

## **Victims Voices: Brahim**

## Brahim received assistance through the NGO 'Samu Social' in Senegal



I was born in Guinee Bissau 11 years ago. I was living in a small village and going to school. I had a nice life, until the day when my father introduced me to a man and told me I was supposed to go with him to Dakar in his koranic school. We went to Gabu to spend the night and pick up other boys. We were 6 of us with the man who left us in his « daara », his koranic school. This was the beginning of our suffering. Under the supervision of older « talibés » (koranic students) we discovered that we were supposed to go in the streets every day and begg money for the 'marabout', 500 XOF

 $(0.75 \ \ \ \ )$  every day and 750 XOF  $(1.15 \ \ \ \ )$  on Fridays. If you did not have the requested amount, you were beaten. After 2 years of bad treatments, we decided to flee. We went in the streets and tried to survive. We met the Samu Social team during their round trips in the streets. They listened to us, the doctor treated our wounds and they proposed us to go to the shelter to be safe. I told them that my greatest wish was to go back home.



