

Anti-Slavery & Support Organisations:



Anti-Slavery International



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Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust



Human Trafficking Foundation



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Women Asylum Seekers Together

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Slave - A Question of Freedom 2024

The Lowry, Salford
9 - 12 Oct

Tobacco Factory Theatre, Bristol
16 - 19 Oct

Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prescott
22 - 24 Oct

Riverside Studios, Hammersmith
30 Oct - 9 Nov



What can you do to help?

Mende Nazer had, in her words, an idyllic childhood with a loving family in the remote Nuba Mountains of North Sudan. Then in the 1990s, the war and the raiders came. They burnt her village, murdered and raped women and children and sold them into slavery. Mende was a child of 10 and spent 7 years being beaten, dehumanised and treated as a 'person worthy of no name' by her 'master' in Khartoum. She was trafficked to London on a false passport where, thankfully, she escaped.

For the next two years she lived in constant fear of reprisals by her 'master' but trying to keep the hope alive of seeing her family again. Her education lost and with no opportunity to return to her Nuba home, she made her home in London following her 'leave to remain'. As a refugee from slavery, which was not considered persecution by the law then, she began to work hard to learn English. She got a job as an apprentice hairdresser – a practical skill that she was very good at.

She kept alive her dream of becoming a medical professional and finally qualified as a nurse practitioner. She is now married to Yasin, also from the Nuba Mountains, and they live in the USA where Yasin sought asylum.

Sadly Mende's hope of one day having children of her own did not come true. The trauma she had gone through meant it was not possible. Now she cares for others and, through her Foundation, raises money to make life a little better for her family and for neighbouring villages in the Nuba Mountains. Tragically, against a backdrop of civil war and famine, women and children are again disappearing.

In 2017, Director Caroline Clegg travelled with Mende to the Nuba Mountains to take medical aid there - she saw for herself the beauty of the Nuba Mountains and the pride of the ancient culture of the distinguished Nuba people.

Mende says 'I am one of the lucky ones' and she uses her voice to speak out - together we can help others like Mende who exist all over the world.

www.anti-slavery.org

Anti-Slavery International is the only charity in the UK to work exclusively against slavery. They work with local organisations to raise public awareness of slavery, lobby governments and intergovernmental agencies to make slavery a priority issue and to develop and implement plans to eliminate slavery. They provide resources for groups and schools to implement their own campaigns. Go to their website to see how you can help them:

Help Anti-Slavery International



operationbrokensilence.org provides up to date information on the situation in Sudan. Why not help them raise funds and awareness? *Miles For Sudan* is a global event which enables runners, walkers, and cyclists to set your mileage goal and how much you will raise per mile. Then get moving!

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Global Anti-Slavery Week

14th - 20th October

Anti-Slavery Day - 18 October

Be a part of it and make a difference!

#togetheragainstslavery



Would you recognise the signs?

Get the Unseen app.

It provides a simple guide to recognising the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking and reporting concerns, in confidence. Unseen is a registered UK charity focusing on raising awareness around modern slavery, providing training and survivor support.

Recognise the Hand SOS signal.
You help might just save someone's life.
Report your concerns via the Modern Slavery Helpline
on **08000 121 700**
or fill out an online form at
modernslaveryhelpline.org/report

HAND SOS



1 Palm Out



2 Tuck Thumb



3 Trap Thumb

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Stronger2gether.org/anti-slavery-day

Make a Lasting Difference

The Mende Nazer Foundation was formed in Germany in 2009 and to date has raised over £150,000 to install water pumps, deliver medicine and in April 2024 they helped to build a maternity clinic. Feelgood's 2010 production helped raise £10,000 towards Mende's projects. In 2024 the civil war and failed harvests, due to lack of rain, are causing widespread famine. MNF can help to get food through - help us to raise another £10,000. UK donations can claim GiftAid.

Donate at our GoFundMe page
<https://gofund.me/b0fa9c28>



Or direct to the Mende Nazer Foundation via
mendenazer.org/en/donations-2

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