

PROJECT INFORMATION

MALAYSIA: PROTECTING WOMEN FROM VIOLENCE

Donate now! Make a stand against abuse, oppression and violence. Give women in Malaysia and Indonesia their dignity back.

Human trafficking, exploitative working conditions, abuse at the hands of partners: the violence, to which women in Malaysia and Indonesia are subjected, has many faces. Together with Swiss missionary group Mission 21, the Basel Mission German Branch (BMDZ) is committed to securing the rights of, and protecting, vulnerable women.

In 2017, just short of 348,000 cases of violence against women and children were reported to the Indonesian Commission on Women's Rights. However, the real figure could be far higher. Roughly 68 percent of all violent acts against women that are reported in Indonesia are cases of domestic abuse, which can include sexual violence. Migrant workers, who mostly work as maids in Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Arabian region, are particularly vulnerable. Many suffer exploitative working conditions, violence and exploitation.

Women's shelters: places of refuge

Women's shelters offer a place of refuge. However, victims of

violence sometimes have to travel hundreds of kilometres to receive protection. The Basel Mission German Branch, in cooperation with the Evangelical Mission in Solidarity and Mission 21, is supporting local partner organisations in their work to maintain and build shelters for women. The facilities are simple, the rooms are small. However, they allow victims to relax and receive advice and support.

Overcoming patriarchal structures

Generally speaking, these assaults are perpetrated by men. And in most cases, the perpetrator is not brought to justice. Patriarchal structures and values are too deeply rooted in society: too rarely are the voices of the affected women heard. The victims are often poorly educated, financially dependent, and do not have the opportunity to find out about their rights or make a legal stand.

Through the project work carried out by Mission 21, the Basel Mission German Branch (BMDZ) offers support to the victims of violence and their families – particularly through targeted education, advice and care.

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