

# FINAL REPORT 2018

## *Association Invisible Children*

The year 2018 was the very first year for a completely new association. The first project that was launched was the project "An eye in the dark" and was to focus on mapping existing organizations and the work that is being done. In addition, outreach work was to be in focus.



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During this year, there were several changes in the association's concept as a result of the information gathered. Since several organizations already perform much of the work that the association set as its main goal to begin with, a new concept note has been prepared:

### 1. Main goal

The association "Invisible Children" 's main goal is to work outreach and investigative to provide better protection for victims of human trafficking and aftercare with the same goal. The priority for the association is minors.

### 2. The sub-goals

- Provide better protection to victims. Strengthen outreach activities, with the main focus on building secure relationships in vulnerable environments.
- Build networks in various agencies and organizations and with legal entities to ensure good follow-up services.
- Increased knowledge about human trafficking where victims are minors. Mapping and documentation of control systems, systems used to organize, hide and capture and exploit children.
- Build networks between former victims of human trafficking.

“The time has come, so is clear,  
but the whole big project is a  
journey with a blind eye.”

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### 3. Project «An eye in the dark.»

The project concentrates on outreach work and mapping. From 2019, reporting of the work takes place through final reports without a project description in advance. In practice, the project will be extended at the turn of the year unless otherwise decided.

4. For other work in the association, separate projects are done.

## SUMMARY

We have been in contact with several organizations, agencies, and individuals, and some of this has been reflected in internal reports in the association. However, since large parts of the contacts have taken place based on being unofficial, many of them are not mentioned anywhere, and they are not mentioned in this report here either. The job has been done with several volunteers. A special thank you will be given here to Eli Granderød Symrebu, who has actively participated in writing projects and the association's job. Cato Symrebu should also be thanked for his efforts with photo work and Kristian Hall, who kicked the association off. From organizations and agencies that will receive an extra thank you for the help, we would like to thank some people in the police who have spent the time to guide us, also KOM, who has helped with advice and has cheered on us. RTVS Nord should have a big thank you for the opportunity to make our first presentation at their conference and possible collaboration in the future. The job has also been done with the help of several people in the legal field, from the University of Oslo and volunteers from youth clubs. With all supporters' help, we are ready to kick off a new year in the association.

## THE JOB THAT WAS DONE IN 2018:

- A website was created, and the first project started. The starting point was to find out and prepare further work in the association.
- Has participated in several seminars and conferences that dealt directly with human trafficking. The goal here has been to get in touch with other actors, find possible future partners, and map organizations that are already working against human trafficking.
- Has been in direct contact with some possible victims of human trafficking where all were over 18 years old. In connection with this, information was handed out about where they could get help, and they were given specific contact persons to contact when they were to decide on it.

- Has started work in Eastern Europe, with Estonia as the first country to distribute information on human trafficking. This was done through the largest media in Estonia after several opportunities for further work in the same direction.
- For several months, work has been done on the blog as an opportunity for future funding for the association. You can read more about this at [www.kelrateam.no](http://www.kelrateam.no). Here the focus is on writing, blogging, books, and entertainment, and there has been a collaboration with writers and photographers.
- All work in the association has taken place as voluntary work and outside working hours. Participation in seminars, conferences, and meetings has taken place at their own time and expense, except the conference in Bodø 10.-11. October (conducted by RTVS Nord) and both KOM conferences (Coordination Unit for Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings, Norway) in 2018. Due to that, the capacity for the job has been somewhat limited.

Some of the work planned for 2018 through the project "An eye in the dark" was outreach work, and there was something that was not done to this degree that we hoped we could have done. For this reason, the project will be extended to 2019 and probably further after that.

## FURTHER WORK AND OTHER PROJECTS

Since existing organizations were already working outreach to find more victims of human trafficking as their main goal, the association Invisible Children has changed something in its main goals and sub-goals.

- The most significant change is about providing better protection for victims and aftercare with the same goal. It is an essential and vulnerable topic for victims, and it greatly influences their decision to break out and/or cooperate with the authorities. At the same time, several agencies are struggling in practice to provide this protection at all or for a sufficiently long period.
- Another change that has been made is the theoretical side of carrying out the association's work. Instead of spending time on project descriptions, in

the future, only final and condition reports will be written, based on one year as an interval for reports. If it becomes relevant, newsletters will be sent out in the meantime to those who are in the association's network. This is to make the job more efficient and spend time on what is has to be worked on as the primary focus.

- It is a large project that will be launched in 2019, and this is about building a network for former victims of human trafficking. The main goal here is to give a stronger voice to victims of human trafficking. This has already been practiced in some other countries, and there will be a collaboration with them, and the goal for the job will be to continue it to Scandinavia and Eastern Europe.

- More collaboration with the media and further work with blogs and writing projects is planned, feel free to follow on [www.kelrateam.no](http://www.kelrateam.no) or on Facebook: KelRa Team.