

Standing up for Trafficked Women

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Combatting Trafficking

Year 1 Budget \$30,000

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

SEP 21

AUG 24

Overview

This three-year project will develop and expand 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 needs to be revamped 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 Sep 2021 - Feb 2022

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A replicable program was developed

and expanded, comprising an online training toolkit and printed resources and training materials for distribution to all six training sites. The new toolkit was introduced through practical demonstrations and explanations, and incorporates trauma-informed care practices.

Intensive training for managers and trainers

was successfully completed. The intensive included an exposure trip to one of the training hubs to observe actual training and rehabilitation in process. A main contractor trainer to lead and support the training team, together with two new full-time trainers have also been recruited.

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Trauma informed rehabilitation for 7 women

has been provided in a safe and fun learning environment where participants can heal, learn life skills and become mentally and emotionally ready to gain job skills.

Vocational training for 7 women

has commenced, providing sewing as well as literacy training. To overcome the challenge of teaching traumatised women, ice-breaker games, exercises and fun activities are incorporated to build community and trust. The women also enjoy cooking and eating together and weekly arts and crafts.

- Participants in the program are offered ongoing employment through the affiliate enterprise boutique

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Shuborna's Story

Shuborna is one of the recently hired new trainers. She brings to her new role her previous experience as a kindergarten teacher, facilitating a savings program and running her own online clothing business. Although she has never trained in this kind of setting before, the clear toolkit instructions and the intensive training she received, equipped her to confidently begin training 10 women. "At first I was nervous about training, but the training manual and the team support I've received has, over time, given me the strength and knowhow to rise to the challenge".



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