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This Life is a community development organisation  
operating from Siem Reap, Cambodia.

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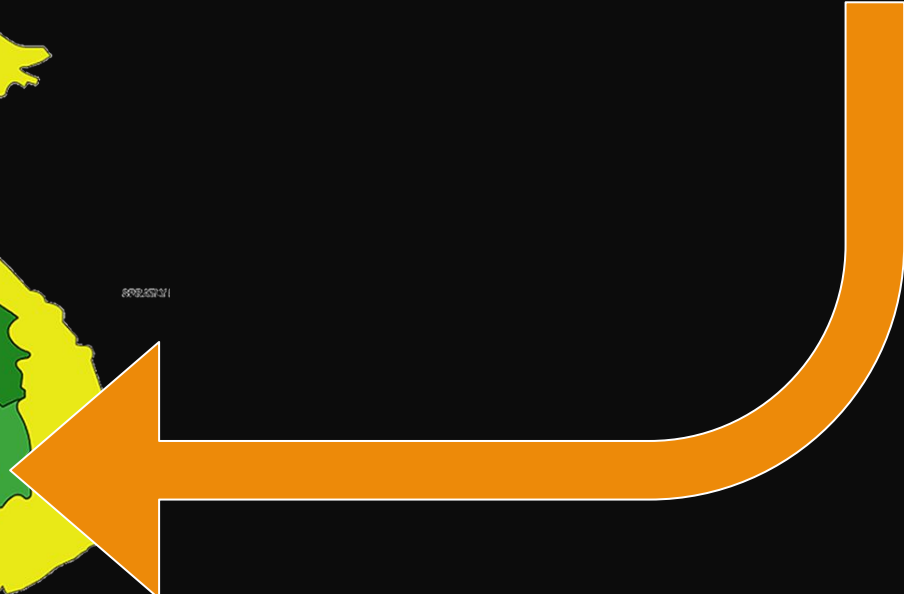
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We have been operating since 2007, beginning with a single program



From a modest start, with just a handful of staff.....



This Life has become a major force with nearly **80** employees, in 14 years



## Vision

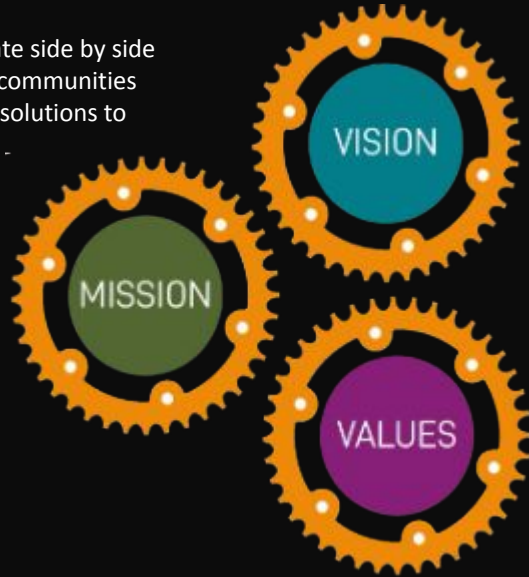
Children, women, families and communities are supported to access and create opportunities in this life.

## Mission

To listen to, engage with and advocate side by side with children, women, families and communities as they define and act on their own solutions to complex social challenges.

## Values

- We Listen.
- We Collaborate.
- We Have Integrity.
- We Balance.

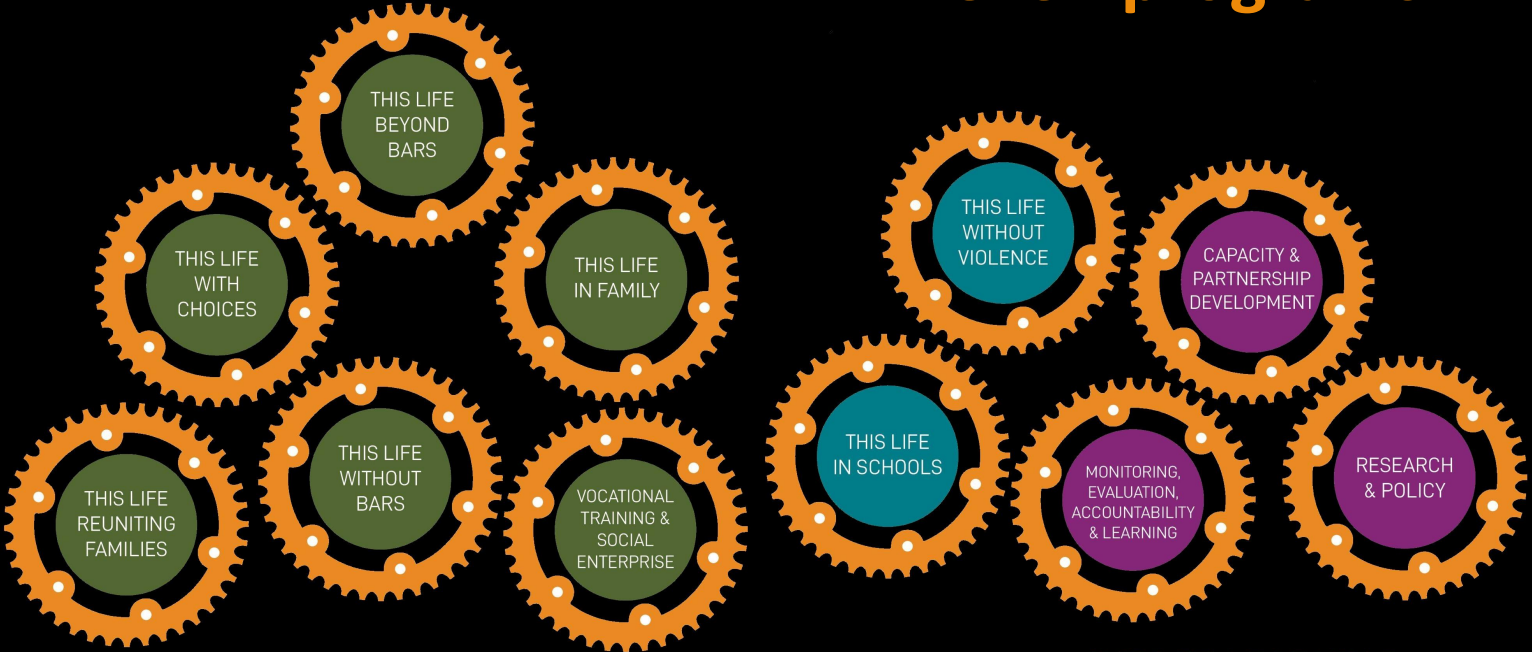


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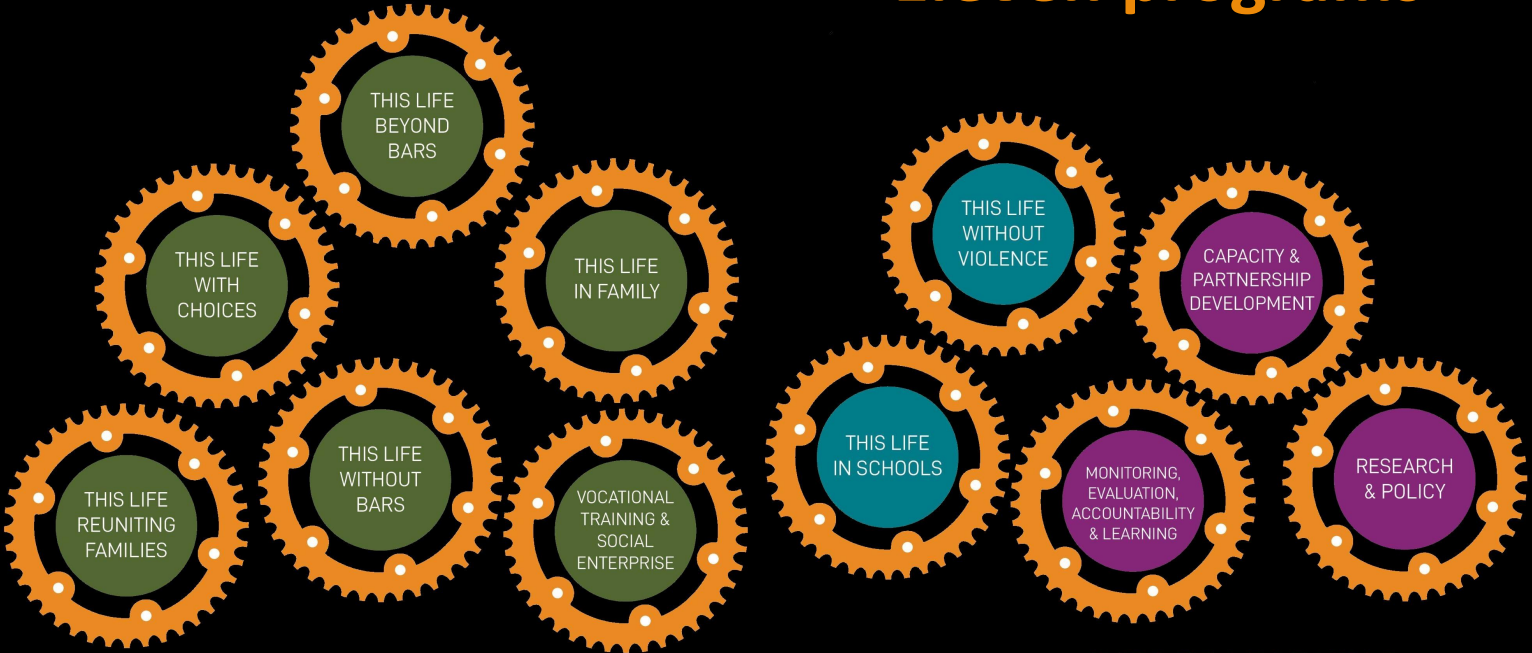
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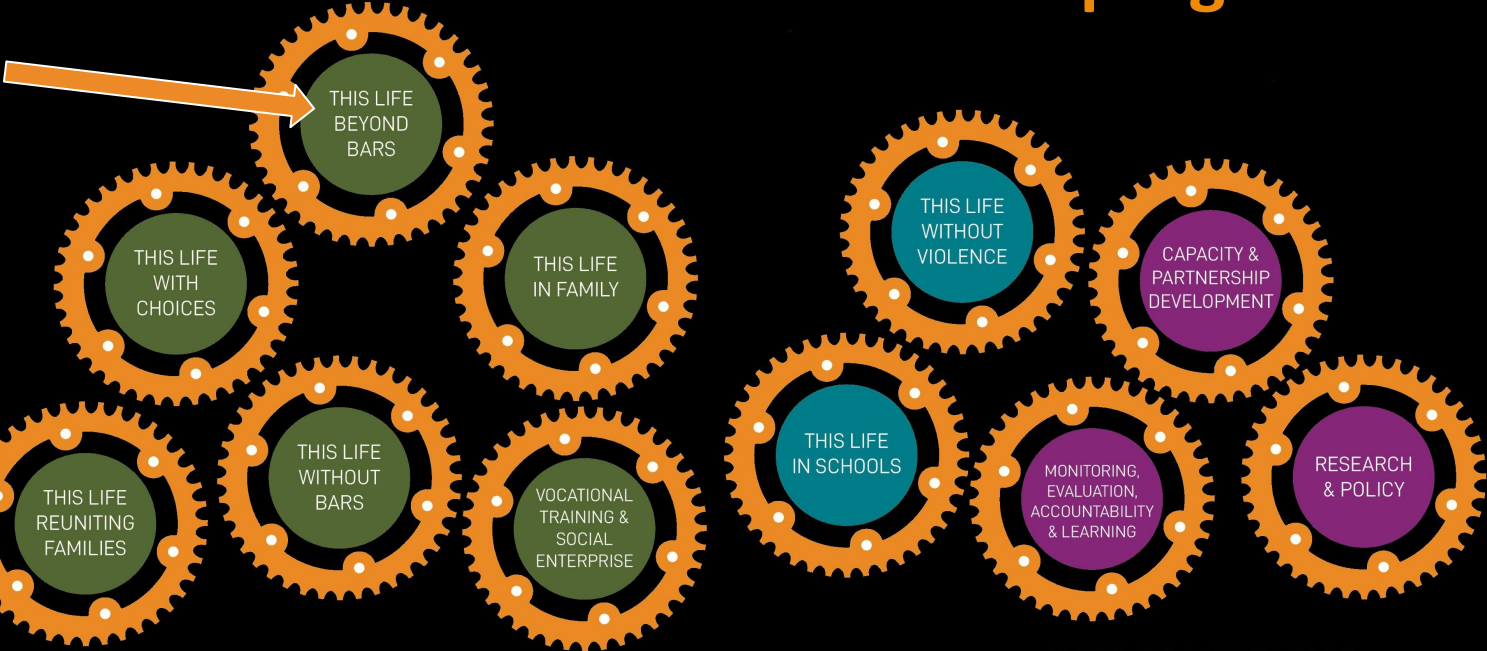
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# **The needs of the vulnerable groups (women and children) in prisons**

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Children and Families Section Lead

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**Despite encouraging progress, there are still a number of issues with the justice system, much of these worsened by perceptions of escalated drug abuse in society.**

## Situation overview

- In Cambodia, young people in conflict with the law are imprisoned alongside adults, even for nonviolent offences
- Those from low income families are particularly vulnerable
- Shame and stigmatization upon release contributed to high recidivism rates
- Prisons are over capacity by as much as 300%
- New mothers and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable

## Our response

- Advocated for Community Youth Diversion Programs (CYDPs)
- Researched and perception tested the resistance to CYDPs
- Presented our findings to the Minister of Justice in Cambodia
- Created programs to address the multitude of issues related to the justice system

# CONDUCTED AND PUBLISHED GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH



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## WHY CHILDREN ACCOMPANY MOTHERS INTO PRISON

An insight into factors influencing this decision in Cambodia

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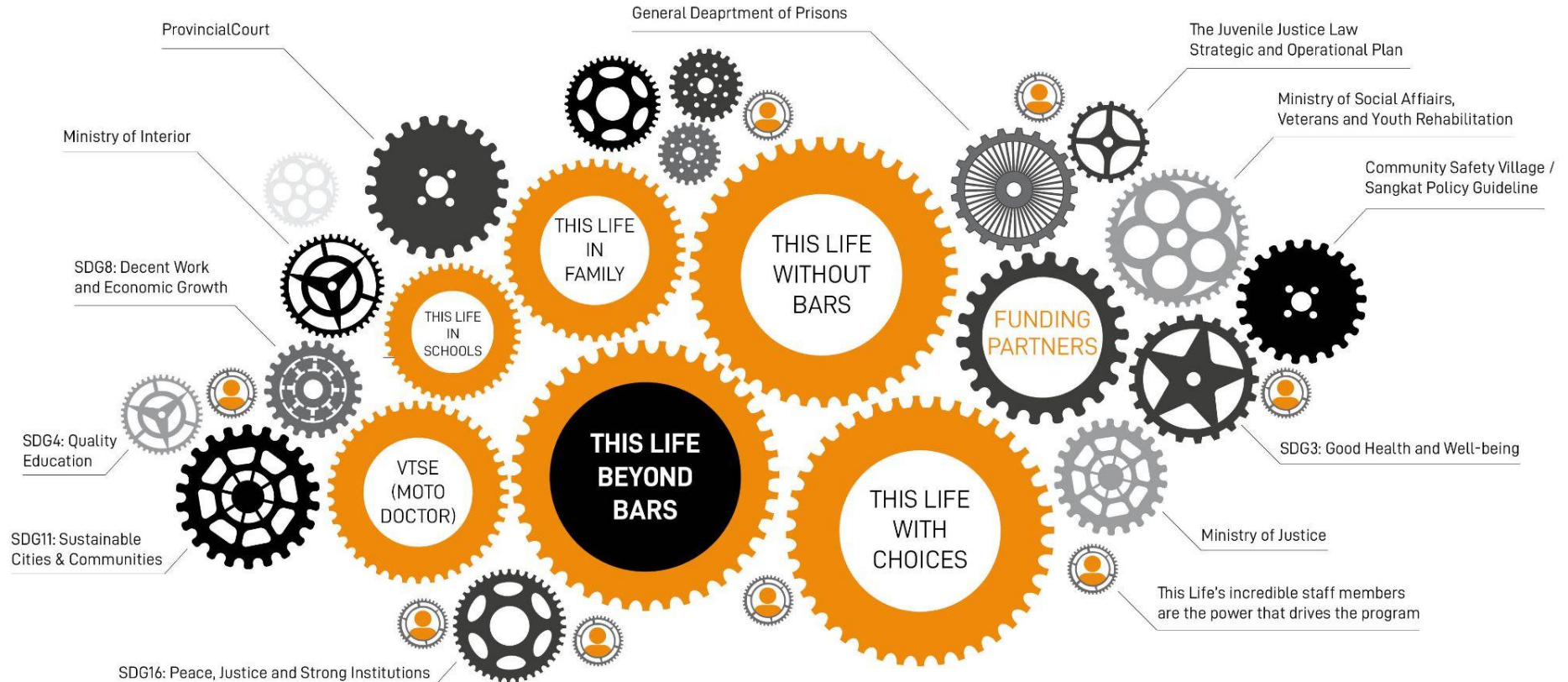
A person wearing a light blue jacket and a grey backpack is walking away from the camera on a dirt road. The background shows a rural setting with trees, a fence, and a building under a clear sky.

# NO PLACE FOR A CHILD

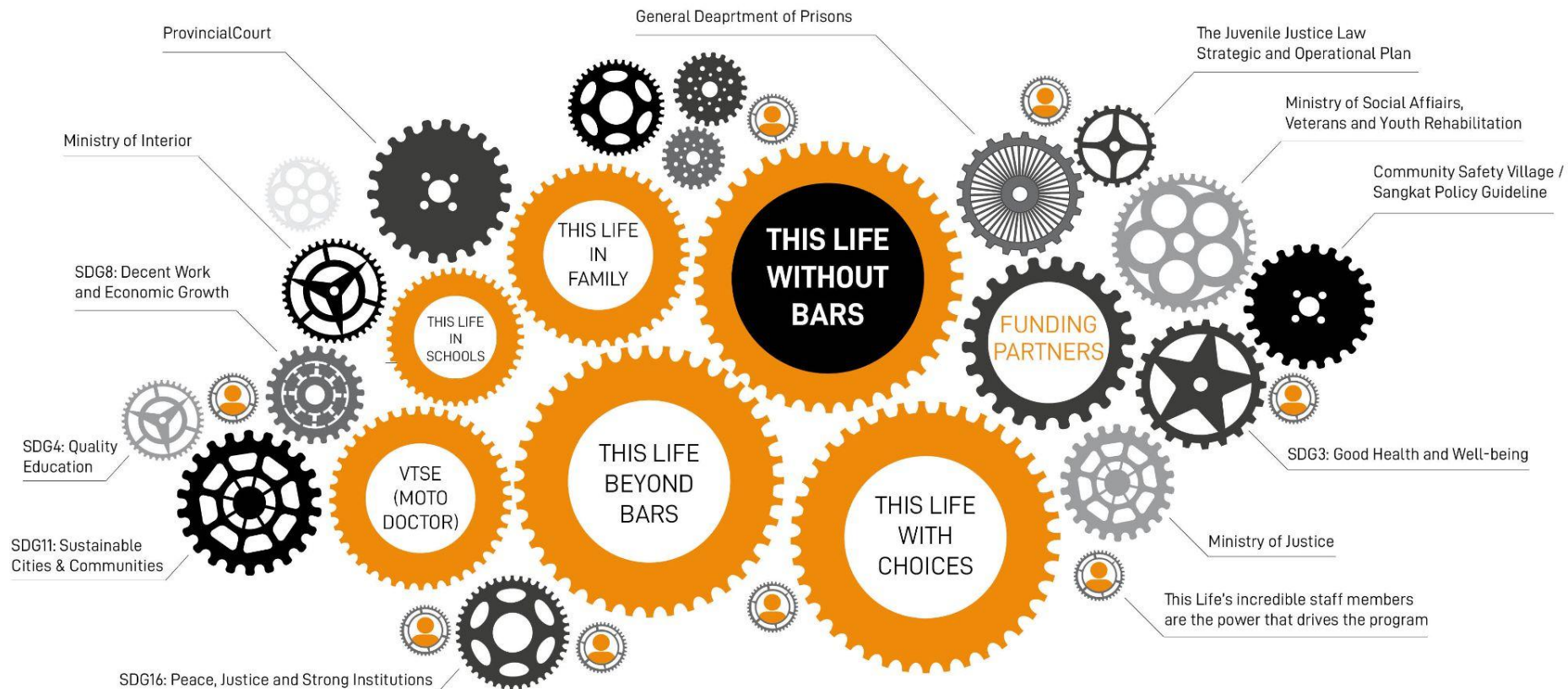
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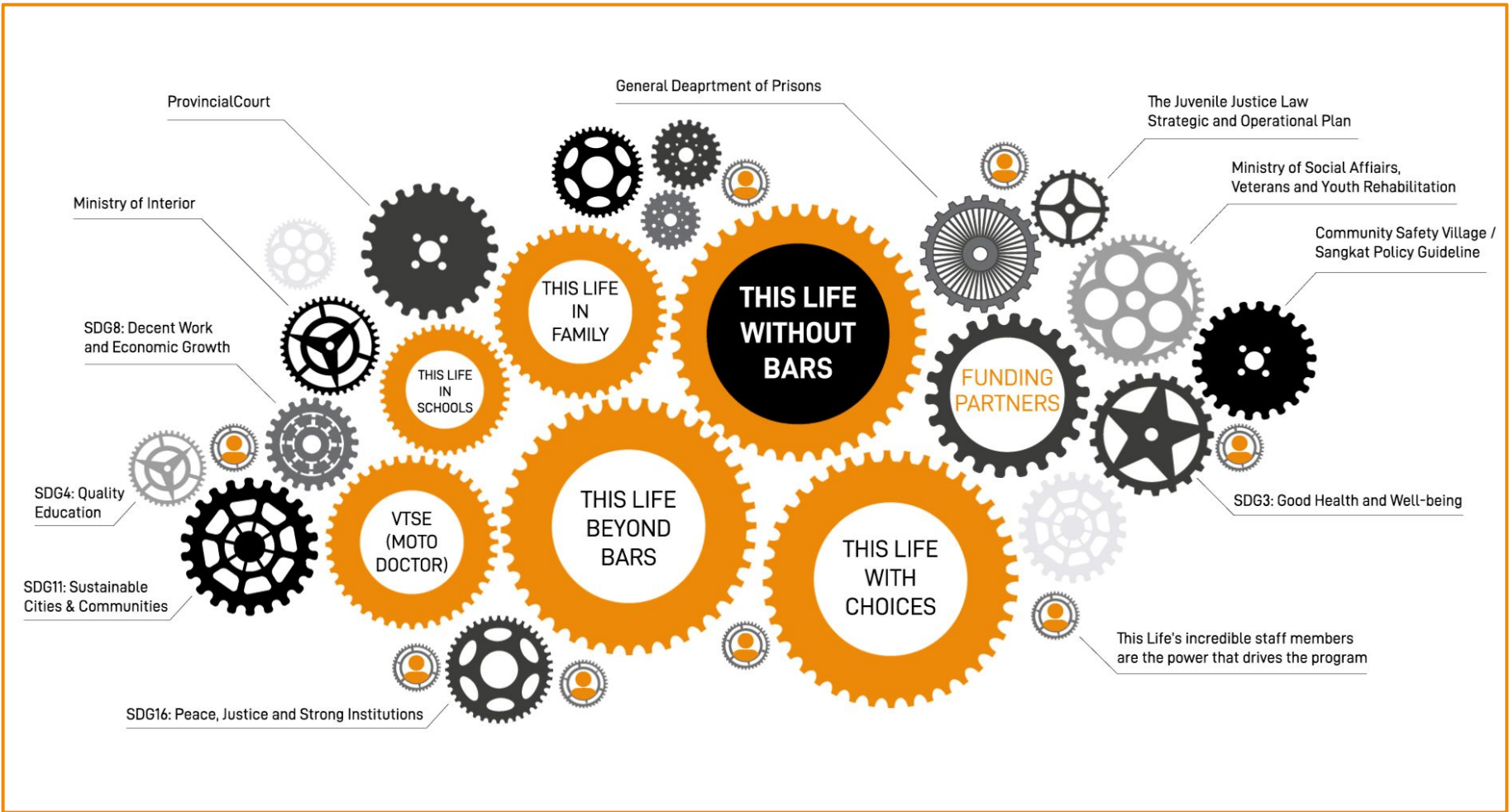


# THIS LIFE BEYOND BARS



# THIS LIFE WITHOUT BARS





# OUR IMPACT



Recidivism rates dropped from **60%** to under **2%**



**100%** of This Life Beyond Bars beneficiaries were reunited with their families



Over **650 police** (including 200+ women) and commune leaders received training on juvenile justice and protection



Over **1,000 children** received support to remain in their family and community

# This Life Vocational Training Social Enterprise (VTSE)



**217** students currently Enrolled



**143** students have graduated



Nearly **50** beneficiaries supported to start businesses





**BEFORE**



**AFTER**

# Providing essential supplies to mothers and babies





# Partnership and collaboration with government stakeholders



## Outlook for the future

- This Life needs funding to sustain its Community-Based Youth Diversion Program
- This Life would like to see this approach adopted for young mothers who have children under 5 years of age
- This Life would like to explore the prospect of establishing a Community Diversion Program for Adults, sentenced, charged or held for nonviolent misdemeanour offences



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