

Standing up for Trafficked Women

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Dhaka, Bangladesh



Combatting Trafficking

Year 1 Budget \$30,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

SEP 21

AUG 24

Overview

This three-year project is developing and expanding a rehabilitation and skills training program for at-risk women escaping from or living in communities with high rates of human trafficking. It will enable them to successfully integrate in society with real opportunities for employment. A similar program was successful in the past but the curriculum has needed revamping with up-to-date trauma informed practises and counselling techniques as well as vocational and life skills to equip the participants. These women, from a range of different backgrounds including orphans and widows, those living in extreme poverty or homelessness, are at high risk of being exploited and need a great deal of support to be able to build new lives.

Impact for February - August 2022

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A replicable program was developed,

expanded and distributed to all 6 training sites. Ongoing development of the training toolkit and analysis of the teaching techniques ensures the next training program is even more successful.

Six locally employed centre managers

continue to be coached and supported, building their capacity and achieving long-term sustainability goals for the organisation. Site managers face daily challenges supporting vulnerable women such as family pressure, social stigma and community rejection.

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Trauma informed rehabilitation for 23 women

was provided in a safe environment where participants experienced healing, learnt new life skills and became mentally and emotionally ready to gain job skills. Ice-breaker games, exercises and fun activities were incorporated to build community and trust.

23 women successfully graduated from the hands on job skills training program

Participants are offered ongoing employment through the affiliate enterprise boutique. This integration and social inclusion helps them regain self respect and dignity and provides them with an income and independence.

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Asha's Story

I have never been to school even though I have always had a desire to study. I married when I was very young and straight away my husband started torturing me mentally and physically. I finally left my husband two years ago and now live with my mum again. I heard about the training program through an outreach worker and it has changed my life! I learnt how to get rid of my worst memories and now I have a really happy and peaceful life. I am learning to make many different textile products like blankets, placemats and bags. I really enjoy my job. Thank you so much for supporting me.

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a difference