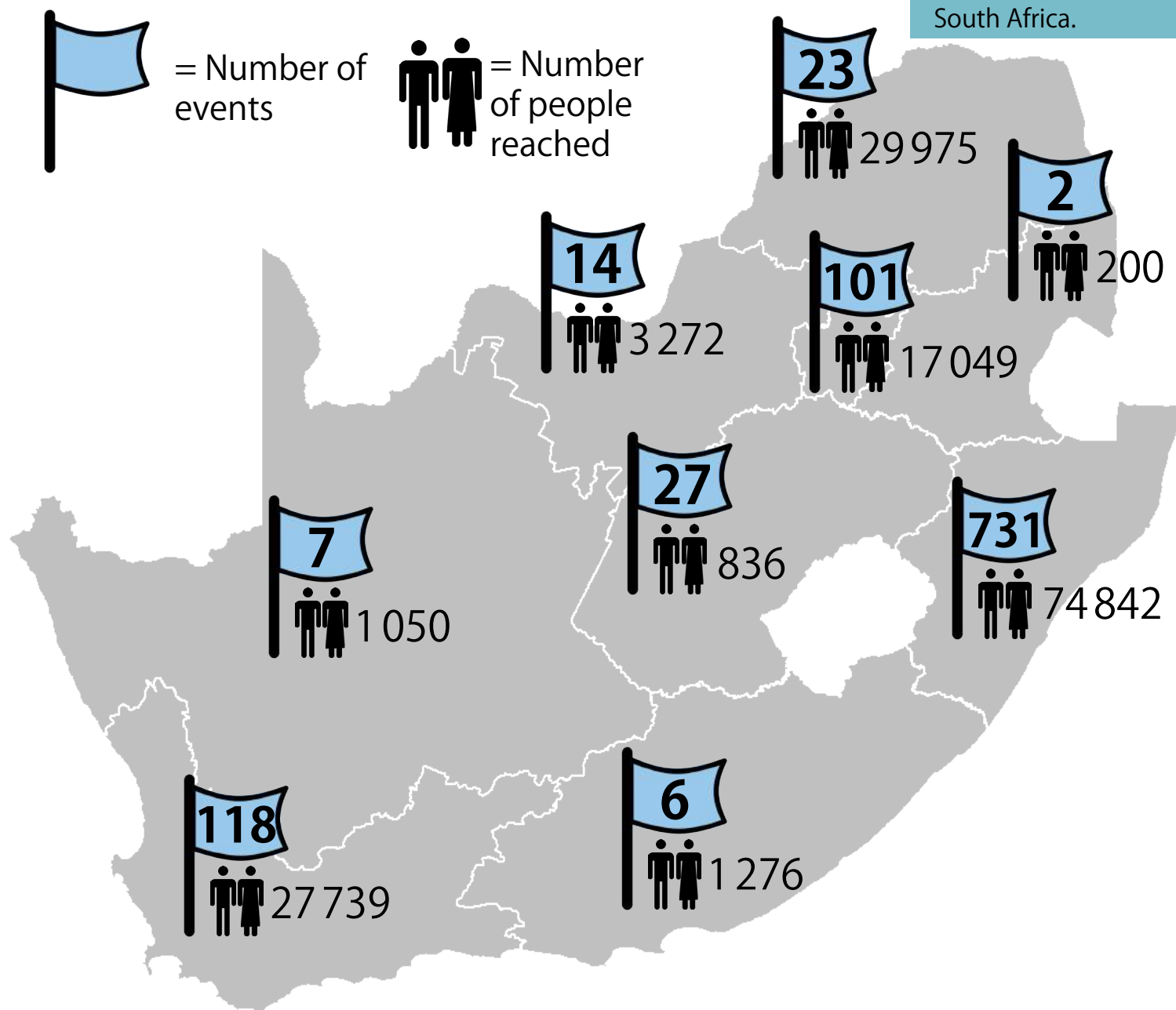
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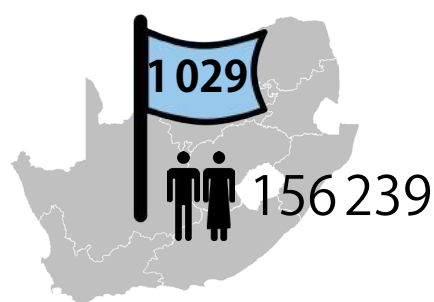
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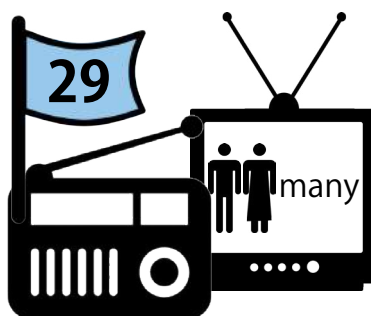
= Number of people reached



## South Africa



## TV and Radio



## Press releases





# Funding



## The community resiliency model



applied to trauma and substance abuse

## Sponsorship

Ten delegates were sponsored to attend trauma training on 8 - 11 Nov 2016 to educate, equip and empower those working in the counter human trafficking field.



## ORTIA TIP Monitoring Project

Although we are sad to see Kirsten leave the core NFN team to join Tiny Hands, we are very proud of her as she grows in her responsibilities of major interceptions at OR Tambo International Airport. The project works to stop potential trafficking victims while still in transit. They have already had much success. Funds were made available for the training of over 400 SAPS and airport officials since March 2016.



Thank you to Andile and Nasreen from PwC who worked hard to produce the NFN Annual Financial Statement ending Feb 2016.

Thank you Trevor, Robyn, Stacey-Lee, Tracy and others for your faithful consistent monthly financial support. We are so blessed by your kindness.



LexisNexis

Lexis Nexis made it possible for us to sponsor eight women, at risk and survivors of human trafficking, who Red Light have been working with in KZN.

Lexis Nexis also contributed towards a surgical back operation which a NFN partner critically needed and assisted a survivor and her children to return to their home country.





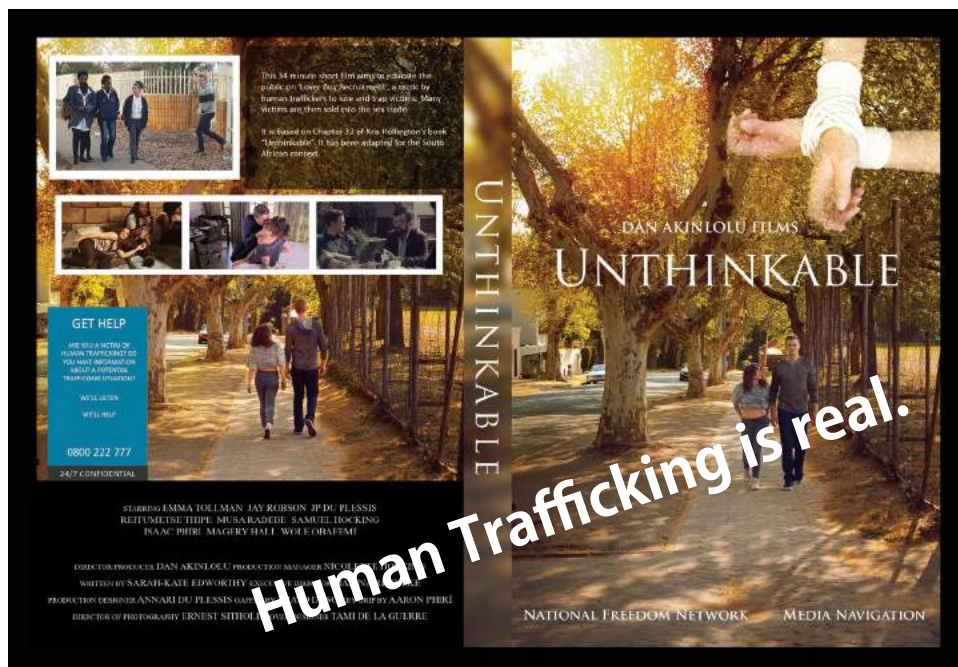
# SAPS information sessions

Kholofelo Ramokolo of STOP is travelling to 13 cluster locations to equip over 400 SAPS trainers to train other officials in the

Limpopo province. Thank you Kholo for your passion and dedication in tackling the first five clusters already. Eight

clusters are scheduled for January 2017. We are glad to partner with STOP on this project.

**B4E Trust have funded part of the Unthinkable project for the distribution of the short film to as many communities as possible.**





# Safe House Support

Safe House Support envisions strengthening and supporting Safe Houses registered for Human Trafficking (HT) victims, as well as organisations that work with HT victims.

This is done by:

- equipping them with information and resources,
- encouraging safe house staff and victims of HT,
- providing practical goods such as toiletries, clothing, food, books and equipment,
- skills development with safe house staff and victims of HT,
- networking with supporters, donors and organisations in the counter HT field, and
- debriefing of safe house staff.



**Annalize Eastes has taken the Safe house support project to the next level. We support her and wish her well.**



## Therapeutic crafts at safe houses

The amazing craft sessions have grown each month and are a huge benefit in the restoration and healing process of those participating. It helps develop idea forming for their future and reintegration back into the community. Annalize had a further session in July which was

the craft Tokreen, a product that can be used on recyclable items that will save costs in terms of buying products to work on and sell.

Thank you to Rotary Club, Bedfordview for providing funding.



Thank you to The Grace Factory for generous donations of mom and baby items for two safe houses.



# Open Communication Channels



## NFN on SABC Morning Live for International Day of Remembrance

25 March is International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Kirsten Hornby (NFN director) was interviewed on Morning Live.

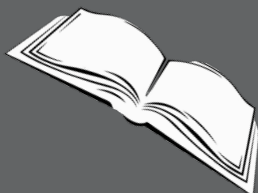
On 7 October 2016 Diane Wilkinson attended the National Intersectoral Committee for TIP (NIC:TIP) meeting as civil society representative and could feedback to the committee about the success of the Resource Line and bring up the challenge of interpreters for TIP matters (as voiced by Partners in GP, KZN and WC).

The U.S. Embassy and International Organization for Migration hosted a roundtable discussion on combatting human trafficking in South Africa. NFN was able to invite key people to this discussion.



## Network News

Many thanks to Jacqueline from Small Voice who has been diligently compiling the Network News which goes out every second week. To subscribe to our Network News, please [contact us](#). The Network News aims to provide current news and resources to the counter human trafficking community in South Africa and further afield.



## Academic research

Academic research on human trafficking in South Africa is diligently and with perseverance being achieved by various people around the world. Those we are aware of are Marcel van der Watt, Dr Amanda van der Westhuizen, Professor Beatri Kruger and Nadine Blom.

No one person, organisation or department exists that can offer every service required for a case of human trafficking. We need to work together to have a tangible impact against human trafficking in South Africa.







## 2016 MeCAHT Human Trafficking Conference

The conference was packed with knowledgeable speakers both local and overseas on topics varying from pornography, safe house support, the TIP law, dealing with trauma, and the importance of working together. It was a privilege to meet and spend time with those working and sacrificing to make a difference. A highlight was the street outreach on the Tuesday evening to the "treasures" (ladies caught in prostitution) on the streets of Milnerton.

## 2016 Global Freedom Exchange Fellowship Programme



Diane was one of 22 women from 17 nations, chosen to attend the 2016 Global Freedom Exchange fellowship programme in the USA. It is specifically for women working against human trafficking. The team travelled to Washington DC, New York and Dallas and it was an amazing time of connecting, learning, sharing and creating. You can read a little more about her experience on our [website](#).



**HILTON**  
WORLDWIDE



**VITAL VOICES**



# Resource Line information

just launched in August 2016



## Anti-Human Trafficking gathering in Cape Town

We had a fantastic gathering of some key national individuals and organisations in Cape Town in June. It was wonderful to meet in person, connect and share what is happening in the various provinces. It was a most encouraging time for all.



## Great News:

We launched the South African National Human Trafficking Resource Line in August 2016.

This line will be an emergency helpline for information and tip offs as well as a resource line for everyone working in the field. Visit the website:

[www.0800222777.org.za](http://www.0800222777.org.za)

## Successes since August 2016

**7** | Rescues

**8** | provinces sent reports

Cooperation between government and civil society

Identifying gaps in the system

**612** | calls to date

**5** | is the number of "job offers" a referral partner organisation was able to assess and confirm as illegitimate.

Testing out of procedures and protocols

# Resources website

Visit the South African Counter-Human Trafficking Resources [website](#) for press releases, video clips, academic research & reports, recommended books to read, movies to watch and learning opportunities.

## Number of articles on human trafficking per month



13

January

19

February

20

March

30

May

83

July

33

April

33

June

49

August

24

September

56

October

21

November

33

December

### MYTH:

Statistics on human trafficking are **accurate**.

### FACT:

Figures quoted by many news sources are **estimates**.

Human trafficking is an industry **based on secrecy**, so there may be **many more cases** than the estimates provided.



# Priceless Prayers



The NFN hosted three Priceless Prayers prayer meetings in 2016.

We also supported the Freedom Challenge Prayer for Justice Week while 18 women climbed Kilimanjaro to raise funds and awareness for human trafficking. We provided resources to assist churches who hold prayer meetings.

We are grateful to the many people who faithfully pray every week and those who provide devotionals of encouragement every month for those working in the counter human trafficking field.

To find out more about our prayer initiatives please contact Marina Reyneke:  
[marina@nfn.org.za](mailto:marina@nfn.org.za)



## Thank you Prayer Warriors



# Goals for 2017

1.



**VITAL VOICES**  
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

After a wonderful experience at the 2016 Global Freedom Exchange fellowship programme in the USA, Diane Wilkinson submitted a comprehensive grant application for a project in the Northern Cape. We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the grant for 2017 and this project will focus on counter trafficking work in five towns.

2.

Networking will remain our main focus in 2017 together with assisting the Resource Line to build and maintain their referral database.

3.

Diane Wilkinson will continue to be a civil society representative at the Rapid Response Team, Gauteng Task Team and the NIC:TIP meetings.

4.

The NFN uses many channels to increase public awareness and the understanding of human trafficking in South Africa. These channels include social media, mass media, outdoor advertising, promoting Network Partner awareness events, Network News, South African Counter-Human Trafficking Resource Website and

## Story Board Banners

"A Reality Unseen" banners tell local South African stories of human trafficking, and were put together by photojournalist Melanie Hamman-Doucakis for the National Freedom Network. Please contact the following people if you would like to use the banners for awareness events and campaigns.



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