



Captain of Indian National Cricket Team visits

Maiti Nepal

Mahendra Singh Dhoni, the skipper of Indian National Cricket Team paid a visit to Maiti Nepal on 17 June, 2012. On the occasion, children and women staying in Maiti Nepal welcomed him by offering Khada and performing cultural shows. Mr. Dhoni observed the show with keen interest, gave away autographs to the children and signed cricket bats. In his welcome speech, Mr. Bishworam Khadka, director of Maiti Nepal said, such a visit by international player and youth icon like Dhoni generates positive message among the youth, which might result in consolidating resources and energy of the youth in eradicating the modern day slavery like human trafficking. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Dhoni said, he was highly impressed by the overwhelming welcome and learned so many things about human trafficking. He promised to spend enough time in Maiti Nepal in the next visit and expressed intention of making some form of remarkable contribution in this issue, which may be very soon. He added, the Chairperson of Maiti Nepal, Ms. Anuradha Koirala's contribution in the rescue and rehabilitation of thousands of survivors is unique and unprecedented in the region. In her vote of thanks, Ms. Anuradha Koirala thanked Mr. Dhoni for managing some time out of his busy schedule to visit Maiti Nepal. She stressed that the visit of such an eminent sports personality would help constructively in Maiti Nepal's mission of creating a society free from trafficking of children and women.



A Narrow Escape From The Hell : Girls Flee From Sexual Captivity In Tibetan Khasa

Two girls ,seventeen years of age, who were trafficked to Khasa, Tibet in the pretext of pursuing nice jobs, finally escaped from the heinous condition after three nights long horrendous journey through the forest of Khasa. They slept in caves and had nothing to eat for three days. While walking through the leech-infested jungle, they had wounds all over their legs as the result of leech attack. They said they cried and yelled for help but in vain. There was nobody in the forest except the roars of wild animals. Upon counseling, one of the survivors said , traffickers took her to Khasa through an alternative route from a place called 10 Kilo ,crossing the Sunkoshi river of Sindhupalchowk. The traffickers have been identified as Asim Tamang (22 years of age) and Karisma Tamang (about 15 years of age) . According to the girls, the couple based in Khasa often visit Kathmandu to trap girls with their evil intention. Asim Tamang makes fake citizenship certificate to the girls to facilitate their entry into the Chinese territory. Maiti Nepal came to their rescue on Saturday afternoon as it heard them shouting for help near the Nepal –China border, where they arrived at the end of three-night long audacious journey after escaping from the Mamphali Jhuppa, a dance bar. They were brutally exploited in the dance bar and stripped off of all the vestiges of life. Maiti Nepal provided medical services, shelter, and counseling to these girls. The criminal prosecution procedures are undergoing. With the objective of curbing down the intensity of human trafficking through Tatopani, Maiti Nepal has deputed a seven member team along the Nepal-China border in Kodari. Because of Maiti Nepal's presence in Kodari, traffickers have started using an alternative route to traffic young girls for flesh trade.

Maiti Nepal'S Initiative To Promote Safe Foreign Employment And Prevent Human Trafficking

One of the major components of Nepalese economy is remittance. Thousands of Nepalese people migrate for foreign employment mainly to the Gulf countries. Nepalese women, who are illiterate, semi-skilled or non –skilled vie for employment in the Gulf mainly as housemaids. Some years ago, Nepalese women were forbidden to work in the Gulf as housemaids owing to the security hazards and high chances of exploitation. But Nepal Government has lifted such kind of prohibition and Nepalese girls and women can go to Gulf countries through Nepalese airport. Before this provision was made, they were using Indian airports. Even after the ban has been lifted, migrant workers continue to be exploited. The scenario in the destination countries remains the same. Girls/women continue to be raped, beaten, bruised , battered, stabbed, tortured and traumatized. Brokers/pimps in Nepal still entice minor girls with fake assurances, get their passport made, grant them visa and traffic to Gulf countries. To minimize the chances of overseas trafficking, Maiti Nepal has been operating an information and counseling desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to regulate the issuance of passports. The desk aims to discourage the issuance of passports to minors and provide appropriate information to the aspirants enabling them to decide whether or not to opt for the job on the alien soil. Likewise , in partnership with Care Nepal, a desk has also been set up at Tribhuvan International Airport with the purpose of catering information on the risks and opportunities of foreign employment to the female aspirants. Maiti Nepal's staff keep records, communicate, counsel and provide IEC materials to girls and women .Majority of them are completely aloof of the working conditions abroad.

Riya and Jiya freed from the evil clutches of Traffickers!!

Riya and Jiya (name changed) are the permanent residents of Gorshyang village of Nuwakot district. On 5 February 2012, , Riya met Pushpa Tamang, when she had been to her aunt's home in Kathmandu. Pushpa and her friend Suku Tamang used to stay in a rented room near the house of Riya's aunt. Pushpa proposed Riya to be Meetini (a process of religious befriending) . Riya accepted the proposal and took Pushpa to her home in Nuwakot for a short term visit. When they reached Gorshyang, Pushpa met Jiya, who is a childhood friend of Riya. Pushpa and Jiya exchanged the cell numbers. Pushpa returned back to Kathmandu two days later. In those two days time, Pushpa had already persuaded them to leave home for pursuing nice jobs in India. Because of repeated calls , Riya and Jiya went to Kathmandu and met Pushpa on 15 March 2012 . Pushpa and her accomplice Thuli Tamang told Riya and Jiya that they had found attractive job offers in India. Pushpa and Thulimaya instructed Riya and Jiya “ If anybody enroute ask you where you are going, tell them that you are heading for India just to see your sick father.” All of them left for Thankot (exit/entry point of Kathmandu) in a bus from Kalanki (a bus stand). Maiti Nepal and Nepal police at Thankot smelled rat in their plot and inquired each of them individually. Later it was unveiled and they (Riya and Jiya) came to know that they were about to be trafficked to India for sexual exploitation. If they were not intercepted at Thankot, they would be prey to the traffickers evil intentions. Riya and Jiya have filed a case against Pushpa and Thuli maya as per the Human Trafficking and Transportation Control Act 2007. They are grateful to Maiti Nepal for saving their lives.

41 girls intercepted during May, Haridwar identified as newer destination of Trafficking

Human Trafficking, more specifically trafficking of girls and women within and from Nepal has emerged with various modes and manifestations. Almost on everyday basis, newer trends and destinations get unveiled .Because of the anti trafficking campaigns launched and awareness raising programs initiated in the most prone areas, traffickers have shifted their location to other regions and girls/women of those places are highly susceptible to being lured , coerced and trafficked under various pretexts. During May, 41 girls were intercepted by Information and Vigilance booth Nagdhunga, which is the most busy entry/exit point to Kathmandu Valley. The girls belonged to different districts of Nepal and were working in dance bars, cabin restaurants, massage parlours situated in Kathmandu Valley. During interception, they said that they were heading to Jhapa, Eastern District of Nepal, where they could get their passport made and go to the Gulf countries via India. Upon counseling, some of them said they were going to Haridwar, India where they could work in different informal sectors. Most of the intercepted girls were minors and just literate. Some of the girls have been reintegrated to their families. If got the opportunity, some expressed the desire of pursuing the alternative way of livelihood which is decent and socially validated.

Boutique' a new ray of hope to the trainees of Maiti Nepal

Maiti Nepal, counseling and rehabilitation centre Itahari organized an inauguration ceremony of a boutique to be brought into operation by the trainees of Maiti Nepal . It is an important initiative that enables the women to adopt a decent way of livelihood and to be economically independent. Various national level print and electronic media covered the event. There were representatives from three different branches of Maiti Nepal; Morang, Jhapa and Sunsari.. The boutique will be run solely by the trainees of the rehabilitation home. They were trained on tailoring skills with Maiti's financial support, as an attempt to create alternative livelihood opportunities to the vulnerable girls. The boutique , now owned by these girls, sells the products designed by the girls themselves. We believe that such initiatives bring financial sustainability to the vulnerable girls and women , which would ultimately make them secure from every angles. It is an example of successful rehabilitation and a new beginning to a defined direction . It can have multiplication effects and others girls and women in the area can take it as an inspiration. Besides economic gains, this initiative provides the girls with social security and dignity.

Solar panels overcoming crisis of electricity at Maiti Nepal

Solar panels have been installed at Maiti Nepal to overcome the acute crisis of power supply. Due to the prolonging load shedding hours every year, timely delivery of duties was ghastly affected. The installation of solar panels has multiplied the efficiency of the employees. There is marked rapidity in the discharge of duties. Solar panels has been installed in head office at Kathmandu and the Transit Home Jhapa, at the Eastern part of Nepal. Kindermissionwerk from Germany has financed the installation at the Head office whereas the installation at the Transit Home, Jhapa has been financed by Friends of Maiti Nepal, USA.

Glimpses of Boutique Inauguration

