

How the Freedom Shield Foundation Uses AWS Wickr to Help Combat Human Trafficking



About

The Freedom Shield Foundation (FSF) is a non-profit organization that rescues women and children from human trafficking, and provides advanced trauma care to survivors around the globe. Additionally, they provide training and resources to those involved in the fight against human trafficking.

Challenge

Whether FSF is providing intelligence or deploying operatives on the ground, their teams need to safely communicate and collaborate. The security of their communications is paramount, as many of their missions are conducted in nations where communications are surveilled by local governments and terrorist groups.

Solution

FSF uses AWS Wickr to collaborate when it is necessary to put operatives on the ground. AWS Wickr's end-to-end encryption and versatility allow team members to coordinate easily, even in mountainous areas. AWS Wickr is also used within the U.S. to enable easy and secure collaboration amongst team members and their board members.

"Wickr has kept our guys safe. It allows us to communicate with our teams in country that have people they need moved, and share operational plans with confidence. It helps us stay under the radar, and protect our pick-up locations as we conduct recoveries of trafficking victims."

— Member of the Freedom Shield Foundation Team

Results

With AWS Wickr, FSF team members have been able to collaborate safely in real-time to coordinate missions, track assets, and realize their objective of saving women and children from human trafficking.

Wickr features that have been useful to FSF include:

- End-to-end encryption to communicate with multiple operation team members securely and without compromise.
- Collaboration rooms used to establish multiple user communications to execute missions, ensuring consistent and secure coordination.
- Location sharing to identify hostages and successfully exfiltrate them to safety.
- Video conferencing to identify location, victims, and perpetrator(s).
- Wickr Open Access enables FSF to communicate securely in nations where communications are heavily blocked and surveilled by local governments and terrorist groups.

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