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AN INVESTIGATIVE DOCUMENTARY



EXPOSING THE HIDDEN WORLD BEHIND ONLINE SCAMS, AND THE HUMAN COST ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SCREEN.

HOST A COMMUNITY SCREENING

LIGHTS IN DARK ROOMS

Behind many of the scam messages on our phones are people held captive and forced to send them. This documentary goes inside the compounds where it happens, and meets the survivors and front-line workers fighting back.

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APPROX. 45 MINUTES

ABOUT THE FILM

Hundreds of thousands of people have been trafficked into industrial-scale scam compounds across Southeast Asia. Lured by fake job offers, they are held captive and forced to spend long shifts defrauding strangers online.

The film follows investigators to the Thailand–Myanmar border and the Philippines. It centres the testimony of survivors like Ugandan musician Small Q and the front-line work of Global Alms, a Thailand-based NGO that has supported more than 1,500 people fleeing the compounds.

- **It's close to home.** The scam texts and messages reaching people in our own communities often come from these compounds.
- **There are victims on both sides.** The people sending the messages are often trafficked themselves.
- **It opens a conversation** about modern slavery, human dignity, and how a community can protect and stand with the vulnerable.

HOW TO HOST A SCREENING

1. **Get in touch.** Email us or use the screening request form with your date, venue and expected audience.
2. **Receive the film.** We'll send you a screening link and help you plan your event.
3. **Add a Q&A (optional).** Invite a member of the film team or a featured guest to join live by video after the screening.
4. **Turn awareness into action.** Share scam-safety tips, start a discussion, or support survivor recovery.

VOICES IN THE FILM

Small Q Ugandan musician & survivor-activist
Mechelle Moore CEO, Global Alms (Thailand)
Joe Dobson Security researcher
And other survivors sharing their own stories

Content note: includes survivor accounts of violence and abuse. Recommended for mature audiences.

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