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Message from the UN Secretary-General

“Human trafficking surrounds us. This callous crime touches almost every aspect of modern existence – from the clothes people wear to the meals they eat. One in three people who should be enjoying their childhood are being robbed of it instead, exploited in brutal and unimaginable ways.

The scale of human trafficking is atrocious. The silence that conceals this crime is disgraceful. We have to speak out because the victims are living in fear for their lives.

We have to raise our voices for them. That means confronting the social and economic conditions that abet this crime. It means arresting the traffickers. And above all, it means protecting the victims.

This is why we place such great importance on the UN Trust Fund for the Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.

The UN Trust Fund transforms victims into survivors. It offers safe houses, legal support and treatment for physical and mental abuse. It enables people to obtain job training, and children to get an education.

These may seem like small steps forward in the lives of individuals, but they add up to a global march toward progress.

I call on all of you to support the UN Trust Fund and to give it extra momentum to turn victims into survivors, and survivors into victors.

That will deliver a clear message to the world: that people are not property, and children are not commodities, and we stand together in solidarity for them.”

Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General

The Trust Fund for the Victims of Human Trafficking: Bringing victims out of the shadows and into the light

Human trafficking should be a crime of the past, but it is not. This brutal crime flourishes almost everywhere earning billions of dollars for the criminals and forcing millions to live in misery, exploitation and daily despair. Many of these individuals are children; many of these children are young girls.

According to UNODC's Trafficking in Person's Report 2014 around two out of every three children trafficked are girls. Victims can be taken forcibly from their families and compelled to work in far-away lands in the sex trade, and other unseemly occupations. These young girls have had their childhoods stolen by criminals.

Often, the trafficking victims can never return to their childhoods and many are so damaged by their experiences they find living as adults problematic. The complex journey from victim to trafficking survivor is littered with feelings of depression, and a lack of self-worth. These victims may also find themselves without proper education and suitable work experience.

The Trust Fund for the Victims of Human Trafficking is designed to assist today's victims become tomorrow's survivors. It has provided much-needed funding to NGOs. From Albania

to Cambodia and from Costa Rica to Nigeria, the Trust Fund helps victims begin new lives with new confidence.

In helping victims, the Trust Fund's range of activities is truly inspirational. The Shakti Samuha organization has helped 600 survivors receive vocational training, counselling and legal support in Nepal, while the Different and Equal organization in Albania offered 300 women, children and men temporary accommodation and medical and psychological assistance.

The Trust Fund is also enabling survivors to pursue justice against the traffickers in the courts. This legal action is often rooted in the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

But there is always much more that can be done. The Trust Fund needs additional support so that it has a truly global reach. I call on everyone to generously contribute to the Trust Fund, and in doing so, give a hope to individuals who have spent much of their lives trapped in the shadows.

By Yury Fedotov, Executive Director,
UN Office on Drugs and Crime

UN Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons: Achievements Made and Challenges Ahead

The United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons (UNVTF) helps victims of human trafficking reclaim their dignity and rebuild their lives. The Trust Fund supports efforts around the world that ensure that women, children and men who have been exploited by human traffickers are identified, treated humanely as victims of a crime, and provided with the assistance, protection and support necessary for their physical, psychological and social recovery.

The Trust Fund has been able to support the work of 11 grassroots organizations through its first round of grant-making over the last three years. This brochure pays tribute to the achievements made by these organizations in making a difference to the lives of victims of human trafficking across the globe.

A second global call for proposals was launched in July 2014, which received 113 proposals. Using all of the available funding raised through the end of 2014, the Board of Trustees of the UNVTF recommended 18 projects to receive grant funding over the next three years, starting in 2015.

The Board was impressed by the high quality of the majority of the proposals submitted and their potential in achieving effective assistance to human trafficking victims. Therefore, it has placed over 50 proposals on a reserve list, anticipating more donor contributions in the next months, in order to provide more grants to selected NGO projects and be able to help many more victims rebuild their lives and receive justice for the crimes committed against them.

Since its establishment, the Trust Fund was able to raise close to US\$ 2 million in contributions from governments, the private sector and individuals. Compared to the many millions of past, actual and potential victims of trafficking in persons that require our assistance, we still have a long way to go in meeting the needs of these vulnerable human beings.

I thus urge you to have a heart for the victims of trafficking in persons and show your solidarity by supporting the Trust Fund.

Benita Ferrero-Waldner
Chairperson, Board of Trustees
UN Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons

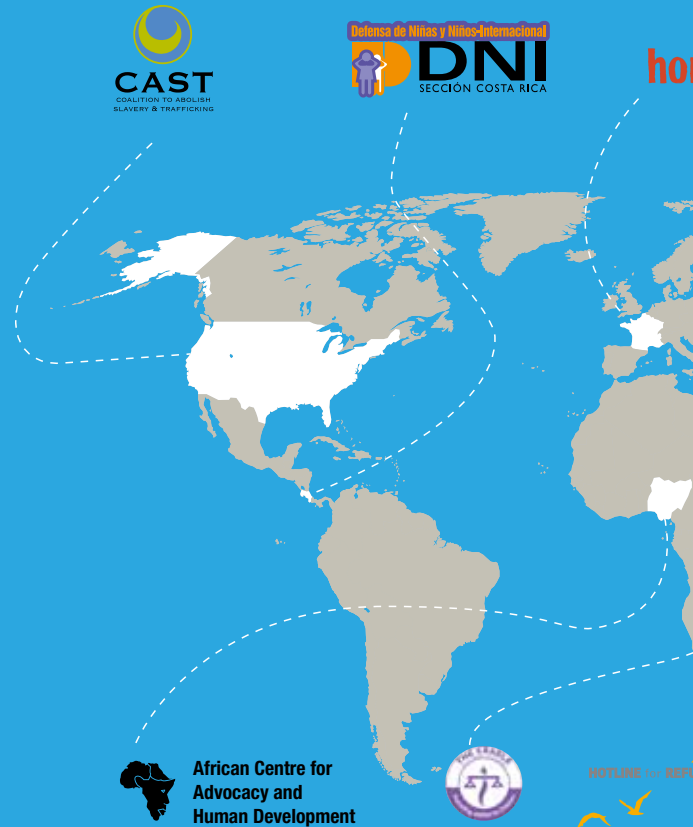
Extend a Hand. Change a Life.

The 2014 Global Report on Trafficking in Persons shows that there is virtually no place in the world where children, women and men are safe from human trafficking. One in three known victims of this crime is a child, with girls and women accounting for 70 per cent of overall victims worldwide.

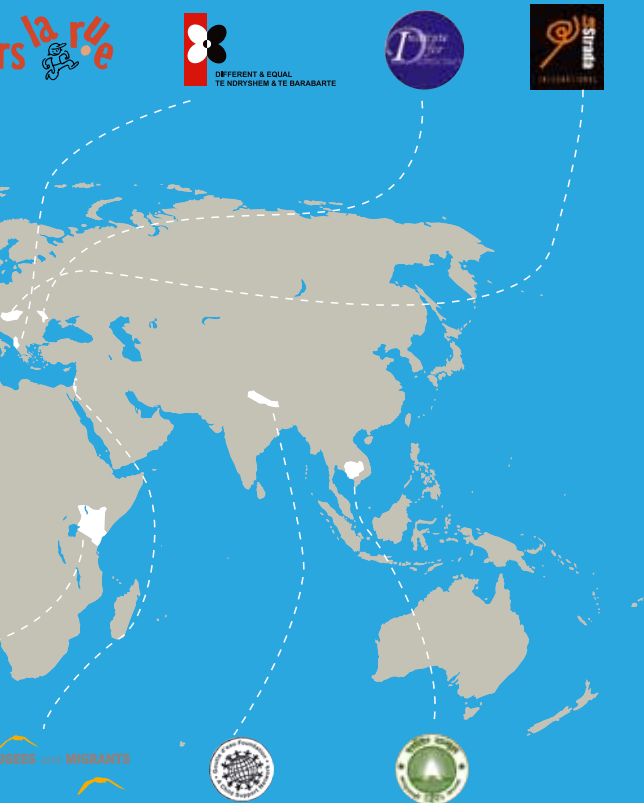
Human Trafficking has become a global enterprise affecting nearly every country in the world. It is a crime that shames us all.

Sadly, most trafficking victims are never formally identified as such – a cruel twist which denies them assistance when they most critically need it. In a bid to provide urgent help and support to those most affected, in 2010 Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched the **United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking**.

Administered by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Trust Fund has one primary objective: to provide the opportunity for people from all walks of life including governments, the private sector, international organizations, NGOs and individuals to work together to directly help those most affected by this scourge across the globe.



Through its Small Grants Facility, the Trust Fund awards multi-year grants of up to US\$ 20,000 per year to grassroots non-governmental organizations that directly assist victims of human trafficking in countries around the world.



Since its launch, the Trust Fund has supported **direct assistance to nearly 2,000 individuals every year** and tens of thousands have been indirectly assisted through awareness and outreach initiatives.

I give hope.

Individuals who have been exploited by human traffickers have varying needs, and require multiple types of assistance to help them recover and rebuild their lives.

Your donation can help a victim receive...

- ♡ ...legal support and advice on their rights
- ♡ ...appropriate treatment for physical and mental abuse
- ♡ ...a safe place to recover
- ♡ ...vocational, life skills or literacy training and schooling

Every donation counts. For every cent, a wrong is made right.

Our grants have had a profound impact, supporting and strengthening grassroots organizations around the world that serve vulnerable or exploited individuals.

The organizations that received support from the Trust Fund in the first round of grants implemented projects between 2012 and 2014 provided victims of human trafficking with critical assistance. We are pleased to share their good work, as well as the stories of some of the many women, children and men who have been helped by our grantees.

Different and Equal

Albania

► Securing a better future for the vulnerable.

Different and Equal provides temporary accommodation, medical and psychological support to help Albanian human trafficking survivors rebuild their lives. It also provides victims with vocational training and financial support to secure housing and employment, and to start small businesses.

With the help of the Trust Fund, between 2012-2014 Different and Equal was able to support nearly 300 women, men and child victims. Nineteen beneficiaries of their reintegration program filed judicial processes against their traffickers with the assistance of D&E. Thirty-three beneficiaries have been employed in different job placements. The organization has set up a bagel shop that employs former victims of human trafficking, which has now broken even and is providing increased work opportunities for D&E beneficiaries.

D&E further helped 13 former victims in establishing their own business, which included a bakery, a tailoring shop and a hairdressing salon. Eva was one of their beneficiaries, here is her story.

Eva's story:

I am Eva and I am 22 years old. I was born in a small city in Albania. My childhood was difficult – my parents argued constantly, my father was often drunk and abusive. It is difficult to recall any beautiful days from my childhood.

I only completed school up to the eighth grade because my father didn't allow me to continue. I have a two-year-old son.

Everything started when my mother killed herself. After this, my father became more aggressive and was constantly drunk. During this time he started to violate and abuse me. This lasted for several months until I decided to report him to the police. He was arrested and charged. During this time I worked in a fish shop where I met my son's father. We decided to go and work in Tirana. He found me work in a nightclub, where I was sexually exploited. Afterwards, we went to live outside Albania, and upon our arrival he tried to sell me to a group of guys who traffick girls to the UK.

I heard the conversation between my boyfriend and someone else on the phone. I was scared and I immediately went to the owner of the house where we were living and I asked him for help. He called the police and they came to arrest my boyfriend. Then I was returned to my birthplace in Albania.



I was terrified about what had happened to me. Aside from all this I was terrified of my father, who was still in prison serving the remainder of his sentence. He had expressed that on his first day out he would kill me. So I asked for help from a nun who was living near my house. She told me about Different and Equal. I am very lucky to have met your staff. Different and Equal provided me with the strength to continue life together with my son.

At the beginning it was most helpful to talk about my history with the staff, the psychologist and my social worker. Talking to them was

very pleasant. The environment for my son and I was very warm and helped us live in peace. I participated in different activities and I attended a training that helped me to increase my job skills.

The support that I received helped me think and make decisions about my future. My son is going to a day care centre and I'm looking for a job. I'm a good tailor, and my plans for the future are to find a job and to live with my son independently. Now I have a clear head for the future and know what I need to do in order to achieve my goals. I feel free and ready to face everything.

Damnok Toek

Poipet, Cambodia

▶ Repatriating and reintegrating trafficked children.



Traditional dance performance

Human trafficking is widespread in Southeast Asia. Cambodian children, in particular, are at risk of being trafficked to neighbouring Thailand, where they often end up in Bangkok as street-beggars or in the sex trade. Thai authorities arrest and repatriate these children through the town of Poipet, Cambodia, where they are often abandoned and left without social or economic support to sustain themselves.

Damnok Toek has utilized the grant received from the Trust Fund to operate its Reception Centre in Poipet and provide critical support to these children. The Centre offers food, safe accommodation, clothing, and medical treatment, as well as schooling to give them a chance for a better future. On any given day, at least 900 children benefit from the reception centre.

The organization also facilitates the reintegration of trafficked children back to their families through tracing, family assessment and follow-up. In the first two years of the grant, social workers traced and reintegrated 8 child victims of trafficking, and family tracing was conducted in 10 cases, as well as a family assessment in 43 cases.

Damnok Toek has also carried out a number of awareness raising activities among high-risk populations, using innovative methods such as a mobile library and a drop-in facility to inform the local community about human trafficking and children's rights.



Class

Defence for Children International

Costa Rica

▶ Identifying needs and coordinating cross-border action to help child victims.

Defence for Children International Costa Rica combats the trafficking of minors in Central America and helps empower children and young people who have been trafficked. The organization also advocates for concerted action and policy across the region to help protect children, as human trafficking often crosses borders.

The project funded by the Trust Fund has focused on providing support to victim shelters in Costa Rica, Honduras and Guatemala, and in supporting the detection and follow-up of trafficking cases in six countries – Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panamá, Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua.

In the first year of the grant, Defence for Children provided direct, humanitarian and legal assistance to 48 child and adolescent victims of human trafficking, and evaluated four shelters to ensure they met the needs of the victims. In the second year, the organization focused on cementing better coordination to tackle human trafficking across the region by carrying out a regional assessment of the services provided and identified loopholes and challenges, as well as best practices to be replicated. During the third year, DCI Costa Rica prepared suitable tools such as a guide to work with adolescent victims of human trafficking who live in foster care, quality control instruments to assess the service received by victims in foster care; and trained staff from



Gender workshop

Embassies of neighbouring countries to raise awareness on human trafficking.

A monitoring visit by a UNODC Human Trafficking Expert found that this project is providing quality psycho-social, medical and legal assistance, as well as vocational training and education in Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica. Staff seemed very engaged with the victims, using various innovative approaches, and always having the victim's well-being in mind.

La Strada

Czech Republic

▶ Bringing justice to survivors of human trafficking.

La Strada International is an anti-human trafficking association with offices in eight European countries. In the Czech Republic, La Strada provides legal support and social assistance to trafficked and exploited individuals. It also campaigns to raise public awareness to prevent human trafficking and ensure that its clients receive help and fair compensation.

The Trust Fund grant helped the organization provide key legal support to seek justice for victims and punish traffickers in a prominent human trafficking case involving one of the largest forestry companies in the Czech Republic. The case revolved around subcontracting companies between 2009-2010 which, to obtain its workforce, trafficked workers into the country and forced them to work seven days a week for around 10-12 hours per day. Most were unpaid and threatened with violence if they stopped working or attempted to report the illegal conditions to the police.

Based on information received on the case, two lawyers working with La Strada collected 158 powers of attorneys from the exploited migrants so that they could file a lawsuit. La Strada has filed several complaints on procedural issues, found when investigating how law enforcement authorities were dealing with the case, including, most recently, two complaints to the National Constitutional Court, which have not yet been de-

cid. In 2014, the lawyers supported through the Trust Fund prepared an application to the European Court of Human Rights that will be sent depending on the outcome of the constitutional complaint.

The case has had a large impact on organizations and individuals working with victims of trafficking throughout the Czech Republic and Europe. The case has received attention at numerous conferences, seminars and similar forums. It is followed closely by professionals in the field and the final outcome is eagerly awaited.



Illustration based on an artwork from the film "The Treeworkers Case"

Hors la Rue

France

▶ Helping child victims not fall into the gap.

Child victims of trafficking in France are mostly of foreign descent, who are forced into begging, stealing, and prostitution. Often they are not identified as human trafficking victims and provided the support and protection they would otherwise receive by law. **Hors la Rue** specializes in identifying isolated and unaccompanied foreign minors who are outside the common institutional child protection system.

The Trust Fund grant has helped the organization carry out training to enhance the capacity of local and national government actors in identifying and assisting trafficking victims, and by providing specialized care and support to at-risk youth in and around Paris.

The organization runs a Day Care Centre that provides a safe environment for young victims who have experienced abuse and exploitation, and specializes on outreach work to identify and approach children on the streets. It works with the govern-

ment and childcare agencies to provide youth with emergency shelter, as well as medical care, psychological and legal support, and French language lessons in order to integrate them into the French educational system.

In the first half of 2014, Hors la Rue worked with 86 minors assumed to be victims of trafficking, of which 34 had not previously been identified as such. In an effort to find long-term, sustainable solutions that would allow victims to break free from the cycle of exploitation, the organization introduced an innovative approach and managed to help two young girls to get placed in public shelters in protected remote locations for their safety and out of reach of their exploiters.

In October 2014, Hors la Rue won the second prize of a French Government Award on Crime Prevention, for their work against human trafficking.



Human trafficking survivors during a group activity

Hotline for Refugees and Migrants

Israel

▶ Securing the right to stay for survivors.

The Hotline for Refugees and Migrants helps survivors of human trafficking in Israel gain legal recognition as victims and to obtain support to which they are entitled. It also helps them secure work visas and residency permits so they may remain in Israel.

Through the two-year Trust Fund grant, the organization was able to directly assist over 85 victims from more than 16 countries who had undergone abuse and exploitation. These victims were provided shelter, legal representation and medical and psychological assistance.


The organization also promotes awareness, visits prisons to provide free consultations to detained migrants, works with foreign embassies to train staff on how to identify and provide referrals for human trafficking victims, and initiated public information campaigns to alert and educate the public. Iris was a beneficiary of their work:

Iris's story

Iris was first brought to Israel by traffickers in 2003 at the age of 18. Originally from Uzbekistan, Iris left to Moscow with men who promised her waitressing work in Israel. From Moscow, she was flown to Egypt and crossed illegally into Israel via the Sinai border. She was taken to Haifa and forced to work in prostitution. Sometimes she was forced to serve up to ten clients a day. Iris didn't know any Hebrew, she didn't have any money, and she didn't know anyone else in the country. After six months she finally escaped.

Uzbekistan is one of the few countries in the world where citizens still require an exit visa to leave the country. When Iris returned to Uzbekistan she moved from place to place to avoid being caught by authorities. The constant fear Iris felt meant that Uzbekistan was no longer a liveable place for her.

Iris returned to Israel. Over the next eight years she had two Israeli partners. Both times she was in a relationship she gained lawful status in Israel, but when both men became abusive and she had to leave the relationships, she again became illegal. Without a work visa Iris only found underpaid jobs, could not pay her rent, and fell back into working in prostitution on multiple occasions. Her life was a cycle of depression and abuse, which led to drug use.

A dark silhouette of a woman's profile, facing right, occupies the left side of the page. The background is a light blue gradient.

In January 2014, Iris broke down and was admitted to a psychiatric hospital. After a few weeks of treatment, a hospital staff member called immigration. Iris was picked up from the hospital and taken straight to immigration detention.

Iris was left in detention in a deep depression. When HRM heard about Iris, a staff member immediately went to visit her. HRM wrote a letter to a judge and received an invitation for a hearing. On August 17, HRM represented Iris in court and fought for her release on humanitarian grounds. The next day, after seven long months

of detention, Iris was released. “It was a miracle from heaven, that someone I didn’t even know existed would come and help me get out of prison.”

Iris was referred by HRM to a clinic where she is receiving free psychiatric care. Our staff are standing by her as she rehabilitates, builds her life, and fights to get legal status and a work visa. “I was in the worst state I had ever been in, without any hope,” said Iris. “But this support has given me the strength to continue, to live, to not give up.”

The Cradle

Kenya

▶ Boosting criminal justice responses to fight child abuse and trafficking.

Founded by a group of lawyers dedicated to child and juvenile justice, the **CRADLE** – The Children Foundation – has been working in the area of child protection since 1998. The organization operates a wide range of programmes, including the provision of legal aid to trafficked children, advocacy, as well as research and monitoring of the trafficking situation in Kenya.

With the support of the Trust Fund, the organization has been able to undertake public litigation to help operationalize laws against human trafficking and to establish mechanisms to compensate victims in the country. In 2012, the CRADLE's actions also prompted the government to finally publish the 2010 Counter Trafficking in Person's Act – a major achievement that paved the way for future litigation of this crime.

The Trust Fund grant enabled the CRADLE to provide legal support and give hope to several survivors, for example:

- The organization was able to secure help for a 15-year old girl trafficked from a rural area to Nairobi for the purpose of child labour. The girl was thus declared in need of care pending the tracing and reunification with her family;
- Two children coerced and removed from their home under false pretences and later trafficked to Kilifi County and

forced to pose nude for pornographic photos testified in court against their exploiter thanks to CRADLE fact-finding missions in Malindi, Mombasa and Kilifi;

- A 13-year old boy trafficked for the purpose of labour exploitation in Malindi was given shelter and returned to his parents, after the CRADLE acquired court orders for the child and successfully traced his family.

The CRADLE has further been able to provide counselling and legal advice to 12 child victims of trafficking and their parents. It has also published a law enforcement investigation and prosecution manual, and has trained 60 police, investigation, and immigration officers.



Institute for Democracy

Republic of Moldova

▶ Informing the public and providing free legal assistance

The **Institute for Democracy provides victims of human trafficking in Moldova** with legal advice and counselling, and raises awareness among authorities and the general public that human trafficking is a crime.

The project supported by the Trust Fund helped the organization establish a Centre for Legal Assistance as well as a hotline providing free legal advice. As the only existing service that offers free legal assistance in the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, the Centre proved to be in high demand.

During the last three years, the Centre has assisted 598 beneficiaries by providing free legal counsel, as well as information on how to safely study or secure work abroad. The legal hotline has filed more than 350 calls per year.

The organization also carried out a wide awareness raising campaign on Moldavian media to inform the public about the centre, and distributed 50,000 pamphlets to advertise the service and hotline. As a further measure, the NGO published a book to spell out the legal rights of trafficking victims and spread the message that trafficking in persons is a crime and that its victims have rights.

At a project visit, a UNODC Human Trafficking Expert found that the organization is operating within a challenging envi-

ronment in terms of a high level of poverty, low level of civil society development, stigmatization of victims in a small community (30,000 inhabitants) with a lack of awareness towards the victims of trafficking in persons, as well as low capacities of local institutions. In spite of this, the organization was found to be very professionally run and their work in raising awareness about trafficking in persons is innovative for the region.



Shakti Samuha

Nepal

▶ Fighting stigma to give survivors a second chance.

Nepali society places a heavy stigma on survivors of human trafficking. Often, the shame survivors feel, combined with inadequate state capacity to provide services, means that many Nepali female victims do not receive the critical support they need to rebuild their lives.

Shakti Samuha was established in 1996 as the first Nepalese organization managed and run by survivors of trafficking. They provide survivors with the necessary care and support to reintegrate into society and live independent lives. It offers comprehensive services – shelter, legal support, education, training and family support – and tailors them to the specific needs of the women, men and children it serves.

Thanks to the Trust Fund support, Shakti Samuha was able to help over 600 survivors through vocational training, counselling, and legal support. Many have embarked on establishing micro-businesses. The NGO has further helped raise awareness of trafficking issues, sensitizing community police and border officials, and providing information on safe migration and overseas employment to hundreds of individuals.

In 2014, Shakti Samuha received the C10 Award, which celebrates ten global leaders for their work against the trafficking

of children. The award is co-funded by the Sophie Stenbeck Family Foundation, World Childhood Foundation and Reach for Change, to acknowledge entrepreneurial leaders in the children's rights field.

Victims of human trafficking are often reluctant to participate in legal proceedings – fearing harm, threat or intimidation from the traffickers and their associates. In 2012, Shakti Samuha assisted 6 girls in registering a case and provided witness testimony in court, which led to an unprecedented conviction in the country. The trafficker received a sentence for 170 years – the most severe jail term ever given to someone in the country's judicial history. The court also jailed two of his accomplices for 16 and 12.5 years respectively. Skye was one of the victims, and she tells her story below.

Skye's story

I am SKYE and I want to share my past with you. I was trafficked by relatives to India when I was 13 years old. I was trafficked to a brothel. When I refused to sell my body they sold me to another brothel. I stayed there for 9 months. My sister was also brought there after 4 months and they told us they would send us back home after 5



Human rights training

months, for the Dashain Festival. But they didn't send us back, so we ran away from there together.

We arrived back in Nepal after a 5-day journey. After that I met with my older sister and my parents, and we went to the NGO Child Workers in Nepal together and filed a case against the trafficker. After 7 months they referred me to Shakti Samuha. I was able to resume my studies in the 8th grade. In 2012, we won our case and the traffickers got a sentence of 170 years. I have since finished my schooling and now I'm working as a staff member in Shakti Samuha.

As I am a member of Shakti Samuha, I had the opportunity to participate in trainings on counselling so that I can help survivors who, like me, were trafficked. I am happy as I am getting help from the many supporters of our organization, such as the UN Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking.

I want to be a successful social worker in Nepal and fight against traffickers who are still selling girls for different work. That's why I'm working in Shakti Samuha, and doing awareness work for adolescent girls in slum areas.

African Centre for Advocacy and Human Development

Nigeria

► Entrepreneurship for sustainable change.

Nigeria is a source, transit and destination country for women and children trafficked for labour and sexual exploitation. Ondo State has the highest number of trafficking victims, in particular, its Ore community, where many are extremely poor and have limited opportunities for employment.

The African Centre for Advocacy and Human Development helps victims and survivors of human trafficking throughout the country and provides them with vocational training and the necessary help to start small businesses so they can become financially self-sufficient.

Through the support of the Trust Fund grant, ACAHD focused on the needs of the vulnerable Ore community by identifying areas of employment where demand exceeds supply, and by providing victims with the essential skills and tools to bridge this gap and secure a sustainable future.

Over the last three years, ACAHD helped 45 survivors gain employment and a better life. The beneficiaries were trafficking victims that received psycho-social counseling and legal support and were enlisted in ACAHD's long term recovery programme.

The beneficiaries were assigned to skilled mentors, and during the 6 to 9 month training, they learned crafts such as the weaving of traditional fabrics, tailoring, hairdressing or motorcycle repair. After this, they were registered with local trade associations and acquired equipment to help them establish a business.

The project has not only helped to give victims a new start, but has also helped by countering economic vulnerability in the community. The NGO estimates that 25 businesses, for example, have the potential to serve the needs of around 200,000 members of the Ore community.



Beneficiaries of ACAHD's long term recovery programme with acquired equipment

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking

United States of America

▶ Legal first-aid to victims.

The Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) is the only non-profit organization in Los Angeles dedicated exclusively to providing services for human trafficking victims. The core components of its work are the legal services it provides, including access to immigration relief, assistance in obtaining civil remedies, preparation for criminal trials and advocacy to protect the rights of victim witnesses. CAST serves a diverse population, with clients from all over the world including Mexico, Ethiopia, Thailand, the Philippines, and Nigeria. Approximately 56% of the clients are trafficked for the purpose of labour exploitation, and 44% are trafficked for sexual exploitation.

In April 2014, CAST was awarded the Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to fight Trafficking in Persons by the Government of the United States.

The Trust Fund supported CAST's trafficking legal clinic for one year, which provides direct legal services to victims of human trafficking in the Los Angeles area. During the grant period, CAST served more than 193 clients and 150 family members in its legal programme. In addition, CAST provided pro-bono legal training for attorneys as well as police officers with the Los Angeles International Airport Police Department.



Survivors from CAST celebrate the growing movement to end modern-day slavery

John's story:

John was trafficked into the United States from Indonesia through promises of legitimate work at an assisted living community. John jumped at the opportunity because he hoped it would help him fulfil his dream of becoming a nurse. Upon arriving in the U.S. however, John found himself in a completely different situation than he had expected.



John and several other trafficking victims from East Asia were deceived into working for a couple who forced them to work long hours, which went easily unnoticed as they were all forced to live onsite. After several months of working under constant fear of physical abuse and deportation, John and two others were liberated by the FBI, which had been conducting an investigation of the business and its practices.

CAST was able to assist the FBI in coordinating a quick and supportive response. A CAST staff member accompanied the FBI when

they helped John escape, provided crisis services and placed him in a partner shelter program for men.

John suffered from extreme anxiety as the traffickers continued to actively search for him, harassing his family members, and going so far as to file false police reports of crimes he did not commit. The FBI worked with local law enforcement to address these false claims, while CAST provided services to rehabilitate his mental health.

What Is Human Trafficking?

A modern form of slavery, human trafficking ranks among the worst violations of human rights. Victims are usually misled, tricked or forced into a situation of exploitation and abuse from which it is difficult to escape. Exploitation includes forcing others into prostitution or other forms of sexual abuse, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs.

Who Are the Victims?

Children account for 1 in 3 victims of human trafficking worldwide, though in some regions these figures are higher and child trafficking is a major concern. Children are exploited for forced labour, petty crime and begging, child pornography and sex. Children who are forced to serve as soldiers are also considered victims of human trafficking.

Women and girls make up 70 per cent of overall trafficking victims worldwide. The vast majority are young women who

have been forced into the sex trade. Women are also exploited for domestic servitude and forced labour.

Men are often exploited for forced labour, enduring harsh physical conditions and abuse. Male victims are frequently overlooked because of a common misperception that men are not trafficked.

Where does it happen?

No country is immune – there are at least 152 countries of origin and 124 countries of destination affected by trafficking in persons, and over 510 trafficking flows criss-crossing the world.

All data taken from the 2014 Global Report on Trafficking in Persons www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/glotip.html



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With your help, we can give back to victims what human traffickers have stolen from them: hope.

DONATE. GIVE HOPE.

Where does your money go?

The UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking is managed by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime. All UNODC staff working as part of the Trust Fund Secretariat are paid by UNODC, thus allowing the Trust Fund to direct most of its funds to grant-giving to specialised NGOs and to use only 10% of funds as direct operational costs.

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