



# Beauty from Ashes

STOPPING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NEPAL



JANUARY TO JUNE 2022

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# Impact

## INTERCEPTION AND RESCUE

- **820 girls** were referred to the police
- **2,698 girls and women** were intercepted
- **8,923 women** were taken aside and interviewed by trained staff about their travel plans due to signs of suspicious behavior
- **36 girls and young women** were rescued from hotel and brothels in Nepal and India.

## AWARENESS PROGRAMS

- **32 schools** hosted the program
- **2,584 students** participated
- **80 army and police** participated

## MICROFINANCE PROGRAM

- **583 women** have started their small business since the program started
- **530 women** currently have a loan in the program's women's groups
- **125 women** received their very first microloan these past six months
- **48 women's groups** exist comprising of 806 members

## SAFE HAVEN

- **59 women / girls** were supported at the Safe Haven
- **1 girl** gave birth in safety
- **56 participated** in skills-based trainings (i.e., shoe-making, tailoring, and bakery)

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE

- **8 court cases** were filed in the court system
- **42 traffickers were arrested**
- **161 women** received legal assistance

# Message FROM THE CEO

Dear friends and supporters of the work of Captivating in Nepal,

If you've been a financial partner of our work in Nepal for the January to June 2022 period, this report is for you, and with it our thanks for making it possible for us to do everything you're about to read.

These past six months have been incredibly rewarding. For starters, everything is back on track with post-COVID activities. Programs that were on hold or limited due to school closures, are now back to 100% capacity. In fact, we've been in catch-up and expansion mode. Although exhausting for the teams on the ground, it is incredibly motivating to everyone when "expansion and growth" are in play.

Our primary partner in Nepal is 3 Angels Nepal where Captivating fully funds the daily operating costs of 3AN's entire Anti-Human Trafficking program. Rajendra and the team are fantastic partners and we both enjoy our regular planning and update discussions on how to keep pushing and progressing. As you will read in this report, monitoring teams and interception stations are back to full capacity. Our microfinance program (My Business My Freedom) is expanding by up to 50 women a quarter, and the Women's Safe Haven has successfully doubled its capacity to help more women in desperate need of short to medium-term rehabilitation support.



We are also excited to report a new partnership arrangement we now have in place in Nepal. Captivating is now working with Aasaman Nepal, a group with great experience working with impoverished girls who have dropped out of school and at risk of early child marriage, child labour and of course the risk of becoming victims of human trafficking. Together, Captivating, Aasaman Nepal, and 3 Angels Nepal have started implementing projects right at the grass-roots. Called the "Captivating Village Program", teams will go directly to selected villages to (1) ensure every girl who is out of school (or attending school so irregularly they are considered dropped out) gets the chance to get back and stay in school; (2) conduct training and awareness sessions in the village with parents and community leaders to improve prevailing attitudes about education for girls; and (3) look for ways to improve current barriers to girls' education in these villages that improves permanently the education of girls in the future.

Thanks to amazing financial support by you, our donors, eight Captivating Village Programs commenced in April/May. A further seven village locations will be added over this next 6-month period. This, we anticipate, will immediately stabilize education for 450 to 600 girls. We will learn a lot from this program over the rest of 2022 and work to refine and improve it. Then, we will replicate it to as many villages as we can with your support. Our thanks to all those who have been willing to financially get behind this pilot program. We're genuinely excited about its impact as a primary Captivating program in our portfolio.

Thanks again everyone reading this report. Our blessings and best wishes to you.



*A.J. Colquhoun*

**Andrew Colquhoun**  
CEO & Co-Founder | Captivating



# Intercepting Girls

## STOPPING GIRLS BEFORE THEY ARE TRAFFICKED AND LOST FOREVER

Our seven monitoring stations have been fully operational for the January to June 2022 time period. Although Nepalis are generally concerned about the COVID situation in India, desperation and the perceived idea of earning a good income in India, still finds trafficking over the Indo-Nepal border.

The team on the front line are trained on the things to look out for. They have keen eyes and can pick up on the smallest detail not fitting with the story or looking out of place in a crowd.

Traffickers use lies and false promises to lure vulnerable girls. Many of the girls interviewed at the border have no idea that they are in the process of being trafficked, or the danger they would be in once they are on the other side of the border.

Stopping girls before they leave the country is the key work of the border team. Helping them to understand what trafficking is, the deception that is surrounding the stories they hear, and what happens to girls once they arrive at their final destination. Most girls have never heard this information before and are often shocked by the news. The staff are there to counsel and talk through the situation they find themselves in.



## JANUARY TO JUNE 2022 IMPACT

Captivating fully funds the anti-human trafficking work of 3 Angels Nepal. In total, this includes **seven (7) monitoring stations** throughout Nepal.

- **8,923 women** were taken aside and interviewed by trained staff about their travel plans due to signs of suspicious behavior.
- **2,698 girls and women** were intercepted. Monitoring station staff stopped these girls from progressing across the border due to staff having too many concerns about the risk factors surrounding the girl's desire to migrate.
- **820 girls** were referred to the police because substantial, hard evidence was given to police to confirm a trafficker was involved.

Each intercepted girl was informed on what was likely happening, counselled as necessary, and either returned home or picked up by their families. Some were referred to safe houses as they couldn't return home due to safety concerns.

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# Empty Promises



Bhuvi was intercepted at the border. An investigation concluded the pimp had established a fake relationship with her, and proposed to marry her and give her a prosperous life in India.

During the interview, after she realized she was being sold, she revealed the pimp's name and a suspected pimp from an outcast village who was transporting her to India. She also stated he had molested her time and time again.

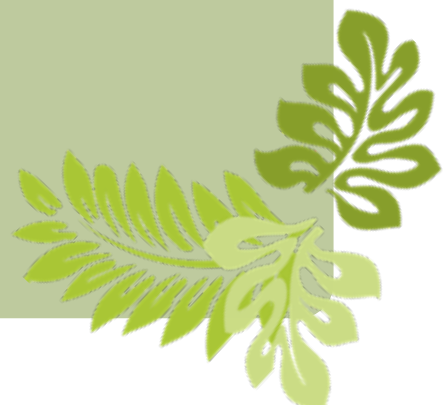
She was kept at our transit home and was provided with necessary counselling. The pimp called the office, stating he was her father. But after coordination with the local police, it was revealed she had been missing for the past three months and her mother had filed a missing person's report. After investigation, two pimps were arrested and our team helped to file a case against them. For safety and security, she was sent to the Women Safe Haven and is preparing for an exam to be able to continue her education.



## STOPPED JUST IN TIME

Prapti's parents filed a missing report stating that she had been missing for six days. In coordination with local police, we came to know that her sister-in-law took her to India through another transit point for trafficking purposes with the help of a pimp.

Promptly after investigation, in coordination with police, we arrested both her sister-in-law and the pimp, and reunited Prapti with her family.





## SOLD BY HER UNCLE

Manita, 21, was lured by her uncle who took her from her home towards India. He promised to give her a job working in a restaurant.

She was transported through a cart (photo right). Our staff intercepted her after noticing signs that things were not right.

After a progressive investigation in coordination with police, our team uncovered the plan to take her to India. He received a payment of NPR 20,000 [US\$160] from her family members. She was intercepted and reunited with her parents while her uncle was arrested.



## Three Tickets

Madhu is 14 years old and was stopped at the border due to suspicious behavior. The team interviewed and questioned her as well as the lady who was with her. The lady was a friend of Maya's uncle, who promised her a good job in a beauty parlor in India.

After extensive questioning, it was confirmed that Maya was in the process of being trafficked because of three tickets found in the lady's pocket. These tickets were the missing link to confirm a trafficking case. The lady was arrested by police and Maya was kept safe until her mother came to receive her.





# Rescuing Girls

When a girl is sold, it's usually not something that she saw coming. A lot of time is put into luring her, making her believe everything she's told. When the day comes to ask her to travel or marry, she excitedly says yes. Yes to a wonderful life together. Yes to that wonderful job. Yes to a future better than she would have in her home village.

Then, when she arrives at her destination, the reality is gravely different. Her rights and privileges are taken away. She doesn't have a voice, and her freedom to choose is taken away from her. This is tragically the story for thousands of girls.

But when our teams find her and rescue her, all that was taken away from her is restored. She is lifted up and rehabilitated. She is given a new life and a new family. When a girl is rescued, her whole world is changed.



## JANUARY TO JUNE 2022 IMPACT

- **36 girls and young women** were rescued from hotels and brothels in Nepal and India.

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# Digital Games GONE WRONG

This is Sarita. She is 16 years old. Due to lockdown implementation by the government, the schools started regular classes online. During this period, she got into online games in her leisure time.

When she started to play a particular online game, she met a guy online from India. They got closer day by day, until one day, he proposed to her for marriage, which she eagerly accepted.

Believing his words, they decided they wanted to settle down in India and the guy took her towards India.

After reaching India, Sarita got shocked seeing that he had taken a room which he used to pimp her out. He molested her and abused her. He took her mobile phone and other devices so she couldn't call for help.

One day, Sarita secretly contacted her family through the guy's mobile and provided the full address where she was currently residing. Her family contacted our team, and she was successfully rescued and reunited with her family.



# Held Captive

Fifteen-year-old Sita was missing for a few days, and her sister went to one of our Help Desks to report her situation. The team investigated and finally found her in a man's house, held captive and sexually abused by the man and his alcoholic friends.

The man was arrested by police and Sita is now safe. She shared that she went with the man who promised to marry her and give her a better life than the one she currently had with her drug-addicted father. Sita and her sister received counselling and assistance.



## SOLD BY HER FRIEND

Rina is 26 years old was transported by her friend to India. She was promised a job in a garment factory and was excited to earn a good income to lift herself and her family out of poverty. Unfortunately, she was sold to a pimp for 150,000 rupees [US\$1,000].

She endured sexual exploitation from customers and daily abuse. She was able to secretly contact her mother one day and her mother contacted one of our teams for help.

In coordination with police, our team tracked her down and rescued her while her friend who sold her has now been arrested and is charged with human trafficking.



## Rescued from India

Punam's brother came to our Chitwan Help Desk seeking help to rescue her sister from India. After investigation, we came to know that a man had established a fake relationship with her and had taken her to India promising to marry and settle together.

Believing his false temptation, she moved to India. Once there, things were not like she expected. She had to endure torture; he forced her to engage in the sex trade.

Finally, she secretly called her brother from India and told him every misery she had been facing. Her brother requested the help desk for help. After coordination with district Police and Indian police, our team was able to rescue her and reunite her with her mother. The man was arrested for his crime. A case has been filed against him and the court will punish him according to the law.



# Hamro Abhiyan

## ANTI-TRAFFICKING AWARENESS PROGRAM



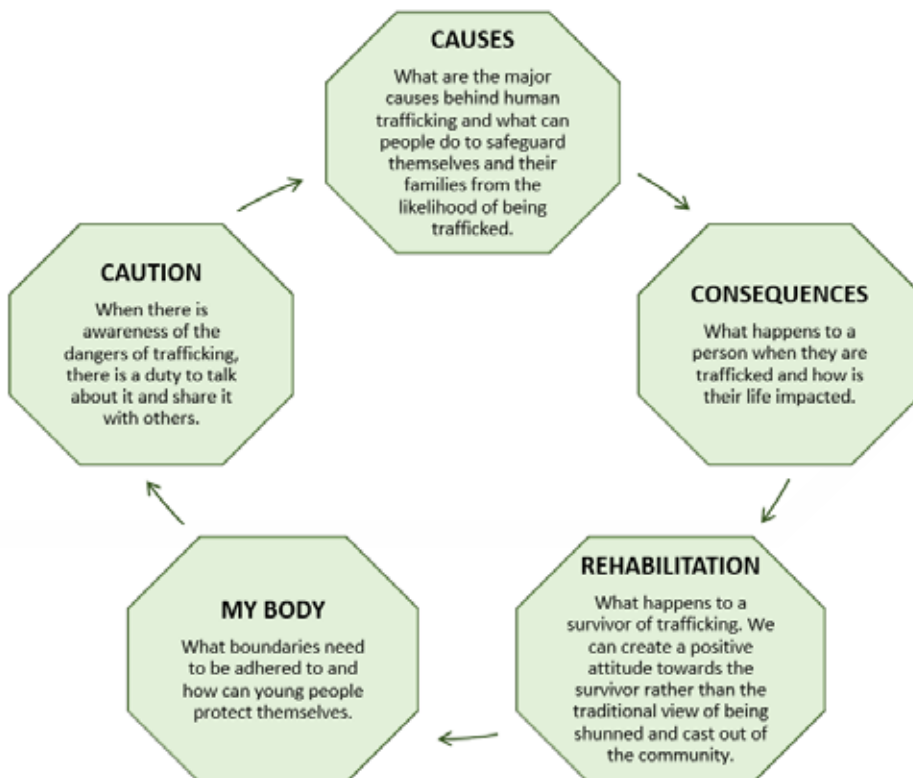
The Hamro Abhiyan Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Program is a hands-on, practical learning opportunity to create a full understanding of human trafficking in Nepal. Our team of facilitators are trained to run the activities, and engage the participants with interactive questions and answers.

This program is created for school students but is also facilitated in the army and police forces. The complexities and generations of misunderstanding and cultural prejudices are all discussed and faced head on. In order to change the society, the hard questions need to be answered and a new way needs to be shown.

A team of 11 organise the program throughout six (6) key regions of Nepal. Schools that are in high-risk trafficking areas are filled with children from poor families who are preyed on by traffickers. These students and their teachers are grateful that their true worth and value is seen and that there are people who are there to help, protect, and support them.

Police and Army personnel are another avenue that we support and train in order to help stop trafficking. This highly recognised and award-winning program is proving to be a huge success in all areas of prevention.

Each of the five different groups tackle a big issue.





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## The Hamro Team

The dedicated team of Hamro presenters carrying the equipment of the five different stations. While the team are close to each other, they are committed to spreading awareness about human trafficking in Nepal and helping to keep the next generation of Nepalis safe.



# Reflections

## FROM THE ARMY AND POLICE

After completing the Hamro Abhiyan program, one female officer shared that she had worked with 3 Angels Nepal at a border station before. This program has helped her to understand more fully the dangers of human trafficking and how best to defend the vulnerable.

Another female officer expressed her gratitude for this program. She found the practical demonstrations and awareness helped her to visualize the various causes, consequences, and preventative measures.







# Reflections

## FROM STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

At the end of one of the programs in a school, one of the students said "I was able to understand the causes and consequences of human trafficking, and different myths in my local village. I now know ways to address this and I will complain if I see anyone engaging in suspicious activity".

A ninth-grade student remarked that he lacked understanding about surrogacy. However, after attending the Hamro Abhiyan program, he was able to understand more about human trafficking and how surrogacy can also be a cause of human trafficking.

One of the school principals shared how he thought the Hamro program was so successful because of the practical and factual aspects of the program that influences everyone.

A teacher admitted that he had a misconception about human trafficking, believing that it primarily affects women and children. However, after seeing the Hamro Abhiyan awareness program, he realised that men are also vulnerable and should be aware of its causes and effects.



# My Business My Freedom

## MICROFINANCE PROGRAM FOR WOMEN AT-RISK OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Those who are poor, and stuck in the cycle of poverty, are the perfect target for traffickers. They prey on their vulnerability to want a better life, and are tricked into job opportunities that don't exist. The My Business My Freedom provides women with the support group to keep them safe, the training to be able to run a small business, and a microloan to be able to create and build their small business. In turn, because of her independence and financial stability, she is less likely to fall prey to traffickers and their false promises of a good job.

As families are desperate to rebuild their lives after the devastation of COVID, the My Business My Freedom program is bringing hope and a future to many desperate women. The flow on effect is that her children are able to stay in school and are also less likely to be trafficked. She is showing her children that there is a better way.





## JANUARY TO JUNE 2022 IMPACT

- **583 women** received a loan and started their own business since the start of MBMF
- **806 women** are part of the program's women's groups receiving regular training and mentoring.
- **530 women** currently have loans in the MBMF as active members
- **125 women** received their very first microloan through this program during January to June 2022. They completed their training and are ready for the next step with support from the MBMF team.
- **48 women's groups** are located throughout three regions of Nepal. There are around 12 to 25 women in each group. They meet monthly and are accountable to each other to keep on top of their loan repayments. They encourage and support each other through the tough times and celebrate with each other during the happy times like when a baby is born or when loans are repaid.

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# Srijana Women's Group

Padma is a successful woman and an active member of Srijana Women's Group. She is 37 years old and has a happy family of four. Her husband is in foreign employment while Padma is managing the family and taking care of the children. She spends her free time working in agriculture.

She joined the My Business My Freedom program in 2020 and received her first loan. She was excited to be able to start her goat rearing business and so purchased 4 goats. She was able to repay her loan within seven months and during that time, she also was able to purchase two more goats.

She took out a second microloan and purchased more goats. Now she has 11 goats and has earned Rs 130,000 [US\$1,000] so far.

Now, when money from her husband doesn't arrive on time, she is able to support herself and the children with her goat business. She is proud of her efforts and is a very active member of the Srijana Women's Group she is part of. She is an inspiration to other women and motivates them to do their best.





## FROM STRUGGLE *to Success*

Asha is 43 and used to run a successful gold and silver ornament shop. A while ago, her husband got into an accident and needed expensive medical help. She sold her shop to pay for her husband's treatment, however, unfortunately he died. Asha and her son were left with nothing and no income source.

He knew she could run a business but needed help to get started again. She found out about My Business My Freedom program and joined her local women's group. Her first loan was for Rs 30,000 [US\$340]. She opened a cosmetic and gift shop and started selling bags, purses, and cosmetics. Asha says "This was a sunbeam to her rainy days". She was able to repay her loan and took out a second microloan to expand her shop.

Now, her income is stable and she is able to financially support herself and her son. Asha is very thankful for the opportunity the My Business My Freedom Program has brought to her life.

# Laxmi's Tomatoes

Laxmi was married at the age of 19. Now 40, she lives in Pokhara and has a son and a daughter. Her husband is a driver but is not able to earn enough to be able to sustain their family financially.

They were in financial strife so when Laxmi heard about the My Business My Freedom program, she joined.

Her first loan was for Rs 40,000 [US\$300] where she made a greenhouse to grow tomatoes. Now her tomato plants are growing and looking good. She is very happy to own the greenhouse and is thankful for the opportunity to be able to financially support her needy family.



# Sitaba's Pigs

Sitaba is 28 years of age and has a family of four to care for from their main income source of maize and paddy farming. She recently joined the My Business My Freedom program and received her first microloan of RS 30,000 [US\$340] to start a pig farm. Her first big pig just had a litter of seven piglets. She says that she is going to have a very good income from this and will continue to grow her business and increase her family income.





## A DETERMINED

# *Young Woman*

Lila tried hard to find work but was never successful and found herself constantly struggling to make ends meet. She recently joined the My Business My Freedom program and was given the opportunity to start her small business. She had previously learned sewing but could never afford to start her business. She is now grateful to be able to use her skill to earn an income. She has been successfully repaying her microloan and dreams of growing her business and her income. With the support of the women's group she is now part of, the sky is the limit for this determined young woman.



# Safe Haven for Women

When a girl has been trafficked, often, she is not accepted back into her community. Her parents disown her. Her community rejects her. She is an outcast. The same thing applies if she is raped or falls pregnant because of the abuse she has received. She is young, broken, traumatized, and left on her own.

This is where our team comes in. They provide love, care, support, and a safe place to stay while she rebuilds her life. By the time she is ready to leave, she is confident and stronger. She has learned a skill that she can earn an income with to support herself. She has also become part of a family where she is loved, accepted, and valued.

The team at the Women's Safe Haven, along with the other women and girls who stay there, are her new family for life.







## JANUARY TO JUNE 2022 IMPACT

- **59 women / girls** were supported at the Safe Haven between January and June 2022. They received much needed counselling and a safe place to stay.
- **1 girl** gave birth in safety. Her precious little boy is named Adam and both mom and baby are doing well. You can read her story "New Life" on page 26.
- Skills-based training was provided to develop their confidence and ability to be able to provide for themselves, and not rely on others and fall for the lies and false promises of traffickers.
  - **14 participated** in the 3-month Shoe Making Training
  - **42 participated** in the 3-month Tailoring Training
  - **3 participated** in the 3-month Bakery Training

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# Shoe Business Dream



After the demise of Sita's father, her mother remarried so she had to drop her study in the middle of the semester.

One day, a stranger tempted her and took her to India to marry and settle.

After investigation, we came to know that she was being transported for trafficking. Seeing her on the verge of being trafficked, as well as there was no one to support her further, our Pokhara team intercepted her and kept her in a safe room at the office.

After medication from the hospital and counselling with our trained counsellors, she enrolled in tailoring training through the Women's Safe Haven. She is eagerly participating in this training and her plan is to start a shoe making business in the future.

## New life

When a girl is rescued, she is taken directly to the hospital for a full medical check. During Bindu's medial check, it was confirmed that she was seven months pregnant.

During counselling with her, she told that she met up with a boy in a hotel. Not long after, she started to feel ill and her belly began to grow.

She wanted to find the boy so went to India, except she was found by police homeless and lost. In coordination with Indian police and Nepali police, she was brought home and referred to the Women's Safe Haven.

She is safe now and the team at the Women's Safe Haven are taking good care of her. She gave birth to a baby boy, Adam, and both mother and baby are receiving very special care. She says that her baby has stolen her heart and helped her to overcome her painful days.



## DANGEROUS GAME

Mala's mother died when she was 3 years old, and her father is disabled as well as an alcoholic. She was brought up by her aunt who was helping with her schooling.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the government implemented a nationwide lockdown so regular schools started online. During that period, she engaged herself in an online game called PUBG. She enjoyed it a lot and started using social media throughout the day, convincing her aunt that she had online classes.

Eventually, she met a man through the game. They would be in regular contact through games and one day he asked her to visit him. At first, she refused to go, but then changed her mind and went to visit him.

When she arrived, she didn't know he was with his gang. They molested and physically abused her. She was found lying unconscious, and when the police found her, they immediately took her to the hospital.

For her safety and security, the hospital unit OCMC (one stop crisis management center) referred her to our team. Currently she is at the Women's Safe Haven, continuing her studies and preparing herself for her school exams.



## ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR REHABILITATED *Women*

95 girls and women along with their children, attended the 2022 annual conference in March. During this time together, the women who spent time in the Safe Haven and are now safely back in the community, shared about their new lives, their children, and those who have started successful businesses also shared with pride how they are now able to sustainably support their family.

We are so proud of each of these young women and the journey they have each travelled to be able to reach this point in their lives. The smiles and confidence seen in the rehabilitated women was a huge encouragement to those who are at the beginning of the rehabilitation journey. The support and encouragement filled the hearts of everyone who attended.





# Justice and Legal Aid



There are many injustices that occur every day in Nepal and our teams are present in communities to help women and those in vulnerable and disadvantaged situations with advice and legal help. The on-the-ground teams work closely with police and the Nepali legal system to help bring justice to those who have been trafficked and abused. Each trafficker who is arrested, means there is one less trafficker on the streets to buy and sell girls. We see this as the ultimate win for justice.

## JANUARY TO JUNE 2022 IMPACT

- **8 court cases** were filed in the court system. This was done with the help of the girl and local police.
- **42 traffickers were arrested.** Our team assisted in these arrests and helped in tracking down the perpetrator.
- **161 women** received legal assistance. This service provides help and advice for those who are abused or victimized. Women were informed of their rights and how to pursue legal matters. Some cases were referred to local lawyers for follow up; others were referred to our legal team.

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## A New Start for Chanti

Chanti, 20, approached the Chitwan Help Desk seeking help. She was being tortured by her husband although they only got married two years ago.

When they were first married, he loved her very much, but when they discovered she was barren, he started torturing her.

He married another lady and evicted Chanti from home. After approaching our help desk, our team helped her with legal support to bring her justice.

The team helped her get money that she was owed from her husband.

Chanti had nowhere else to go, and so she was taken to the Women's Safe Haven where she is currently engaged in learning the skill of tailoring. She will soon be strong enough, together with the skills that she has learned, to be able to be self-reliant and earn her own income to support herself.





## Relationships Mended

In January, a mother approached the Help Desk reporting that her daughter had been missing for four days. In coordination with area police, she was found on the way to the border train station.

After further investigation, we came to know she escaped from home, leaving her two children to escape her husband's daily excessive torture.

In coordination with district police, she was intercepted at the station. Efforts were made to reconcile the relationship with her husband in coordination with local authorities. In future days, if he repeated such an action he will be punished according to the law.

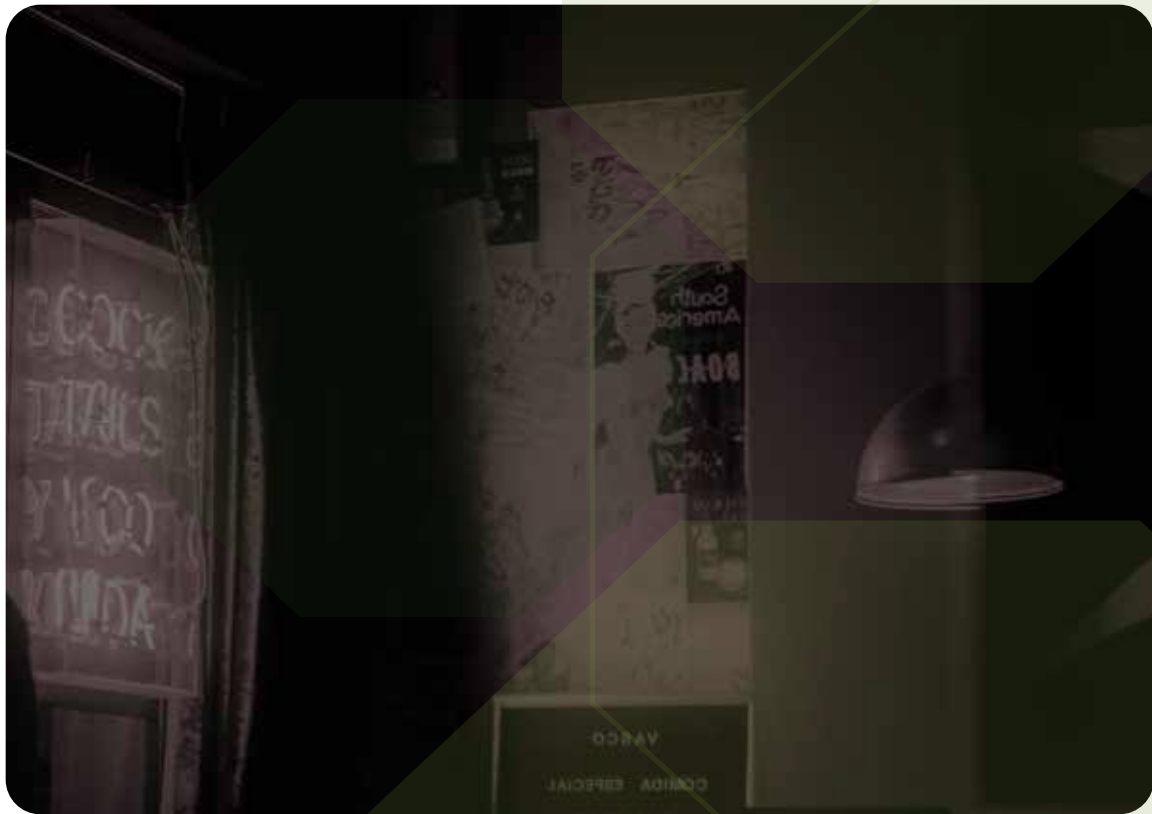
## SAVED FROM ABUSE

Drishti is 11. On the way to the office, our staff saw her desperately crying for help. She said that her parents took her from her home to Chitwan to do household work to earn money for the family, but the owner molested her time and time again.

She couldn't bear it anymore so she fled from the house and went to the bus park to go back to her village. However, she didn't have money to pay for the bus ticket. Through coordination with area police, her parents were called and she was reunited with her family.

She and her parents were given counseling and she went home with her parents. The house owner has been arrested and is facing court.





## TRAFFICKING RING EXPOSED

Three girls aged between 18 and 20, were desperate to make something more of their lives than their little village could offer. They met with an agent who lured them into the false hope of going abroad for work.

Through the investigation, it was discovered that this trafficking ring had been sending girls under 20 years of age, to other countries for years.

On their way to India, they were stopped at the border and during the interview, they revealed their experiences and suspicion arose. When they revealed their destination was Oman and showed their fake passports, the police were called. The gang was caught, and a legal case has commenced where these traffickers will be punished. The girls are now reunited with their families after necessary counselling and information about trafficking was shared.

# 3 ANGELS

## Community Radio

The team at 3 Angels Community Radio are committed to serving their fellow Nepalis. This is done by broadcasting multiple programs across multiple platforms that talk through many different issues and discusses topics that are important to the local people. The many programs cover the issues of Human Trafficking, Violence against Women, Legal Advice, and Counseling Support. They also take the time to get out in the community and talk with locals about their small businesses, where they can offer tips and ideas for others who are wanting to gain financial stability.

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## Valuing Women

The Nepali Daughter program is broadcast five days a week. Some of the key topics this past six months included domestic violence in Nepal, girls and child trafficking and its causes, online sexual harassment, women entrepreneurship, women in government and social sectors, gender discrimination, and legal counselling. Kabita Shrestha (President of SANCHARIKA Group Gandaki Province), Pooja (a Security Guard), and Chinu (Beautician Specialist/ Activist), were interviewed by the lovely Asha who hosts the Nepali Daughter Program.

## COMMUNICATING GOOD HEALTH

Thirty (30) health-related episodes have been broadcast. General health issues including allergies, leprosy, skin diseases, uterus cancer, kidney failure, COVID-vaccination, nutritious food, hand washing techniques, dental disease, mental illnesses, and scabies, were discussed with reputable doctors and nurses in the medical field. Relevant health services in Nepal were also discussed for people to know where to get help if they need it.



# Branching Out

The team at 3ACR are aware that times are changing, and that they need to be present and have a voice on all platforms of communication. A **Radio App** has been created that now has over 100,000 listeners daily.

To reach even more people, the team are also live streaming their programs through **Facebook**. This has a large following with over two thousand people watching.

**TikTok** is the most used platform in Nepal currently, and so the team are starting to branch out into this area and is already gathering over three thousand followers.

Each of these platforms are helping to spread information that is informative, encouraging and practical, and along with regular radio listeners, the 3ACR team are reaching an estimated **1.2 million people** each quarter.



## SKILLS-BASED TRAINING

Mr. Pramod Acharya, Director or Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training (CTEVT) in the Gandaki Province was interviewed live on 3ACR. He informed listeners of the efforts being made to provide technical skills and vocational training to women. Eight listeners called the station hotline to ask about skills-based training during the program.



# Learning the Ways

## OF LIVING ABROAD

Laxmi is 43 years old. Her daily routine begins with herding the cows and goats in the morning. She does her daily work by turning the radio up loudly. She listens to almost every program broadcasted by the 3 Angels Community Radio. She especially likes the '3 Angels Highlights news' and the '3 Angels Hearing' & 'Nepali Daughter's Program' which are broadcasted in the morning.

In the program, along with the issues surrounding human trafficking, she also listens to the sufferings of the poor. By listening to the radio program, she came to know how human trafficking can happen and the reasons behind it. She also has a 20-year-old younger sister who is trying to go abroad for financial support for the family.



Laxmi, who has been listening to our program about human trafficking every day, was worried that her sister might be trafficked somewhere. After that, Laxmi asked her sister to listen to the 3ACR programs with her.

One day, the two of them came to the radio station to meet the team they love to listen to every day. They talked with the two sisters and answered their many questions, while also addressing the concerns about travelling abroad for work.

Laxmi's sister has now decided not to go abroad but rather find a job in Nepal. The radio team has also taken the initiative to help her find a job. Many girls like her have been inspired to do something in the country through the radio program.

# Radio is My School

Mansuba a 60-year-old old woman who is a regular listener of 3 Angels Community Radio.

She was married at the age of 13, she never went to school, but she knows a great deal about life, the world, women's rights, human trafficking, moral education, and law.



She says, every day she learns something new from the radio and that the radio has become her school. She doesn't just keep what she knows and learns to herself, she also tells others in her community about women's rights and human trafficking, and she advises many women to listen to the program 'Nepali Daughter' so that no one gets involved in human trafficking.

She has been listening to 3 Angels Community Radio for the last year and she came to visit the station in February. She also expressed her appreciation to the radio team for being her best friends.

## SOME OF THE EXTRA THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN HAPPENING AT THE RADIO STATION DURING THE JANUARY TO JUNE 2022 PERIOD

As journalists, the radio staff participated in over 70 press meetings held by government officials, NGOs, INGOs, mothers' groups, youth clubs, and social organizations.

Over 800 people called in the '3 Angels Hearing Program'. This program is being broadcasted each morning from 7:30 to 8:30 am. This is a live radio program that gives opportunity to share listeners' problems, knowledge, ideas, thoughts, and all kinds of problems they are facing in day-to-day life. Most of the callers' issues were solved with the team's assistance.

A special radio talk show was facilitated on International Women's Day (8th March 2022). In the conversation, women's issues were discussed with Pokhara's advocate Juna Kumari Gurung. In the program, five participants gained legal knowledge by making direct telephone contact and asking questions.

A special interview day was arranged on June 19 on 'Against Sexual Violence Awareness Day. Key issues were discussed including social issues and how each person is responsible for their own actions and how that can create a change in the culture of violence and abuse in Nepal.



# Captivating Village Program

For over seven years we've been fighting to intercept and rescue girls from human trafficking in Nepal. And although the important work of rescues and interceptions will always continue as the last line of defense for many of these girls, we all realize that until the root causes of human trafficking can be addressed, girls will always need rescuing.

So, we had a new idea.

Research is clear that the primary cause of girls being trafficked is desperation caused by extreme poverty. So, we sent out this challenge. "If we had \$5,000, what impact could we make in an impoverished village to stop girls from becoming victims of child marriage, child labour, or human trafficking". The conclusion was almost always the same. Stabilize education - keep every girl in school for as long as possible.



So the Captivating Village Program was launched, and aims to cover these key points:

1. All out-of-school girls will be offered a scholarship, and mentored back into the school system (We estimate 20 to 30 girls per village);
2. All scholarship girls will receive regular training on life skills, keeping safe, their rights, personal hygiene, and increased confidence;
3. A staff member will be specifically assigned as liaison and official overseer of ALL girls in this village to ensure regular school enrollment, look out for child marriage issues and human trafficking risks;
4. Village parents and leaders attend awareness sessions on the value of girls, laws regarding child marriage, and how to address poverty;
5. Improvements will be made to the local school improving the quality of education resources, and addressing facility upgrades (where funding allows);
6. Where possible, selected women/girls leaving school will join the Captivating MY BUSINESS - MY FREEDOM Microfinance program to address their poverty.



This program literally transforms the circumstances for not just the out-of-school girls in this village, but so much more.

THE CAPTIVATING VILLAGE PROJECT SO FAR			
Village	Girls Back in School	Funded by	Matched by
CVP 01	32	G&S.H.	Lightstream Foundation
CVP 02	25	A.T.	Jamoca Foundation
CVP 03	20	B.G.	Lightstream Foundation
CVP 04	15	J.E.	Whalen Family Foundation
CVP 05	20	J.E.	Whalen Family Foundation
CVP 06	11	J.M.	Whalen Family Foundation
CVP 07	10	L&D.M.	Whalen Family Foundation
CVP 08	15	Kingscliff SDA	Whalen Family Foundation
CVP 09	In progress	J.S., M&V.J., J&W.D.	Midnight Charity Run
CVP 10	In progress	L.T.	Midnight Charity Run
CVP 11	In progress	H&C.L.	Midnight Charity Run
CVP 12	In progress	D&D.C., F&T.S., J.B., R.K.	Midnight Charity Run
CVP 13	In progress	N.V., L.F., W.VDV.	The French Beauty Academy
CVP 14	In progress	J.G.	The French Beauty Academy
CVP 15	In progress	T&S.A.	The French Beauty Academy
<b>TOTAL GIRLS BACK IN SCHOOL</b>		<b>148</b>	

## BRIEFING THE TEAM

Community Educators are brought together to go out two by two into villages to find girls who are not in school regularly, or not in school at all. House visits are conducted, as well as meeting with local government school principals to help understand the situation of some of these girls. The team have access to online information that they can draw from to help them with the interview process and submitting the details and situation of each girl who fits the criteria for the program.

This group of women are passionate about reaching girls who are in vulnerable situations and helping them to get back in school. They also become mentors to the girls as they progress in their education.

## Mentoring

Each of the Community Educators are trained on how to help the girls in their learning. These mentoring training sessions continue for seven days. Learning is meant to be fun and creative and that's just what these women are taught to do. By the end of the seven days, they are ready to go out and change the world, one girl at a time.





## ALMOST MARRIED, *Now Back in School*

Anamika was born into a poor family with three other sisters. Due to poverty, her parents are getting ready to send their four young daughters to be married (even though they are under the legal age for marriage). The parents' traditional cultural belief is that girls are born to be sent to their husband's house rather than stay with their parents.

Despite Anamika's strong desire to go to school, her parents refused to let her go. When our staff sat down to talk with her parents, they started to understand the importance of education for their daughter and how marrying her at a young age was not a safe or right thing to do.

Now, at the age of 12, she is back in school in grade 4. Her dream of education is coming true. Our team will be there to support her and her parents through the schooling process, while also mentoring Anamika with her learning and future dreams.


## *Dreams do Come True*

Kausila is from a poor family. Her mother suffered from postpartum depression after giving birth to her and has not been able to properly care for her. While she was still a little girl, her father left. Her uncle took responsibility to make sure she was able to go to school, but unfortunately, she lost her uncle in an accident. Because of that, she had to drop her study in the middle of the school year. Her dream of going back to school was just a dream. She had no one to support her.

During the home visitations, our team met with her and listened to her story. When she was told that she would be able to go back to school because of the Captivating Village Program, her eyes filled with grateful tears.

Now, she is back in school, studying in grade 9. Her dream has come true. The smile on her face says it all.





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