

11

W IT'S A PENALTY

W. IT'S A PENALT

MUNITIES

**BI ANNUAL** Impact Report 2022-2023 It's a Penalty stands as a beacon in the fight against human trafficking, exploitation, and abuse. Our work contributes to prevent these forms of violence through education, awareness-raising and advocacy. So far, we've been able to touch the lives of millions worldwide, reaching an astonishing 180 million people through our programmes and campaign awareness messages. Our approach is based on bringing together stakeholders from various sectors including sports, travel, tourism, law enforcement, and NGOs. Through collaborative efforts, we've made our mark at 18 Major Sporting Events and spearheaded the impactful Liam Neeson 'What is Human Trafficking' campaign, that reached millions globally.

Together with our dedicated partners, It's a Penalty has become a force for good, safeguarding over 17,000 survivors of abuse, exploitation, and trafficking. Beyond this remarkable feat, we've also prevented countless others from being victimised. It's a Penalty aims for a world where the voices of survivors are heard, and human trafficking and abuse becomes a distant memory.

# **OUR MAIN PROGRAMMES AND WHAT THEY DO**

### -> Campaigns

Our campaigns during major sporting events harness the unifying power of sports to ignite change on both local and global scales.

With each campaign our aim is to: EDUCATE about the global issues of abuse, exploitation and human trafficking, penalties for offenders and the signs to look out for; EQUIP sporting fans, tourists and the general public with ways to report; ENCOURAGE people to make a report and stand up against abuse, exploitation and human trafficking.

Every It's a Penalty campaign is tailored to suit the host location and local context, with a variety of stakeholders and partners across different sectors coming together to make a difference.



### CommonProtect

CommonProtect is It's a Penalty's advocacy programme focused on legal reform and systems change in order to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA) throughout the Commonwealth.

Working in collaboration with governments, civil society organisations, child rights champions and Commonwealth institutions, CommonProtect is the Commonwealth-wide movement to end impunity for CSEA, improve access to justice for survivors and ensure better child protection.

Our ultimate goal is for there to be a comprehensive legal framework in place in each Commonwealth country which criminalises CSEA in every form, no matter where the offender is from or where in the world the offence takes place.

### Student Ambassador Programme

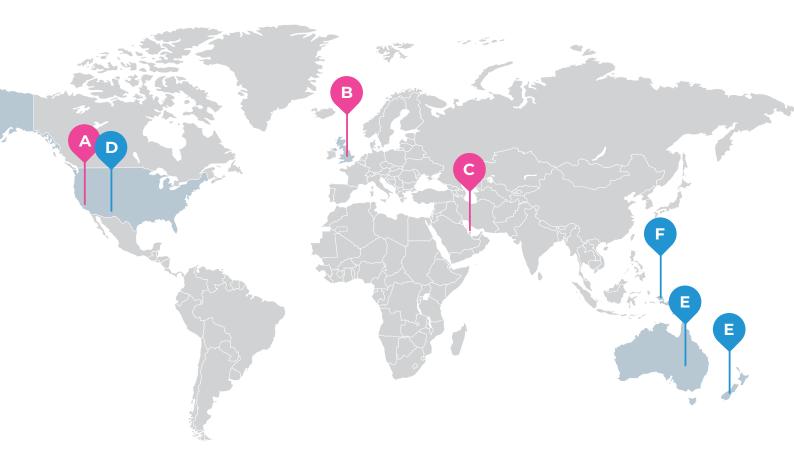
Our Student Ambassador Programme educates and empowers university students to put an end to human trafficking, the world's fastest growing crime. Currently, the Student Ambassador Programme operates in the UK and US, with a total of 63 member universities and an active network of 380 students.

Student Ambassadors first receive specialised training to understand the different types, vulnerabilities and complexities of human trafficking. Students are then supported to put that training into action, choosing their own challenges which can be done individually or as part of a team. These challenges can focus on educating others, creating change or supporting survivors.





# OUR GLOBAL CAMPAIGNS



### 2022

- Los Angeles, USA Super Bowl LVI
- Birmingham, UK Commonwealth Games

**Qatar** World Cup

G

### 2023

- Arizona, USA Super Bowl LVII
- Australia/New Zealand
  Women's World Cup

Solomon Islands Pacific Games





### **Super Bowl LVI**

### Los Angeles, USA

The It's a Penalty 2022 Global Campaign, centered around Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles, significantly **KnowTheSigns** raised awareness on human trafficking, reaching over 737.5 million people worldwide. In collaboration with partners, the campaign utilised the Super Bowl's wide reach to highlight and combat abuse, exploitation, and human trafficking. The campaign featured a range of activities, including a launch event with 427 hoteliers, PSA films on airlines 3.18 M reaching 10.5 million passengers, and targeted educational efforts for Uber drivers and hotel staff. Notably, the campaign facilitated the identification of 14 missing children from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children list, showcasing the direct impact of awareness efforts. Supported by NFL ambassadors and leveraging platforms across airports, hotels, and media, It's a Penalty focused on educating the public, promoting the recognition of trafficking signs, and encouraging community action, thereby contributing to a significant and lasting positive change.

### **CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**



**Johnny Hekker** Los Angeles Rams



**Chris Godwin** Tampa Bay Buccaneers



**Aaron Rodgers** Green Bay Packers

A Car

Andy Dalton Chicago Bears



**Nick Foles** Chicago Bears



Pas



# **CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS**

14	missing children identified in Los Angeles.
<b>20</b> %	<b>increase of reports</b> to the US Human Trafficking Hotline in the run-up Super Bowl compared to the same time period the previous year.
8	<b>rescues of minors</b> who were being sexually exploited in Los Angeles, 222 of these arrests were made in the Los Angeles County area.
490 MILLION+	<b>people were reached</b> through our press coverage. The campaign generated 175 pieces of TV coverage for a potential reach of over 277 million people. The press release was picked up by 363 online posting, representing a total of 213.2m potential audience impressions.
	We work with a talented PR agency called The Brand Amp, based in the US, who help us to prepare a press release, prepare for interviews and ensure maximum coverage.
<b>3 MILLION</b>	people reached on social media.

**139.5 MILLION people watched** our campaign on airlines, at events, on broadcast media and on social media.





### **CAMPAIGN EVALUATION**



of respondents felt It's a Penalty improved their awareness of the issues of trafficking and exploitation.

93%

of respondents said their knowledge of the signs of these crimes had increased because of It's a Penalty.



of respondents felt more equipped to report crimes of tracking and exploitation after being exposed to our 2020 campaign.



of respondents felt that It's a Penalty campaign increased their confidence or likeliness to report suspected cases of exploitation and trafficking.

### **CAMPAIGN PARTNERS**





# CAMPAIGNS 2022

### **Commonwealth Games**

### Birmingham, UK

The 13th global It's a Penalty Campaign launched ahead of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games from June-August 2022 to shed light on the issue of modern slavery and exploitation in the West Midlands, the UK and across the Commonwealth. For the Birmingham Campaign, engaging the local community, empowering survivors and reaching those at risk of abuse, exploitation and trafficking was of critical importance as we sought to encourage millions of people to help prevent modern slavery and protect survivors.

### **CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**



Usain Bolt Olympic & World Champion



**Ellie Simmonds** Paralympic & Commonwealth Champion



**Cathy Freeman** Olympic & Commonwealth Champion

> Asha Philip Olympic - World & Commonwealth Champion



Kadeen and Sasha Corbin Former England Netball Players & Superleague Champions





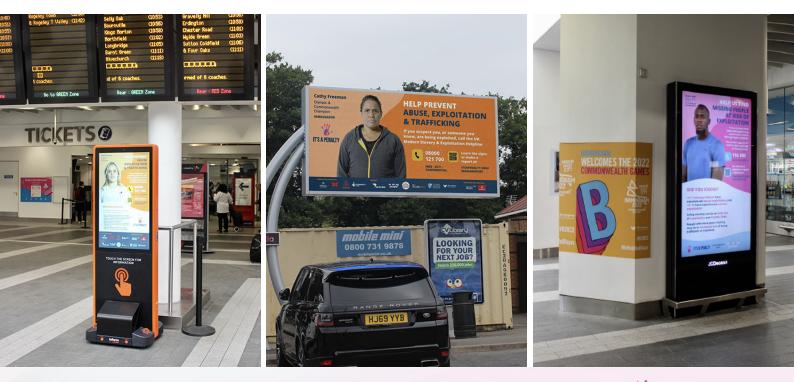


# **CAMPAIGN PARTNERS**

Supporting Partners		Friends			Participating Airlines
Hilton	\Lambda Atlas Free	HOPE FOR JUSTICE	missing people	WEST MIDLANDS ANTI SLAWERY NETWORK	BRITISH AIRWAYS
airbnb		□ <b>○ unseen</b>		Birmingham City Council	Emirates

## **CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS**

<b>20.6 MILLION</b>	<b>potential reach</b> on campaign posters at Birmingham Airport, West Midlands Metro trams, 5 train stations across Birmingham and distribution of campaign flyers throughout the city centre.
<b>1.5 MILLION</b>	<b>reached</b> through giant billboards at Moto motorway services across the West Midlands.
441	<b>people trained</b> at Hilton and Airbnb hosts to recognise the signs of human trafficking and exploitation and how to make a report.
998	<b>potential victims</b> of modern slavery indicated to the Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline during the Birmingham 2022 Campaign.
22	<b>people</b> that Missing People appealed for were found safe and well during the Campaign period.





# **CAMPAIGN EVALUATION**



of respondents felt It's a Penalty improved their awareness of the issues of abuse, exploitation and human trafficking.



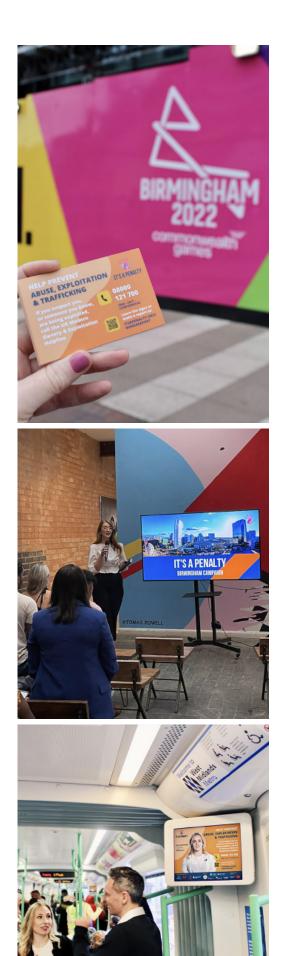
of respondents felt more equipped to report crimes of abuse, exploitation and human trafficking after being exposed to the Birmingham Campaign.



of respondents said their knowledge of the signs of these crimes had increased because of It's a Penalty.



of respondents felt that It's a Penalty Birmingham Campaign increased their confidence or likeliness to report suspected cases of exploitation and trafficking.







### **World Cup**



It's a Penalty and STOP THE TRAFFIK came together to run an information campaign geotargeting football fans attending the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. The campaign consisted of Meta adverts and a number of different media types, including videos, social media posts and web pages containing educational and culturally sensitive information on how to respond appropriately to instances of abuse, exploitation and human trafficking. This appeared in multiple languages, including Arabic, English, French, German, Spanish from 24 November 2022 -18 December 2022.

The campaign signposted people to STOP THE TRAFFIK'S STOP APP.

### **CAMPAIGN PARTNERS**





STOP THE TRAFT



be do

# STOP THE TRAFFIK TOP THE TRAFFIK. Ó

### STOP THE TRAFFIK.

### Your safety

If you see something that doesn't look right during your time in Qatar, you can let us know through our STOP APP

### HOW IT WORKS OW I WORK

1. Make sure you are in a safe place

want us to contact you. You have the



# **CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS**

1 MILLION+	<b>reach</b> on online campaign.
25-34	<b>year olds</b> were more likely to watch the video.
NATIONALITIES	Arabic and English ads had highest interest.
157,656	unique link clicks. Click-through rate 15x higher than industry average.

### **CAMPAIGN EVALUATION**

Agreed the campaign increased their awareness of exploitation.

Acknowledged that their

confidence in making a

report has increased.



Felt the campaign increased their knowledge of how to spot the signs of exploitation.



Took preventative action after seeing the campaign.



**58%** 

61%

Confirmed they will start taking preventative action as a result of campaign.



# CAMPAIGNS 2023

### **Super Bowl LVII**

### Arizona, USA

The Arizona Super Bowl LVII Campaign orchestrated by It's a Penalty made a tangible impact in the fight against human trafficking, exploitation, and abuse around the 2023 Super Bowl in Glendale, Arizona. Leveraging the extensive reach of the Super Bowl, the campaign engaged in widespread public education, utilised high-profile sports figures for advocacy and collaborated with local organisations and the hospitality industry to enhance awareness and prevention efforts. Impactful outcomes included training over 200 individuals by It's a Penalty and partners, a potential outreach exceeding 259 million people across various platforms, the discovery of 26 missing children, and a 19% increase in signals to the National Hotline from the previous year. Additionally, law enforcement operations led to 120 misdemeanour arrests related to sex buying, evidencing the campaign's substantial role in protecting and supporting survivors, while also aiming to dismantle trafficking networks and prevent further victimisation.

# **CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**



**Aaron Rodgers** Green Bay Packers



Andy Dalton New Orleans Saints



Lois Cook D.C. Divas



Chatarius Tutu Atwell Los Angeles Rams



Markus Golden Arizona Cardinals



Nick Foles Indianapolis Colts



Collette V. Smith NFL's 1st Black female coach in history



**Tynequia Roberts** Tampa Bay Inferno



**Chris Godwin** Tampa Bay Buccaneers



**Chante Bonds** Boston Renegades



### **CAMPAIGN PARTNERS**



200+	<b>people trained</b> by It's a Penalty and Campaign Partners at following events: Campaign launch, Hilton Hotel, Airbnb Host Safety Forum, Southwest Airlines outreach event at PHX, Stop Traffic Walk.
26	<b>missing children found</b> during It's a Penalty campaign from NCMEC's database. This outcome cannot be attributed to one single intervention.
<b>19</b> %	<b>increase</b> in signals to National Hotline from 2022.
<b>249 MILLION</b>	potential reach of campaign.
120	misdemeanor arrests of alleged sex buyers.
<b>10.5 MILLION</b>	potential reach of campaign film across platforms.
100+	attendess to Campaign Launch event.





### **CAMPAIGN EVALUATION**



**Reported Campaign** increased awareness of the issues of exploitation and human trafficking.

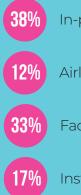


Reported Campaign increased awareness of how to report crimes of exploitation and human trafficking.



Reported Campaign increased knowledge of the signs of exploitation and human trafficking.

### **HOW PEOPLE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN:**



In-person outreach events



Airline Travel

Facebook

Instagram









# CAMPAIGNS 2023

### Women's World Cup

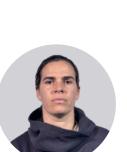
### 🗉 Australia/New Zealand

From 20th July-20th August 2023, Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand hosted the FIFA Women's World Cup. Our global Campaign harnessed the platform of the Women's Football to highlight the importance of child protection and safeguarding, particularly in sport. The campaign was inspired by the belief that more widespread education to #KEEPKIDSSAFE from harm is needed for children themselves, parents and caregivers, sports institutions and coaches, and the general public.

### **CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**



**Kyah Simon** Australia Striker



Lydia Williams Australia Goalkeeper



**Ria Percival** New Zealand Defender





Every child has a l

IT'S A PENALTY

If you

Mary Earps England Goalkeeper

### **CAMPAIGN PARTNERS**





# **CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS**

5.4 MILLION	potential reach in-flight on Participating Airlines.
3.7 MILLION	potential reach through digital banners throughout Participating Airports.
149,000	<b>reached</b> in communities in 6 Pacific countries through on-the-ground colla- boration with the Oceania Football Confederation and This is How We Football.
10,342,500	total potential reach

### **CAMPAIGN EVALUATION**

Increased awareness of abuse and exploitation of children, particularly in sport.

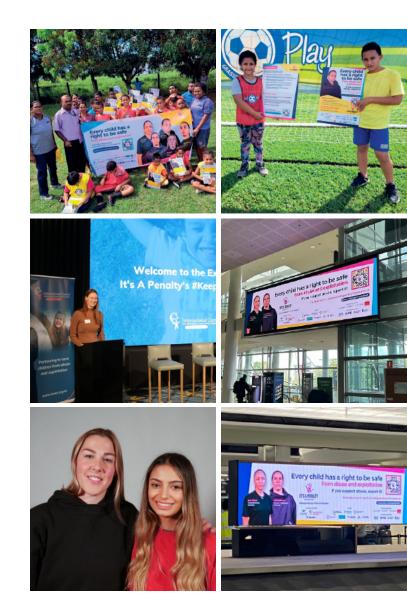


**93**%

Increased awareness of how to find help and report suspected cases of child abuse and exploitation.



Increased knowledge of the signs of child abuse and exploitation.







### **Pacific Games**

### Solomon Islands

From 19th November-2nd December 2023, the Solomon Islands hosted the Pacific Games. For this campaign, It's a Penalty, our athlete ambassadors and partner organisations teamed up to highlight the importance of keeping kids safe. The campaign aimed to address child protection issues, particularly the sexual exploitation and abuse of children in sports settings.

### **CAMPAIGN AMBASSADORS**



**Timson Jude Irowane** Solomon Islands, Triathlon



**Jenly Tegu Wini** Solomon Islands, Weightlifting



**Judith Neuwa** Solomon Islands, Netball



Rose Daisy Newa Solomon Islands, Powerlifting



**Bobby Emerald Sunaon** Solomon Islands, Para Archery



Klensman Fugui Solomon Islands, Powerlifting



Nyrick Zuna

Solomon Islands,

Hockey



## **CAMPAIGN PARTNERS**

Partners





### Other partner organisations



## **CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS**

**potential reach** of campaign posters on giant screens throughout Brisbane Airport, reaching passengers travelling to the Pacific Games and beyond.

**840** 

107,991

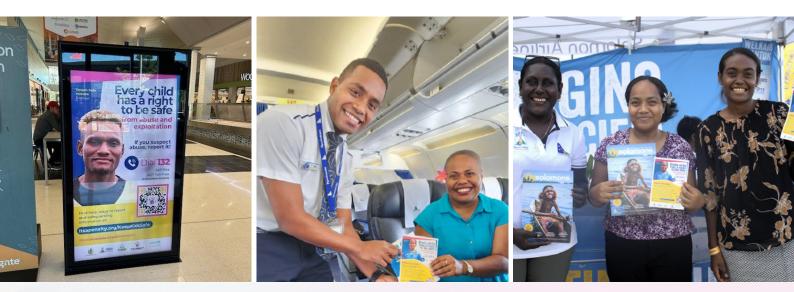
**campaign posters** featuring local Seif Ples reporting hotline and Pacific athletes distributed by Fexco at their Western Union locations in Honiara, in-flight on Solomon Airlines flights, and by their teams at the Pacific Games booths - 16,000+ potential reach.

## COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

included UNICEF Pacific capacity-building training with Seif Ples hotline and creating a Code of Conduct for the Games that prioritised child safeguarding, and Salvation Army delivering community education sessions on the protection of children from abuse, exploitation and human trafficking.

# 721,465

total potential reach







# PROGRAMMES

Our Student Ambassador Programme educates and empowers university students to put an end to human trafficking, the world's fastest growing crime.

380+	<b>Student Ambassadors</b> In just over 6 months, we have grown to over 380 university students who have committed to learning more and advocating about modern slavery. We are so proud of their dedication and passion to creating change and raising awareness not only now during their studies but in their future careers.
<b>OVER 60</b>	<b>universities</b> . We have smashed our original target of 25 universities and can now boast that we are at a staggering 60+ universities!
<b>ACTIVE IN</b>	<b>all regions of the UK</b> . We are active in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Island and so collectively cover the entire of the United Kingdom.
<b>US EXPANSION</b>	We are extending the Programme into the US through a new and exciting partnership with the University of Central Florida in alliance with their Center for the Study of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.
VALUABLE	<b>partnerships</b> . We have partnered with South Western Railway on a poster project for their stations to raise awareness about the signs of county lines drug trafficking on their railway network.
WEST MIDLANDS	<b>Modern Slavery Prevention Hub</b> . In autumn 2023, we launched the West Midlands Modern Slavery Prevention Hub in partnership with the West Midlands Anti Slavery Network, with support from Health Education England, as an output of the West Midlands Slavery Free Campus Alliance (WMSFCA).







# PROGRAMMES



CommonProtect is It's a Penalty's research and advocacy programme, aiming to create a Commonwealth where children and young people are safe from violence, sexual exploitation and abuse.

### COLLABORATORS AND PARTNERS

**include** Commonwealth Lawyers Association, The Commonwealth Secretariat, CMS, Clayton Utz, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Communities (IFRC), KPMG NZ, Commonwealth 8.7 Network, Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work, and UNICEF UK.

### COMMONPROTECT REPORT

(May 2022) The CommonProtect report analyses the laws and systems in place in 21 Commonwealth countries to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse, and make recommendations for governments and other stakeholders to take action in order to improve the prosecution, prevention and protection from these forms of violence. The report was produced over a two-year period in partnership with Trust Law, the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, Sysdoc, CMS and Clayton Utz, as well as 21 lawyers and researchers in the focus countries. Spotlight piece contributors to the report included: ICMEC, ECPAT, WeProtect, IFRC, Commonwealth Lawyers Association, Dr. Michael Salter, Human Dignity Trust, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative & Walk Free Foundation, UNICEF, Commonwealth Organisation of Social Work and the Council of Europe's Lanzarote Committee.





### COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

**(CHOGM) Advocacy (June 2022)**. Working alongside partner to influence the agenda of CHOGM to include the protection of children from sexual exploitation and abuse, resulting in the landmark Kigali Declaration on Child Care and Protection Reform.

### COMMONWEALTH CHILDREN'S INTEREST GROUP

**(ComCIG)** Developing work with ComCIG to highlight children's issues in Commonwealth spaces, including aligning work to take forward the Kigali Declaration on Child Care and Protection Reform.

### CONVENINGS AND Roundtables

### 📰 March 2022

Organised an expert panel to mark Commonwealth week to highlight the role of the Commonwealth in protecting children from sexual exploitation and abuse.

### 🤨 July 2022

Our partners Clayton Utz hosted a Australia-based launch event to promote the report and its findings, involving regional experts on CSEA and representatives from leading child protection organisations, law enforcement and legal experts.

### 📰 February 2023

Worked with the Commonwealth Secretariat's Social Development Division and other civil society organisations to convene a roundtable discussion to advance the implementation of the Kigali Declaration in the Commonwealth.

### March 2023 and May 2023

In partnership with KPMG New Zealand and ACAMS, expert panels were convened to highlight the CommonProtect Report's findings and the need for reforms in New Zealand and across the Pacific.

### 📅 August 2023

Marked Safe Sport Day 2023 with an important discussion about safeguarding in sport, with panellists from the Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Youth Council, International Safeguards for Children In Sport/UNICEF UK, OFC and the Solomon Islands Football Federation.

