



IDN-GER-SAF-P01 Indonesia Reporting Period: June 2017 – May 2018

## Safe Haven for Trafficked Women

Budget: \$15,000 for a one-year project. Fully funded.

## **Update:**

This project supported the running costs of a safe house for young women (including under-aged workers) coming out of trafficking situations. The 15 women went through a six-month rehabilitation program including health checks, counselling, skills development and, where possible, reunification and restoration within families. An important part of the program was helping families to accept their daughter without judging or shaming her and restoring the family unit.



The program worked holistically and intensively with young women to not only rescue them from prostitution and trafficking, but to provide them with healing and a new life. Our partners are local Indonesians who saw the need and responded. They know the culture well and know how to work within families, an important part of Balinese culture.

During the course of the program, a school teacher came once a week to teach English, mathematics and science, leaving a load of schoolwork for each child to complete and then check the following week. Some of the residents started attending the school in the village, making friends with the local children.

Mentors at the safe house conducted lessons in baking and knitting, gardening and growing vegetables. The girls received appropriate medical care, counselling sessions twice a week and were encouraged to express themselves through colouring and other art projects. This has enabled them to open up about their feelings and find appropriate ways to address them.

The program was tailored for each individual female. If at the end of six months she was still requiring support, she could continue to stay at the safe house for another six months. Thank you for your partnership in this project.

