

# *Beauty from Ashes*

STOPPING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NEPAL



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# Message from the Founders

To Our Dear Captivating Nepal supporters,

As another six months comes to an end, we want to acknowledge the amazing achievements that have been made possible in Nepal thanks to an amazing group of people. You will read about some of these achievements in the report that follows.

The work of Captivating in Nepal is made possible due to three different agencies, each tasked with different roles and responsibilities - Captivating, 3 Angels Nepal (3AN), and Global Development Group. As the diagram shows, all three agencies work together to define and agree our strategies for addressing Human Trafficking in Nepal, and then each goes about our own unique job to make it happen. For Captivating, our focus is on raising funds to support the agreed program budgets which includes all our communications and updates. For 3 Angels Nepal, Rajendra, Sarah and team work hard each day to implement the projects and programs. Global Development Group works as our independent assessor to ensure our work meets and complies with government requirements and regulations, as well as ensuring our donations remain tax-deductible to donors where possible.

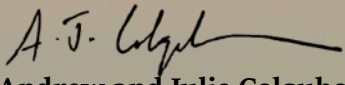


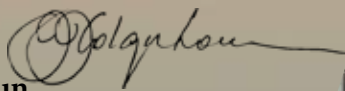
We mention this because we have recently completed our 3-year plans for work under the banner of Captivating Nepal. Central to our plans will continue to be our focus on Interception, Rescue and Rehabilitation of trafficking victims. The expansion plans will be focused mainly on its prevention programs. There will, however, also be a significantly increased emphasis on rehabilitation support to rescued victims with **3AN's WOMEN'S SAFE HAVEN** doubling its impact from now on. Our **MY BUSINESS - MY FREEDOM** microfinance program will expand to address the poverty that sits behind human trafficking incidences. Captivating will also continue to be the key funding partner of 3AN's radio program which will include a push into YouTube and other media.

We are also thrilled to start trialling new prevention program called **CAPTIVATING VILLAGE PROGRAM**. This will see us work directly with impoverished village leadership committees implementing solutions directly focused on keeping their girls safe from trafficking, child marriage, gender inequality and violence. Getting these girls back into school and keeping them there will be one of the key strategies adopted. We will be starting our first 3 villages in the coming months and look forward to updating you on how these have progressed. Once we feel confident with the impact of "Captivating Village programs", we aim to then expand as fast as we can.

To the leaders of our partner organizations and their amazing teams, 3 Angels Nepal and Global Development Group, thank you for your undying dedication and partnership. To our supporters reading this report, we thank you for your ever-generous hearts.

With heartfelt thanks,

  
**Andrew and Julie Colquhoun**  
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# Intercepting Girls

## STOPPING GIRLS BEFORE THEY ARE TRAFFICKED AND LOST FOREVER

Would you know if someone was being trafficked? Sometimes it's obvious, but most of the time it's not. There are lots of red flags that our teams pay close attention to. They are all well trained on what to look out for and the specific questions to ask. They work within the communities they live in, and notice immediately when something isn't right. Our team and the local police work closely together to keep their communities safe. This is invaluable for the protection of our teams as they work in a vicious, money-driven world where it's estimated\* a Nepali girl is trafficked every 17 minutes.

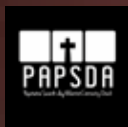
Our monitoring stations have been 100% operational for this July to December reporting period. Due to COVID, there is still reduced movement by everyone in Nepal, but we anticipate these interception numbers will spike as everyone starts getting out and about more attempting to secure work.

*\*by our field partner 3 Angels Nepal*

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## JULY TO DECEMBER 2021 IMPACT

Captivating fully funded the anti-human trafficking work of 3 Angels Nepal and underwrote the administration, management and support costs for Tiny Hands Nepal/Love Justice Nepal (support that came to an end December 2021). In total, Captivating supported 31 monitoring stations throughout Nepal. The impact has been significant:

- **7,110** WOMEN WERE TAKEN ASIDE AND INTERVIEWED by trained staff about their travel plans.
- **2,178** GIRLS AND WOMEN WERE STOPPED/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. Staff were concerned they were in the process of being trafficked.
- Of the 2,178 girls intercepted, **447** GIRLS WERE REFERRED TO THE POLICE because substantial, hard evidence was able to be 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. In all cases, the police record the details of "intercepted" girl/women and they are required to report to their local police office to confirm they have safely returned home.

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## *Against Her Father's Will*

Deepa, 17, dropped her study after grade 9 due to the poor financial situation of her family. It was very difficult to continue her education when the family couldn't even afford two meals a day.

Suman, 32, who lived near Deepa's house, tried to convince her mother that she would be able to get jobs in India if they are willing to send her daughter. He also promised that he would pay for the travel expenses for her. But her father was unhappy to send his daughter off. However, her mother was fully convinced with the hope that if her daughter got employed she would not have to live a horrible life like them.

Though her father was unhappy, but with the support of her mother, she went with the man.

They were stopped at the Dhangadhi border and during the questioning, Deepa revealed that she was taught various things on the way such as how to respond to several questions if anyone asks. She was asked to call him her uncle if anyone asked.

The lies she was asked to tell was strong evidence about the fact that she was being trafficked. Further investigation of this case is ongoing with the man while Deepa has returned to her home after counselling was provided to her and her parents.





## Disowned by Her Parents

Tekmaya was intercepted with her “boyfriend” on the way to India. The police were notified because they had inconsistent paperwork.

He promised her a bright future in India. It was discovered that he had a wife and two children which Tekmaya was unaware of. Trying to escape, he was immediately arrested for running from the police.

Tekmaya was sent to the Women’s Safe Haven because her family refused to take her back and she had nowhere else to go.



## Ratna is Now Safe

Our field partner, Tiny Hands, recently intercepted a 16-year-old girl, Radhika, from a bus station. She initially caught the attention of our monitors because she looked extremely drowsy, and her head was covered with a black shawl that hid her face. During questioning, she claimed to be traveling for a short period of time, but our monitors noticed that she was carrying a large bag full of clothing.

She was traveling with two men, Sabin (21) and Ratna (25), and during the interview, our team uncovered multiple contradictions in their stories. After conducting a thorough investigation, our staff determined that these two men had lured Radhika to run away from her home without informing any of her family members. Furthermore, Radhika eventually shared that while they were traveling together, she had been sexually abused by both men at a hotel in Dharan.

On the day of the interception, Sabin and Ratna were trying to cross the border with Radhika, with plans to take her to Delhi. When Radhika’s family was contacted, they requested our staff to stop her from traveling. A legal case has been filed against the two suspects.





## Deception

Mina, 18, lives in one of the most remote parts of Nepal. She was intercepted at the Nepal/India border along with a man she was travelling with after showing signs of suspicious behavior.

During the questioning, it was found that the man promised to marry Mina and live together in India. During the investigation, police found information from his mobile that the man was already married and had a family in India.

Mina was shocked to find these strange details. The man could not deny the fact about his family to Mina. Mina asked our staff to help her to reach her home and reunite with her family.



## Fake Job

Rahuli, 16, was stopped at the border along with a lady. Both of them were questioned about their travel plans into India. It was discovered that Rahuli was offered a fake job by the other lady.

It was also discovered that the lady was on the police wanted list. The district police arrested her and Rahuli has been reunited with her parents.

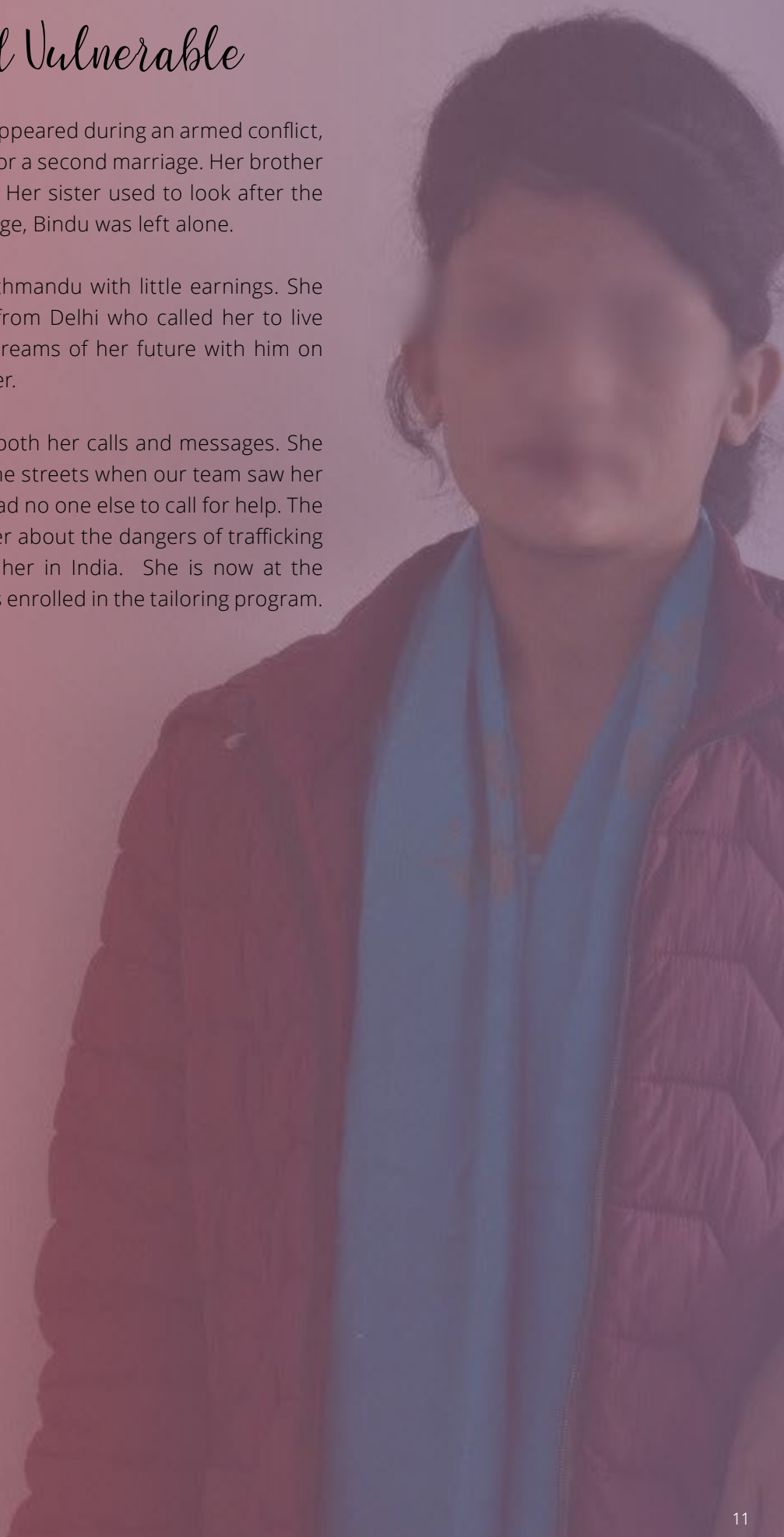


## *Alone and Vulnerable*

Bindu is 22. Her father disappeared during an armed conflict, and her mother fled away for a second marriage. Her brother went to India to find work. Her sister used to look after the family, but after her marriage, Bindu was left alone.

She started to work in Kathmandu with little earnings. She had an affair with a man from Delhi who called her to live there. She saw beautiful dreams of her future with him on her trip to the Indian border.

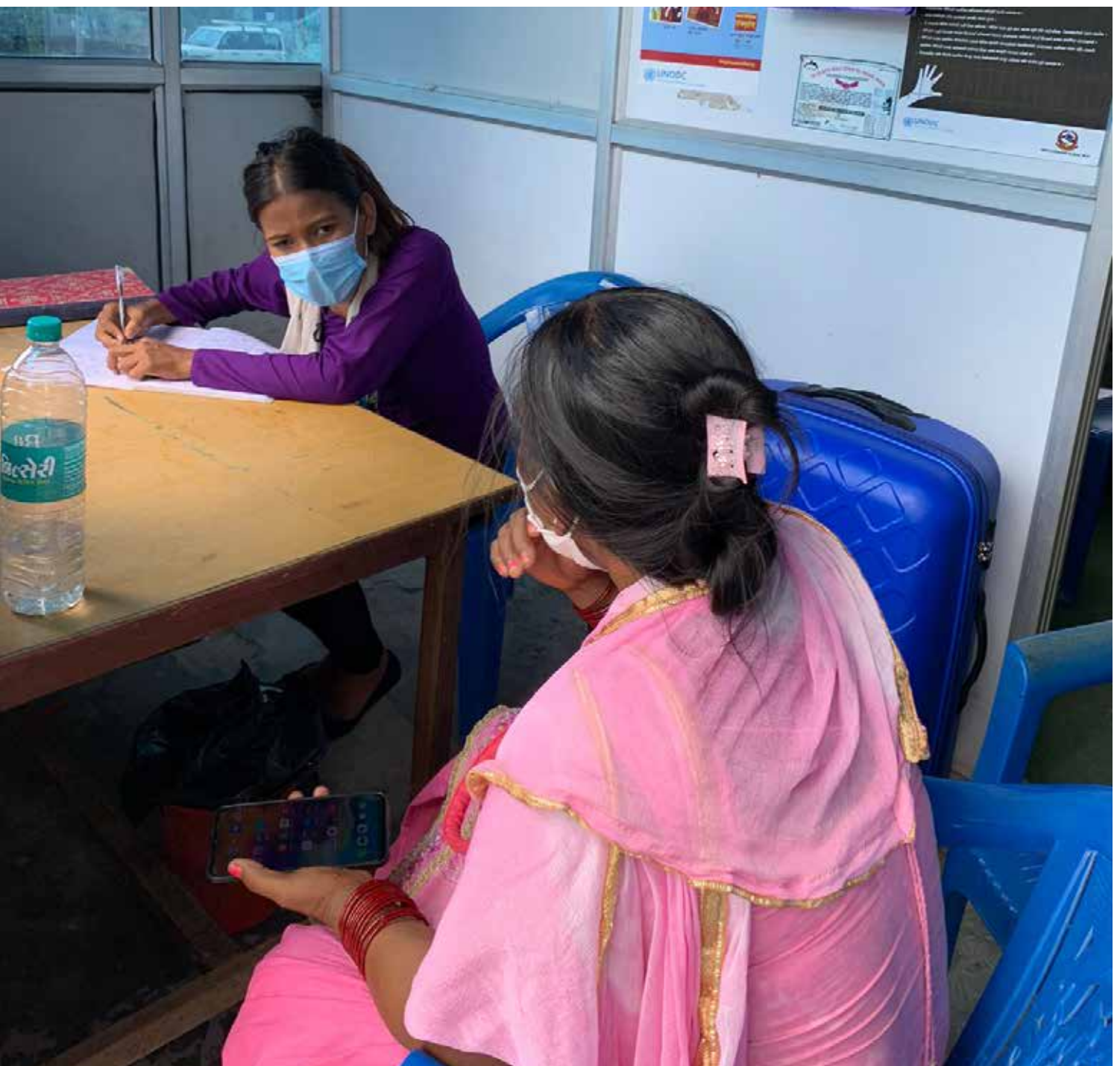
At the border, he ignored both her calls and messages. She was walking helplessly in the streets when our team saw her and interviewed her. She had no one else to call for help. The border team talked with her about the dangers of trafficking of vulnerable women like her in India. She is now at the Women's Safe House and is enrolled in the tailoring program.



3 Angels Nepal staff at the border stations









# Rescuing Girls

Human trafficking is one of the world's most lucrative industries. There is a price tag attached to girls and interfering in someone's financial investment is dangerous business. But, she is valued, loved and worth saving. Through coordination with police and local authorities, raids and rescue missions are planned and executed to rescue girls who have been sold and held captive both in India and Nepal.

## JULY TO DECEMBER 2021 IMPACT

**26 GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN WERE RESCUED** from hotels and brothels in Nepal and India

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## Ten Girls Rescued

IN JULY, IN COORDINATION WITH POLICE, 10 young girls were successfully rescued from a hotel. They were forcefully made to engage in the sex trade. Information was received that a specific hotel had these women held up in illegal sexual activities.

According to the police, the hotel had also been renting another house near the hotel and running an illegal sex business there. Ten women, including seven from the house and three from the hotel, were rescued. The women gave statements to police following their rescue.

The rescued women were from various parts of Nepal and the hotel operator admitted that he had been sending them to various other hotels in his area for sex work.

After their rescue, the women were kept at the Area Police Office for legal help and further questioning. With help from our team, the women are now back at their homes, safe.



## Child is Now Safe

Banhi is 11 and was rescued from a Nepali hotel. In coordination with local area Police it was discovered that she was forced in the sex trade by the owner with NPR 5,000 [US\$40] being paid monthly to her parents.

She was originally brought to the hotel to wash dishes, but she was made to serve customers despite being very young. The hotel owner is facing legal charges and the girl is under the supervision of the local government for her protection as the local government will be helping her with legal procedures.



## *Safe at Home Again*

Samata is 23. One of her closest relatives tempted her under the false pretext of going to another country where she can earn good money. Believing his words, Samata moved with him in hope of a better future.

He took her to India and involved her in the sex trade. She was tortured and pimped out. Her parents filed a missing report with the help of our staff. In coordination with district police and Indian police, one of our team joined the small rescue mission. After counseling, she was reunited back with her family.

## *Three Girls Rescued from India*

Yuvani and Malati with her 6-month-old daughter, were returning home from shopping at a market three kilometres away from their home. During their trip home, a man offered the tired girls drinks which made them unconscious. He took them to a hotel and the next day he moved them to India via motorbikes.

Their parents reported their disappearance to one of our local branches, and after coordinating with the Indian Police and tracking their whereabouts, the three girls were rescued by our team from India and reunited with their families.







## *Escaping a Brothel in India*

Kalika was married at a young age due to financial difficulties. Her marriage was not good and she was abused and assaulted daily. To escape the pain, she fled to a different region and searched for employment. She was approached by a woman.

She sold Kalika to a brothel in India after providing her false hope of good employment there. While there, Kalpana had to satisfy more than fifteen guests a day in order to have one meal a day. She was in hell. One day, she lied to the owner regarding having abdomen pain, and she was transferred to another facility.

While the next owner was busy partying, she asked to go to the bathroom and ran away from the facility. She was found in India alone and helpless with her baby son. With the help of the Indian Police and the local Nepali Police, she was brought back to Nepal. Both Kalika and her son are now safe and at the Women's Safe Haven. She is learning skills in tailoring and receiving much needed medical and psychological help.

She wishes to see the pimp who sold her punished, but her documents are difficult to collect due to unsupportive family members and the community. It is common for girls like Kalika who have experienced the things she has, for her family and her community to reject her. But despite all this, her case has been filed with the help of our legal team, and is being processed in court.



# Hamro Abhiyan

## ANTI-TRAFFICKING AWARENESS PROGRAM

One of our efforts in the prevention of human trafficking is through the award winning Hamro Abhiyan program. It is hoped that the education and exposure of the Hamro Abhiyan Anti-Trafficking program will yield fruit in the form of fewer cases of girls being trafficked and, therefore, fewer girls needing to be intercepted at the border crossings.

This is a long-term strategy but one about which we and the 3 Angels Nepal team feel excited and confident. We all need to work hard to see a future where significantly reduced incidences of girls being tricked into a terrible and potentially life ending situation takes place.

### WHAT IS THE HAMRO ABHIYAN PROGRAM?

Great question! We are proud of this program and the direct impact it has with students in grades 10 to 12. A typical program consists of 75 students from a school who are selected to take part in this hands-on, interactive program. The students are divided into five groups that tackle five key areas:

In 2022, we aim to roll out the program across 80 schools in high-risk trafficking regions.





**MANY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED** in hot-spot trafficking regions of Nepal. These students are from poor, lower class families and are considered easier targets by traffickers.

Police and army training facilities have also asked for this award-winning program. These men and women have huge impact in the community and are of incredible value to the fight against human trafficking in Nepal. Our aim is to help them become passionate about anti-human trafficking activities.

We are proud of this dedicated team of trained anti-trafficking experts who facilitate the Hamro Abhiyan program. It is very interactive and creates positive discussion about real life situations and games that help reinforce the subject.

### JULY TO DECEMBER 2021 IMPACT

Due to lockdowns, schools have been closed for a few months this period. When they were finally opened again in September, the teams made a big push to visit schools as well as police training facilities, to host the Hamro Abhiyan Anti-Human Trafficking Program. During this time:

- **32 SCHOOLS** hosted the program
- **2,851 STUDENTS** participated in the program
- **618 ARMY AND POLICE** participated in 8 programs

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## Training the Nepali Police and Armed Forces

THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF NEPAL ARMED FORCES expressed his gratitude for the Hamro Abhiyan program that helped his soldiers to learn a lot about human trafficking in Nepal in just a short period of time. He knows this knowledge will help increase vigilance against trafficking through the support of the armed forces.

THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE expressed his thankfulness for such a wonderful program. He stated, *"The program was successful to deliberately provide the relevant enormous knowledge about human trafficking which directly helps our police to deliver effective and relevant services."*





## Hamro Abhiyan at Schools across Nepal

One student, after attending the Hamro Abhiyan program, expressed her learning.

*"I have learnt to respect the survivor, and if we show them respect, love and care, then they can live a happy life and better future ahead."*

*"After attending the program, I became aware on this issue. I also came to know that if such cases are found near my locality, I'm clear about the place where to report," said a student while reflecting on the program.*





## Hamro Abhiyan Program in communities





## Reflections from Educators

**THE PRINCIPAL OF ONE OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS** said, *"This program plays an important role in prevention. More than 18 border areas are open, especially since young girls are falsely trafficked here. I really hope this program will be something that will help them. Practical knowledge is really important and essential to these communities."*

**THE PRINCIPAL OF BETHEL SCHOOL** expressed gratitude for running such a fine program. *"The program is unique and also includes the necessary information, which is all carried out in the curriculum. The uniqueness about it is that it is a youth led program. It provides knowledge about human trafficking in a very practical manner to the students in a relatable way. It is really appreciated."*

**A TEACHER IN ONE OF THE SCHOOLS** reflected on the Hamro program and explained that it was difficult for him to talk with the students about human trafficking however, now he has a clear understanding of the issue and knows the students do too.





# My Business My Freedom

## MICROFINANCE LOANS FOR WOMEN AT RISK OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The devastation that COVID has put on family's financial incomes has been ruthless. Those already barely able to provide daily food for their families, find themselves in dire situations. The temptation of selling/trafficking neighbors, family members or people they don't even know, becomes a viable option; one that they would have never thought about previously.

The My Business - My Freedom microfinance program provides opportunities where women can provide for their families in a safe and supportive environment. Each woman who is part of this program, receives training and support prior to her first loan as well as all through her loan cycle by our trained loan staff.

The support she receives from the women's group means so much to her. She knows she has women who she can confide in and trust to help her hold her head high in her community, as well as hold her accountable to the promise she made to repay the loan and work in her business.

### JULY TO DECEMBER 2021 IMPACT

- **438 WOMEN HAVE A LOAN** supporting their small business
- **647 WOMEN ARE PART OF THE PROGRAM'S WOMEN'S GROUPS** receiving regular training and mentoring.
- **32 WOMEN RECEIVED THEIR VERY FIRST MICROLOAN** through this program during July to December 2021. They have completed their training and are ready for the next step with support from the MBMF team.
- **45 WOMEN'S GROUPS ARE LOCATED THROUGHOUT THREE REGIONS OF NEPAL.** There are around 12 to 18 women in each group. They 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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## *A New Start for Sunita*

Sunita is 27 and joined the My Business My Freedom program in August.

As a little girl, both her parents passed away so she had no one to send her to school. She got married but her husband wasn't able to find work. They moved to Pokhara to find work. The couple struggled to earn sufficient money to even eat 2 meals a day.

She was skilled at tailoring and so with her first microloan of Rs. 50,000 [US\$400], she decided to open a small tailoring shop. She is happy that she is able to earn sufficient amounts and have savings after paying off monthly installments.



## *Bright Future for Muna*

Muna's husband found it difficult to find work and the family were struggling to have enough food to eat two meager meals a day. When she found out about the My Business My Freedom micro-finance program, she immediately applied.

Her first loan was NPR 20,000 [US\$170] and she bought some chickens. She repaid her microloan in no time and took out her second microloan to purchase some pigs. Currently paying off her second loan, she is proud to report that her family is now eating well. Muna is excited about the future and that she will be able to provide for her growing family.



## Unemployed to Employer

Jyoti has a son and a daughter. Her husband is still unemployed. They had to depend on daily labour to sustain their livelihood. Jyoti had learnt tailoring skills but no one provided her employment and she didn't have any funds to buy a sewing machine.

Three years ago, she had heard about the MBMF program while attending one of our Anti-Human Trafficking awareness activities. When our staff was aware of her situation, she was told that she could become an entrepreneur with the current skills she had.

She was so excited about the prospect of her future when she received the first loan of Rs. 50,000 [US\$400] three years ago. With the help of the funds, she bought a sewing machine and began her entrepreneurial journey.

After she was able to clear the first loan, she received a second loan of Rs. 60,000 [US\$500] to expand her business. With a second loan, she purchased three additional sewing machines. Now she has four employees working in her tailoring shop. Her daily earning was between Rs.3000 to Rs 5000 [US\$25-US\$40]. But after the COVID lockdowns, her business has significantly decreased.

She hopes that after the lockdown is lifted, she will have her business back to normal. She shares that she is so proud of being able to help her employees even during the lockdown. She says, if she can properly take care of her employees, then they will take care of her business even in difficult times. We were amazed to witness her journey from the stage of being unemployed to becoming an employer. Now, she is BOLD, DETERMINED and EMPOWERED – more than she was three years ago.





## *Now All Her Children are Back in School*

Shanti was married at an early age. Her husband works as a daily waged laborer and his minimal pay is not sufficient to provide for the family and the schooling of their children. Because of this, their daughter stopped going to school.

When she became a member of My Business My Freedom 2 years ago, she took her first loan of NPR 30,000 [US\$250]. She built a coop where she raised chickens. She quickly started to make a profit and easily paid off the loan.

From her chicken business she is able to make regular income for her family. Now she is able to provide food for her children each day at school as well as notebooks and stationery materials. Her children, including her daughter, are much more motivated and excited to go to school now and continue their education.







## Empowering Women

Under the leadership of our Program Manager, Laxmi, the My Business My Freedom team work hard to find and select women who desperately need help. The team create women's groups where these women are encouraged to become a support system to each other. Through their journey, they encourage each other in the respective businesses and motivate each other to gain financial independence.

When new women join the program, they rarely have the confidence to even stand and speak their name. After training and mentoring, they are more confident to share about their business and discuss social and women's issues in their society. The transformation is not only financial stability but also a new-found confidence in their abilities and capacity to provide for their families.







Far left: Laxmi, My Business My Freedom Program Manager





# Safe Haven for Women

There is a stigma in Nepal that follows someone who has been trafficked, raped or fallen pregnant out of wedlock. Often, families won't accept them back into their homes. These survivors of trauma have nowhere else to go. We are proud to be able to offer a safe place of support and rehabilitation for women and girls who are survivors.

They are provided with medical care, counselling, and skill building to help build confidence and independence. When the time is right, although the scars remain, these women are able to leave. They leave stronger and more confident, and with a network of support.

Due to the impact of COVID and an increased emphasis on **RESCUE** in our anti-trafficking strategies, the capacity of the Women's Safe Haven program has almost doubled. Our continued thanks to our dedicated group of donors who have made this possible.

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## JULY TO DECEMBER 2021 IMPACT

- 47 WOMEN / GIRLS WERE SUPPORTED AT THE SAFE HAVEN between July to December 2021. They received much needed counselling and a safe place to stay. Various forms of training and skill building is provided for these women who need 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.

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## *A Bright Future for Salena*

Salena has been residing at Women's Safe Haven for the past two years. She has just graduated from the national level Secondary Education Examination. She has not only been able to overcome her past trauma but is highly positive about the future.

She was a victim of rape and was in a bondage situation. She was rescued and her case has been filed in court with the help of our legal team against the perpetrator. While she waits for the court's verdict, she has found refuge at the Women's Safe Haven. In the meantime, she is excited to be able to finish year 11 and 12.







## Kranti's Story

In August, Kranti was intercepted at the Nepal/India border. This case is critical and severe in nature. Therefore, police recommended our team go to her village to file the case. The 3AN legal team, including our lawyer, travelled 10 hours to file her case.

Kranti's mother was in tears when she found out about how her daughter became the victim of trafficking, regular rape and several kinds of abuse since her childhood.

On the way back to the Women's Safe Haven, she had some health issues. So, she was taken directly to the hospital for treatment.

Kranti is 17 years old and pregnant. Two perpetrators have been caught by police and Kranti is at the Women's Safe Haven receiving much needed counselling and medical care.





## Justice for Sophie

Sophie, 19, was repeatedly raped by her father and uncle, and she was pimped out to other men. Her four months pregnancy was aborted as per her request.

A court case has been filed and police have arrested several men involved in raping her while a few others are still on the search list.

3AN team traveled 8 hours on a hilly and muddy road to file a court case and follow up in her local place of residence. There are several more trips needed until her case is complete. She is living at the Women's Safe Haven and receiving the care and support she needs. She is also learning the skill of tailoring. This will help her to build confidence and independence as she rehabilitates from her traumas.





## Follow Up

An important part of the rehabilitation plan is the aftercare. When women and girls are ready to go back home or move out to start their own sustainable lives, it is important that they continue to receive care and support. One way that this happens is through follow up. A team member calls to chat and make sure they are doing well, and also visits with them to see how they are going. During the July to December period, 14 past clients of Women's Safe Haven were followed up. They are all doing well and happy in their new life.





## Empowering Survivors

When girls arrive at the Women's Safe Haven, they are scared and broken. One of the strategies to help these girls find confidence and purpose is through skill building. A number of different options are provided where girls can learn a skill that she will be able to earn an income from, helping her to become independent and financially stable.

This helps her to not fall prey to the false promises of traffickers or rely on others who are likely to exploit her. The girls can learn bakery skills, tailoring skills, shoe making training, and beauty parlor training. Along with this, therapy is also found through arts and crafts. They become a family and find support through each other.





# Bringing Justice and Legal Aid

Working closely with police and the court system, women and girls are helped to find justice and closure. Our teams help by filing court cases and providing legal advice and services. They are there each step of the way and often help the families to work through the legal process and accept the survivor back into their home.

## JULY TO DECEMBER 2021 IMPACT

- **2 COURT CASES WERE FILED** in the court system. This was done with the help of the girl and local police.
- **20 TRAFFICKERS WERE ARRESTED.** Our partner's teams assisted in these arrests and helped in tracking down the perpetrator.
- **167 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 the legal team at our partner's head office.

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## Justice for Nasala

NASALA (24) MARRIED HER HUSBAND when she was just 12 years old. Several years ago, her husband died, leaving her the sole provider for their young boy. On June 23, 2021, one of Nasala's male relatives (Jaysha\*) came to her house early in the morning to offer her a job working in a paddy field for the day. When he found her all alone, he trapped her, covering her mouth with a cloth, and then proceeded to rape her.

Nasala shared this incident with a hotel owner who frequently hired her to do small tasks. This owner then informed our partner staff at Tiny Hands about the situation. When our team heard Nasala's story, they immediately met with her to offer their support and encourage her to file a case against Jaysha.

With the help of our staff, Nasala filed a case against Jaysha, and he was arrested later that same day.

## Two Arrests

TWO PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED for hosting girls in India. The Bureau of Human Trafficking arrested them after an investigation. Our team found out that they were using false pretext by offering a job in Kathmandu that paid NPR 10,000 (US\$80) a month. Then they transferred innocent girls after they pass out from giving them excess alcohol.

When telling her story, a girl who managed to escape, told our staff that the next day after she met with the people, she woke up in a brothel in India. With the help of the Indian police and 3 Angels Nepal, she successfully arrived home in Nepal. Now she is safe with her relatives.



## Missing Girl Found

In August, Swastika reported her 15-year-old daughter was missing at one of our Help Desks.

After a consistent investigation in coordination with police, she was found with her uncle. He had taken her to his home with the intention of making her marry a stranger from India.

The girl was reunited with her mother and her uncle was arrested by police.

## Selling Babies

Rita, 25, lived in India after she got married. For two years, they had a harmonious relationship. However, after the birth of her second baby she began to face challenges.

She was happy with only having two children but her husband asked to have more. Upon constant insistence from her husband she became pregnant and gave birth to a baby. At the hospital, she was told her baby did not survive. The husband convinced her that it is not good for her to see the dead baby as it would traumatize her.

After some time, he was able to convince her to have another baby. Again, the same thing happened in the hospital. This time she doubted her husband. She found out that her husband had sold the babies for money.

When the pandemic began to spike in India again and the lockdown was announced, they were forced to return to their village in Nepal. It was then that Rita shared all the incidents that she went through in India and our legal team intervened.





## Missing Children Found

In July, a missing person's report was filed at one of our Help Desks by Jeevan. He stated his two children were missing since the previous night. After prompt coordination with area police, they were found with their mother.

His wife had been missing for the past six months and she had taken her two children late at night without letting anyone know.

She did this on the order of her new husband. After the alarming discovery, the branch immediately rescued the two children and handed them over to their father, Jeevan. Her new husband wanted to provide the children to a local hotel for work so that they can make some money out of them.



*Far right: Help Desk Coordinator*



## Fake Marriage Proposal

Nisha's mother reported her daughter missing. She explained that her daughter had been out of contact after she had been to the market to buy vegetables. After searching for her daughter everywhere, she came to one of our Help Desks to file a missing person's report and to ask for help.

After six days of searching, she was found at a stranger's house. He lured her under the pretext of getting married.

During the investigation, we came to know that he had tricked 4 other girls including Nisha. We enquired about what his real intention was. It was revealed that he planned to shift her to another place from where he can move her towards India.

Nisha is now home with her parents again and the man was arrested.



## 3 Angels Community Radio

Some of the key topics presented by the devoted team at 3 Angels Community Radio (3ACR) cover issues about human trafficking, legal advice and health information, broadcasting 17 hours a day. The radio is a powerful tool that has far reaching impact and the team are implementing processes to reach beyond with the introduction of the 3ACR App and plans to have a presence on YouTube as well.

Since the global pandemic began in 2020, this radio station has been a beacon of hope, broadcasting to those who have lost jobs, been cut off from their families, and left wondering what will happen next. It has not only been a way to communicate much needed hope and important information but it is also a place where people can ring to ask for help with emergency food relief, legal advice, and counselling.

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## 3 Angels Hearing Program

523 callers participated in the **3 ANGELS HEARING PROGRAM** this past six months. This program is broadcast each morning from 7:30 to 8:30 AM. It is a live program that gives opportunity for listeners to ring in and share problems, knowledge, ideas and thoughts about all kinds of problems they are facing in day-to-day life. The team listens to their stories and issues, and often, most of the problems are solved quickly by the team. Although this is a new program, it has been receiving good feedback from the community and we are excited to see where this program leads..



## A Happy Couple

The team at 3ACR are often out in the community connecting with local people and listening to their stories. This particular couple shared their life journey in one of the programs aired recently. Domestic violence and marriage breakdown are rampant in Nepal. Being able to share this couple's story about how they have a happy marriage and mutual respect for each other was a wonderful opportunity.



## Husband and Wife Reunited

The radio team plays a significant role in solving women's issues relating to domestic violence. Ramita told us that she was abused by her husband and family members. She belongs to the lower caste in Nepal. Now, she was totally disconnected from her husband after he went abroad. She was invited in one of our most popular programs **NEPALI CHELI** to share her story.

One of her husband's friends in Qatar heard the program and shared all the stories that Ramita shared on the radio program. 3AN also connected her with our advocate and local police to solve her issue.

When her husband found out that she still loved him, even after five years of abandonment, he could no longer resist not calling her. Ramita informed us that her husband has returned to Nepal and they have started to live together again.





## Helping Hand for Sunita

Sunita is a single mother who is a regular listener of 3 Angels Community Radio. In 2019, she moved from eastern Nepal to central Nepal along with her daughter and two sons. She started working in vegetable shops, hotels and other small jobs. These jobs provided her with the minimum wage until lockdown caused everything to shut. As a result, she struggled to provide for her children and food was scarce in her household.

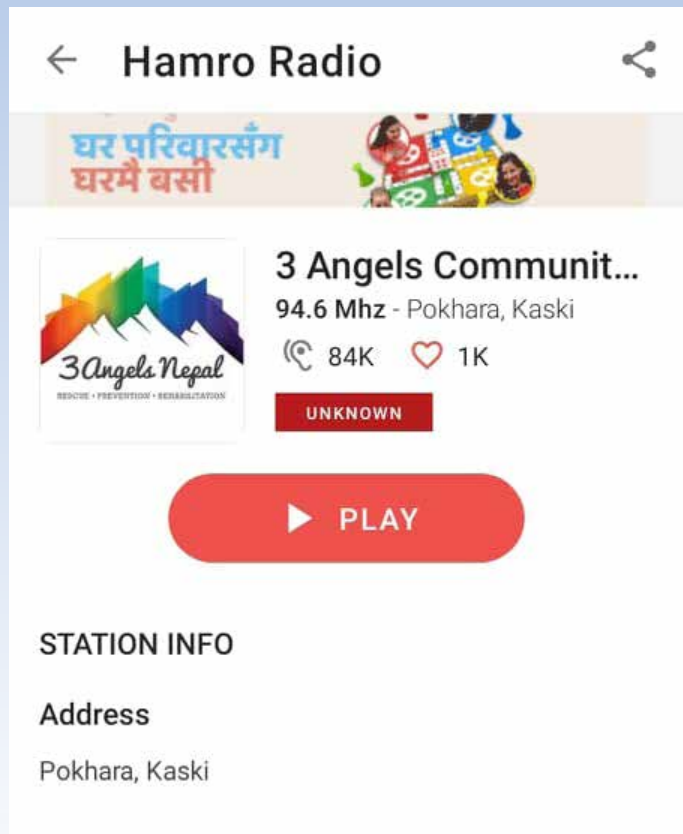
Listening to the radio, she heard how 3 Angels Community Radio was assisting women and children who were affected by the pandemic. She immediately called and shared her problems. Listeners wanted to help and started sending food and clothes to the station for distribution.

A regular listener of 3 Angels Radio helped her by giving her NPR 20,200 (US\$170). With that money, she bought a doko (Nepali big basket), a namlo (rope to hold the basket) and oranges. It was the beginning of her small business. She worked hard and now that small basket business is a small shop. She is financially independent and all her children now go to school.

In a recent interview, she smiled and said, "Radio gave me fish and taught me fishing as well". This clearly shows how a helping hand makes a big difference in someone's life.

## 3ACR App

Around 84 thousand listeners tune in to 3ACR on their mobile app most days. This is a growing platform to reach more and more people, in particular the younger generation, across Nepal.



## Medical Help Arranged

This local woman has two damaged kidneys. The 3ACR team (pictured left and right of the woman) were able to help arrange medical treatment for her.



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