



Global Learning Community - Quarterly report (October - December 2023)

The final quarter of 2024 ended the year with deepened and broadened connection and collaboration across the GLC Community. Community members led monthly learning calls that brought together learning from research and frontline social work. These calls sparked further community initiatives and connections for further research. The network and coalition leader group began meeting with new steering and facilitation and two Coffee Corner Calls were held to highlight research findings from South Asia and the United Kingdom. Finally, the Secretariat remained highly engaged with new and existing members through Discover calls and support calls. The Secretariat was also able to meet in November for a face to face meeting in The Hague for strategic planning.

The following report accompanies the [GLC Snapshot Report](#) and provides greater depth on the activities, connections and collaborations of those engaging with calls, the input of the Equity Partners and the Secretariat.

Objective 1: To inform, support and facilitate member development and connections within the anti-trafficking community, partners, and external stakeholders

Community Monthly Calls

6 Community calls were facilitated in Eastern and Western time zones

Faith based actors in anti-trafficking work

In October 2023 **Dalaina May, Dark Bali (Indonesia)** hosted the monthly learning call with **Dr Emma Tomlin (University of Leeds)** and **Tribeni Gurung (The Salvation Army)** to discuss the role of faith-based actors (Christian and other faiths as well) in bringing human trafficking and slavery to an end, and to support those affected by it. The call explored how affiliation to a religious tradition often motivates many working on these issues in secular organisations, rendering the distinction between faith-based and secular sometimes hard to maintain in practice. Following the research presentation a discussion was had around how to better understand religious dynamics in the sector.

Strategies for fighting demand - lessons from men's outreach in Mexico

Nicole Gallego and members of the **El Pozo de Vida Men's Outreach team** hosted the October call where the complexities in relation to understanding the demand side of human trafficking in Mexico were explored. The men's outreach team at El Pozo de Vida shared some of the strategies they have implemented and their lessons learned.

Annual Community Learnings

The final call of the year was hosted by the GLC Secretariat to have an open discussion with members about what they have learned and applied from their time spent in the GLC community this year. The call also had time for members to share ideas about future calls and community initiatives.

85 Community Members attended from 19 countries representing Southeast Asia, Europe, North America, Sub-saharan Africa, the Middle East, and Oceania.

On average, **14 GLC members attended each call, 8 countries** were represented on each call and an average of 11 organisations were represented on each call.

Connecting and supporting collaborators

The Secretariat actively engaged with the community and continued to foster collaboration. The Secretariat connected and supported members with their unique needs through the sharing of resources, hosting calls for members to discuss their challenges and needs and connecting community members.

14 Member Support calls and provided 12 connections (Graph 2).

During this quarter the Secretariat updated and upgraded the website and digital tools to encourage community use and to foster connection. The Secretariat also received strategic planning support from Elizabeth Scaife, FYN Global, to reflect on the first term of the Secretariat and planning for sustainability for the future. The Secretariat Team also applied for two grants for the GLC and was successful. Additionally, the team also provided regional connections to support survivor care, shared topical resources and had held one on one calls with members based on members unique needs.

Coalition and Network Leader Calls

Two Coalition and Network Leader Calls were held this quarter and led by Dalaina May, Dark Bali (Indonesia) who will be leading the calls going forward. Dalaina focused the calls on discussing what is desired from the group for 2024 in relation to form, function and topics. Dalaina will also be reaching out to the members of the group to learn more about their work.

In total, 12 community members attended the two calls, 5 countries and 6 organisations were represented.

Objective 2: To establish Learning Hubs and Community Initiatives that provide technical assistance and support for GLC members

Coffee Corner Calls

2 Coffee Corner Calls were held that focused on the following topic:

- **Faith-based actors in anti-trafficking** led by Dalaina May, Dark Bali, Indonesia, continued the conversation started in the September Community monthly learning call in this call. The group decided to continue meeting to create a framework about ethical behaviour and accountability for the faith-based community.
- **Voluntary Repatriation between India and Nepal** led by Catherine Fougere based on her research work in the region. The call also discussed the complexities of the intersection of trafficking and sex work.

In total, **17 GLC members** and invitees attended the Coffee Corner Call which represented an average of **6 countries** and **8 organisations**.

Community Initiatives

3 community initiatives were active with GLC members collaborating and supporting one another. A brief summary of the initiatives is provided below.

1. GLC's Asia Regional Anti-trafficking Conference: Championed by The Freedom Story, Dark Bali, Red Oak Hope and Chab Dai.

Planning for ARAT 2024 began with the committee and a review of the planning process was undertaken.

2. Survivor Organisation Mapping Research: Championed by EverFree & Azadi Kenya

This community initiative has been paused due to capacity shortage from the championing organisations.

3. Greenlight Community Initiative Championed by EverFree

The GLC and EverFree entered into a partnership to facilitate the Greenlight community network. One community call was held in two time zones with the 7 Innovation Partners who are piloting EverFree's Freedom Greenlight tool. The GLC is providing M&E technical support and is assisting EverFree cultivate this community.

Objective 3: To facilitate peer learning, coaching, connections and leading projects through a commitment of time up to 20% of their work week.

Throughout the quarter the Equity Partners continued to actively contribute within the community. Key highlights include:

- Kelsey Morgan (EverFree) championed the Freedom Lifemap Community Initiative.
- Lucy McCray (Freedom Story), Dalaina May (Dark Bali) and Jacq (Red Oak Hope) sat on the ARAT organising team.
- Elizabeth Scaife (FYN Global) provided strategic planning sessions to the GLC.
- Dalaina May, Dark Bali led the October Community Monthly Learning Call.
- Nicole Gallego, El Pozo de Vida led the November Community Monthly Learning Call.

Objective 4: To oversee and implement the administrative functions as the GLC secretariat

In these activities, the GLC mainly supported and interacted with **NGOs** operating in Asia and globally (Graph 1).

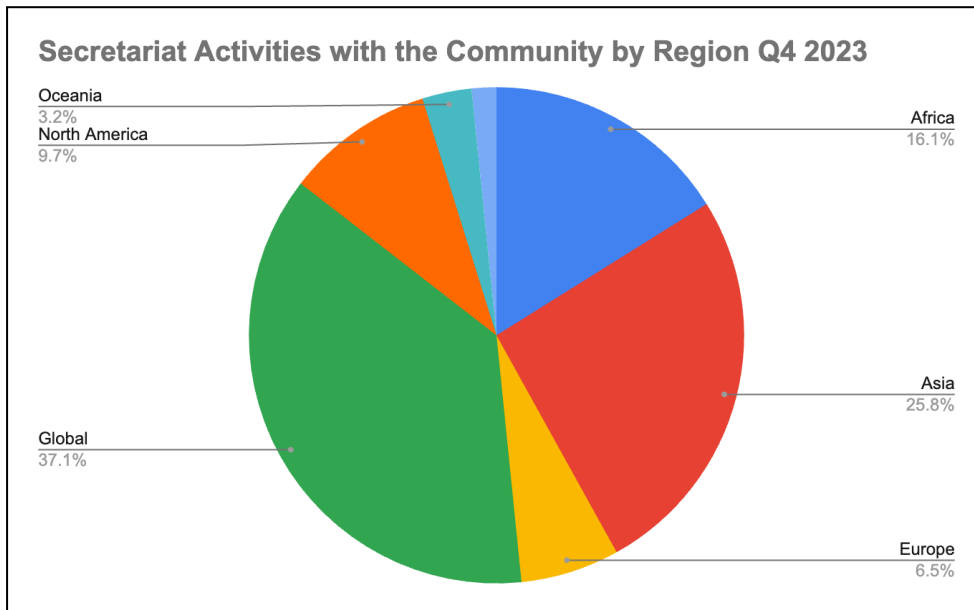
The Secretariat updated and upgraded the website and digital tools to encourage community use and to foster connection. The Secretariat also received strategic planning support from Elizabeth Scaife, FYN Global, to reflect on the first term of the Secretariat and planning for sustainability for the future. These sessions were key for the second GLC Face to Face meeting in The Hague to evaluate and review 2023 and plan for 2024. The Secretariat Team also applied for two grants for the GLC and was successful.

The Secretariat had **3 Discovery Calls** with 7 new members accepted with 3 ongoing applications (Graph 2).

The GLC website had **891 unique views from 33 unique countries**. The top 7 countries that viewed the website were the United States (33%), the United Kingdom (18%), the Netherlands (8%), Cambodia (6%), China (4%) and Thailand (4%) Canada (4%).

56 members were **subscribed to the People Library** which is in its pilot phase.

Graph 1



Graph 2

