

2021

Impact Report



Bolivia

Letter from the Directors

2021 marked our 20th anniversary. Bearing witness to unimaginable change has been an incredible honor. We've seen steady transformation, not only in the lives of hundreds of vulnerable women and children, but in ourselves, our community and beyond.

Over the last two decades, we've learned a lot along the way. As you read this report, I hope you can sense the breadth and depth of this work: one deeply informed by our context and relationships among the poor; the quality and commitment of a team that serves with passion and integrity; and a holistic approach that addresses the many facets of trafficking, now and for future generations.

This past year, we experienced tremendous growth and involvement on the local level. Additionally, we grew in capacity, solidifying our identity and developing as a majority-Bolivian team. We're moving even more deeply towards a culturally respectful and sustainable approach for long-term transformation.

Thank you for being a part of this compassionate and diverse community of world-changers. May you be encouraged that together we are making a significant impact. I can't wait to see what more is to come in the years ahead!

In 2021 we completed our previous Strategic Plan (extended due to the pandemic), and we are very pleased with the results and impact. Our central focus was to further develop leadership opportunities and seek greater local connection and support, which we not only achieved, but surpassed.

Though we've faced challenges over the years, they've helped us to grow in stability and maturity. That experience is reflected in the plans and projects that best support the growth, leadership and strengthening of the women and children we serve.

Today we see women survivors in WMF, paving the way as teachers, leaders and advocates. We strengthened connections with key influencers, built a wider network of volunteers and partner organizations, and increased both our reach and influence. It's also exciting to see a group of teens promoting education to prevent trafficking and raise awareness among their peers. Working among local churches and institutions has also led to greater support from them.

We are moving forward as a unique community with the commitment and energy to face any challenge that comes. We count on your support to continue in this meaningful work.



Andrea Baker
Executive Director



Doris Monasterios
Director of Operations

Vision

ABUNDANT LIFE
FOR THOSE
AFFECTED BY

Sexual Exploitation

IN BOLIVIA

Mission

WE AWAKEN HOPE
AND OFFER

Opportunities

FOR HOLISTIC
TRANSFORMATION

We're serving on the front lines
and partnering with survivors
desiring to live life more fully.

We aim for generational change.



WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Connection, support healing and opportunities lead to change. So we visit women on the streets and in the brothels. We offer aid in times of crisis, a safe place for community and services for deeper healing. All programming is grounded in a sensitive understanding of trauma. Skills training and opportunities provide the final tools for success!

Statistics & *Highlights*

Outreach

546 women learned preventative healthcare strategies in workshops hosted in brothels
2,423 women were personally encouraged in 71 brothels

Protection & Stability

217 women received practical emergency support

Education & Skills Development

27 women learned personal financial management in the Economic Strengthening Program
221 women, **almost triple since 2017**, participated in activities for fellowship and learning

Psychological & Therapeutic Support

16 women participated in group or individual therapy
76% of participants reduced their vulnerability from 2017 to 2021

Faith & Leadership

5 survivors bravely shared their experiences publicly
6 new business ventures began
9 women volunteered their time, experience and skills on behalf of others
13 women fully free from sexual exploitation!

Erica stood outside the ministry center on at least four different occasions before finally garnering up the courage to walk through the doors. "I had lost everything... even my children," Erica shared about fleeing from her abusive partner.

Through WMFB, Erica received legal support for her separation and custody of her four children. Though initially guarded, she and her children became more involved in activities over the years. She participated in counseling and received financial support to learn pattern making and purchase a sewing machine, with hopes of one day owning her own workshop.

"When I arrived at the House of Hope... I found unconditional support... the talks, the trainings, legal support and interesting activities that I participated in gave me the strength to find myself spiritually, personally, even professionally."

Erica worked very hard to build a new life for herself, showing tremendous resilience and adaptability. Eventually, she left prostitution, found a place to live, and worked very hard to purchase the simplest necessities needed for her new home. When the pandemic threatened to keep her from reaching her dreams, Erica persevered, adding another side business selling food, as she continued to grow her sewing shop. She is currently working on several sewing orders and dreams of one day providing employment to other women on the streets, because she understands how difficult it is to be there. We celebrate Erica's tenacity and perseverance as she and her children continue to reach for their dreams.

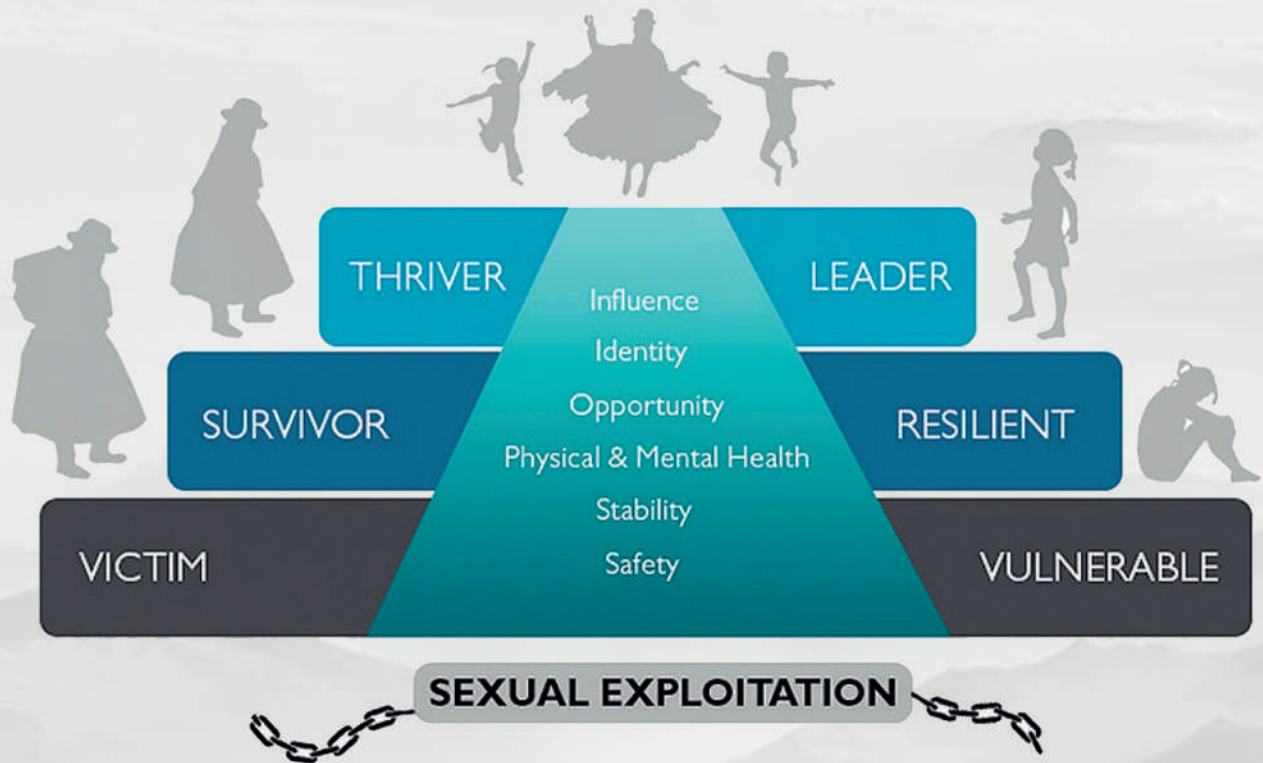


Erica ✨

I FOUND
UNCONDITIONAL
SUPPORT

PROGRAM MODEL

Abundant Life



WOMEN'S
PROGRAM

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Serving children of prostituted women, we can address the impact of trafficking on future generations. We work to ensure safety, stability and care when home may be chaotic or violent. And we provide a trusted space for fun, learning and friendships, so that vulnerable children grow fully in mind, body and spirit.

Statistics & *Highlights*

Protection & Stability

85 children received emergency intervention in high-risk situations

Health & Nutrition

139 children received support for improved health and nutrition

The number of children eating healthy meals weekly has tripled since 2017

Education & Skills Development

61 youth learned skills for online safety and professional career development

135 children received academic support

Psychological & Therapeutic Support

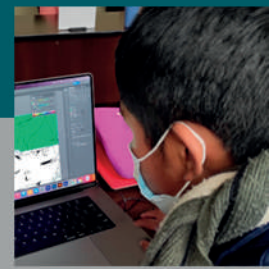
65 children received individualized therapy

Faith & Leadership

20 teen leaders created a local advocacy group to raise awareness about human trafficking

85 children showed leadership qualities, more than triple the number of children since 2017

Vincent* is optimistic, intelligent and cheerful, who started working at a young age to help his family. They make backpacks, and with his charming personality, Vincent is the family's salesman. We noticed his artistic talent and offered him a scholarship in graphic design. Now he's converting his drawings into original silkscreen designs to be included on his family's artisanal backpacks!



2017-2021
Strategic Plan Results

“And just like creating a design on a new backpack, step by step I want to build my future.”

- Vincent,* Children's Program participant



Yuli*

MY SPECIAL PLACE

I didn't know that a place as special as the House of Hope existed. I'm not exaggerating when I say that this place is magnificent.

I was really reserved, didn't talk much and didn't like to make friends, and I didn't like being hugged... but over time I have learned to love. Now I can hug my friends here, and I trust their friendship.

[My teachers] and the people who are part of this place, they made me see the world in a different way, helped me understand that not everyone is cruel — that there are bad people, but there are also trustworthy people who share their love of God. I learned to be a leader and became my class president. I learned how to manage my money better. I also learned how to overcome difficult situations, so I don't drown in the things I've lived through.

I really don't know how to say it — I don't have the words to express how special this place is for me. It's my special place of learning, the place that motivates me to change.

ADVOCACY

By eliminating barriers, influencing culture and providing opportunities, we can improve the well-being of vulnerable women. We seek strategic partnerships to strengthen our services, share our knowledge and connect others to mutually beneficial opportunities.

Statistics & *Highlights*

12 formal partnerships formed with government agencies, local churches, universities, local feminist and non-profit organizations

Church partnerships grew from 1 to 14 since 2017

85 local volunteers and 46 mentors trained and serving

Local volunteering increased by an average of 81% since 2017

1,058 people trained in gender violence, trafficking and trauma-informed care

2017-2021
Strategic Plan Results

***"Through WMFB, we have learned to live more like Jesus,
'Then neither do I condemn you.'"***

Pastor Johnny Villarroel, Iglesia El Buen Pastor



¡Be careful about what you share on Facebook!

¡Watch out for false job advertisements!

Not all job postings come from reliable sources.

A group of teens, children of prostituted women, are raising awareness about the dangers of trafficking, a reality they are intimately familiar with.

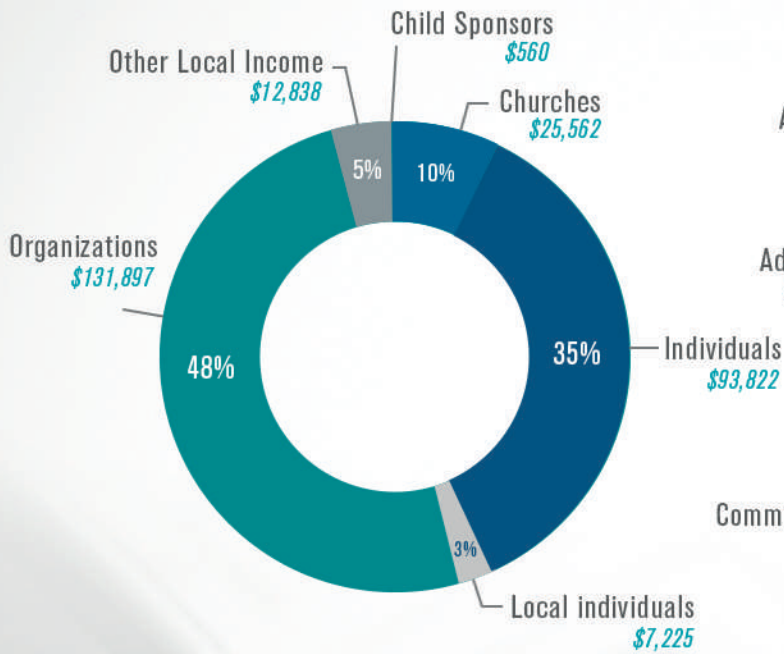
Together they have formed the group Kacharpay, which means "freedom" in Quechua, one of the area's local languages. Through the WMFB Children's Program, they first learned about human trafficking: how to identify it, how to avoid it. And now these exceptional young leaders are impacting their local community for the better.

This year they bravely organized an anti-trafficking awareness campaign, designed banners and posters and took to the streets. They shared on local radio and TV stations. And they plan to continue talking about this issue, so everyone is informed, especially their peers.

Yuri* makes TikTok videos. **Yesica*** designs comics. **Marcelo*** composes raps.

FINANCIALS

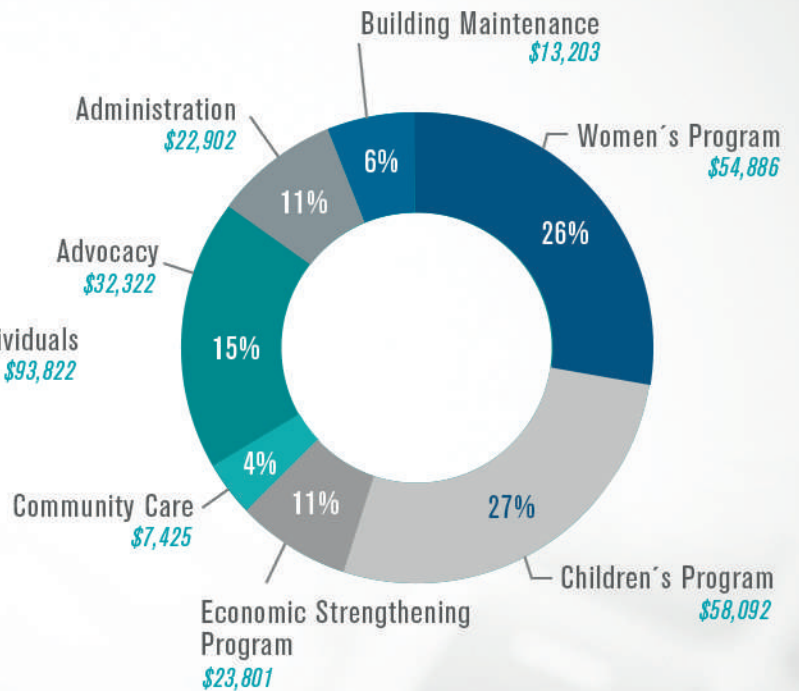
Income



TOTAL

\$271,904

Expenses



TOTAL

\$212,631

Thank you, partners and friends, for giving so that others live more fully! Every dollar invested touches individual lives. When resources increase, so does our ability to expand services, fight exploitation and see more lives impacted and free. We are so thankful for your partnership!

THE FREEDOM CLIMB

“Walking in all those rocks and scree was a whole different thing. It snowed, was even hailing. Everything felt heavy. But I did it! We left [high camp] at midnight and got to the top by 9:00 in the morning. I had only slept an hour before that. It was a beautiful and challenging experience for me. Now my feet are swollen and blistered. And my body is sore. But I am proud of myself.”

“I’m a survivor, my life has changed... I represent every woman who has been through the same thing as me.”

- Fiona*

Last year Fiona* proved once again that incredible feats are possible for anyone! As a key leader in The Freedom Climb and with the support of the beloved Cholita Climbers, Fiona summited Mt. Huyana Potosí, a 19,974 ft. glacier in the Andes mountains. Her journey on the mountain symbolized the arduous work of restoration and brought further healing to herself and others, as she shared her story with the world.

Her bravery, tenacity and strength inspired many and resulted in our most successful year-end campaign to date, raising a total of **\$61,014.34!**



MOTHER OF FIVE
INDIGENOUS AYMARA
SURVIVOR
SUTISANA ARTISAN
ALPINIST





Interested in helping more women like Erica or children like Victor* live more fully?*

Please join with us as we meet the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of the most vulnerable in our midst. Become a [monthly giving partner](#) or [sponsor a child](#)! You'll receive a monthly newsletter subscription and be the first to hear on-the-ground reports of the life-changing work we are doing together in Bolivia.

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