

Standing up for Trafficked Women

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Dhaka, Bangladesh



Combatting Trafficking

Year 2 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 enables them to successfully integrate in society with real opportunities for employment. A similar program was successful in the past but the curriculum 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 September 2022 - August 2023

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The current training program was developed, expanded and distributed across 3 training sites. Ongoing development of the training toolkit and analysis of the teaching techniques ensures each new training program is even more successful.

Two intensive trainings on Trauma Healing

and Trauma Informed Care were run by international professional psychiatrists and counsellors throughout the year for the locally employed centre managers.

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Trauma informed rehabilitation for 24 women was provided in a safe environment where participants experienced healing, learnt new life skills including literacy and became mentally and emotionally ready to gain job skills. The program helped women take small steps with dignity and confidence by changing their behaviours and attitudes.

48 women have now successfully graduated from the job skills training program in 2 years

13 participants were offered ongoing employment through the affiliate enterprise boutique and 35 graduates now work in other industries. They have regained their self respect and dignity and this has provided them with an income and independence.

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Ruba's Story

After completing the six month rehabilitation course, I am now working in a safe place and my children are being cared for in the onsite daycare. I could not be happier. I have never danced or sung or acted in a skit in all my life. During the program, I participated in drama, singing and learnt so many new things. The most important lessons for me were budgeting and managing the household finances. I now understand the value of managing the family budget in reducing poverty. I am now being paid a fair wage for my work as an artisan and I am so grateful for the opportunity and the continued support.



Thank you for making a difference