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**NORTH INDIA**

# MEET YOUR PARTNER, THE CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA



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# THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH THE CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA

By supporting your partner in North India, you are helping fund authentic programmes that make a real, tangible difference by meeting the needs of those in the Church's own community.

Here, you can read about the amazing ways in which your kind donations are being used by the Church of North India.

## The 'Let my People Go' programme

The Synodical Board of Social Services (SBSS) is the development and justice board of the Church of North India. The 'Let My People Go' programme was created to combat the systemic injustices affecting marginalised communities in India.

Let my People Go addresses issues of caste, gender and poverty faced by Dalits and Adivasis in 45 villages and 3 districts in 3 states in North India. The project targets specific issues of deprivation in income inequality, education and health these communities face, whilst addressing those core issues of caste, gender and poverty.

It focuses on the following areas: facilitating education; accessing clean water and sanitation; mother and child healthcare; income generation and engaging the Church in community development.



## The Anti-Human Trafficking programme

This programme is based in Kaliaganj, in the state of West Bengal. It operates in three districts: North Dinajpur, South Dinajpur and Malda.

The main objective of the programme is to spread awareness about human trafficking and show local people how they can protect themselves and others from getting trapped. The border region between India and Bangladesh is a well-known hotspot for illegal immigration. Many people cross the border without the necessary papers because they believe they will have more job opportunities or better-quality farming land on the other side. It is this promise of a better life that traffickers use to lure susceptible people.

The programme conducts awareness campaigns and rescue missions, and it has built a network with local government and law officials. It organises workshops and camps with teaching from human trafficking experts.

The programme also has a focus on promoting gender equality. It highlights child marriage, which can often lead to trafficking of girls and young women, and it collaborates with women's self-help groups.

## **Women's Helpline Service programme**

The Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS) with the Church of North India had been supporting women experiencing abuse for over 20 years. Since the helpline was created, there has been an increase in the number of cases of abuse and harassment being reported to and resolved by the local council, making legal aid and police protection more accessible.

The helpline plays a key role in the DBS's aims to reduce gender-based violence and provide emotional, medical, legal and financial support to women. Women are reassured that they can call anonymously and there will always be a sympathetic ear listening to them.

Running alongside the helpline are a range of activities on the ground. The Women's Helpline Service holds community meetings, awareness-raising events and celebrations, and provides help with rehabilitation and resettlement, property rights and legal advocacy. Outreach workers and community volunteers trained by the church visit women in person to discuss their cases in more detail. The women - and where necessary, their children and families - are given legal and financial assistance, and any other help they might need. The church regularly holds meetings and events to raise awareness of gender-based violence and gender injustice.



## How to support your partner church

The Partners in Mission scheme allows you to support one of seven churches around the world in serving their local communities in the love of Jesus.

When you partner with a church, 100% of your donations go towards funding these vital programmes, making an incredible difference to local communities.

If you've joined as a church, here are some options for how to support your partner:

- Make one-off donations through your [Partners in Mission Hub](#)
- Set up a [Direct Debit](#)
- Or alternatively, individuals in the congregation may like to support by setting up their own [Direct Debits](#)

If you're an individual, we welcome you to support by setting up a [Direct Debit](#), whether you are part of a church who has become a partner or you're supporting independently.

If appropriate we'd be grateful if you could tick the Gift Aid box, as this helps your donation go even further towards meeting the important needs of local communities.

## Getting to know your partner

We'll send you regular updates about the impact your donations are having, including prayer requests and the latest stories about the fantastic work being done by your partner.

If you have become a partner as a church, you can also invite a USPG speaker to visit, and you can find lots of resources to share with your congregation on your [Partners in Mission hub](#).

## Resources

You can find posters, content for your social media, information booklets and lots more, all on your bespoke [Partners in Mission hub](#).

## Making a donation

Individuals are encouraged to set up a Direct Debit either [online](#) or by filling out one of our forms. For other donations:

- **Online:** <https://partners-in-mission-north-india.raisely.com>
- **BACS:** Please get in touch with us on the details below to arrange a bank transfer
- **Cheque:** Make cheques payable to USPG and include a covering letter stating who it is from, that is for Partners in Mission, and which partner you're supporting
- **Phone:** Call +44 (0)20 7921 2200 to make a card donation over the phone

## Further information

For more details of any of our programmes, please visit our website [www.uspg.org.uk](http://www.uspg.org.uk)

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