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### Glimpses of The Awareness program

### Awareness program organized in Kavre District

Manay Dhobhan is a small village of Kavre. The population density of this village is very small. This village is dominated by Tamang community which comprises 95% of the total population and rest 5% are Brahmins, chhetri and others. Buddhism is the main religion of this community. People of Manay Dhobhan village earn their daily bread and soup through agriculture and daily labor. Most of them are unaware about human trafficking and its consequences.

#### Activities carried out

##### •Door to Door program

With the aim of raising awareness on human trafficking and the domestic violence, door to door program was organized. The team of Maiti Nepal was divided into 5 groups and in each group there were 4 to 5 members. The groups scattered around and went to each and every household. Altogether 50 households were provided with the information.

##### Distribution of pamphlets and posters

Staff of Maiti Nepal distributed pamphlets and posters that convey the message of human trafficking and the underlying causes. The main objective of distribution was to enhance their alertness on human trafficking and domestic violence.

##### •Cultural program

The team also managed to organize cultural program. This program was conducted at Bhalchandra Secondary School. The program began with the awareness song and was followed by welcome song. The chief attraction of this program was street drama called NAREE. This drama tried to convey the message on domestic violence, human trafficking and gender discrimination that are prevailing in day to day life of women.

In between the cultural program, local resident Krishna Bahadur Thapa recited the poem that was dedicated to Maiti Nepal and the work it has been carrying out. In his short speech, the principal of the Bhalchandra Secondary School said that he will try his level best to help Maiti Nepal in many ways possible whatsoever.

At the end of the program Chairperson Ms. Anuradha Koirala gave a short speech saying that girls and women are not for sale and human trafficking should be put to an end.



## Rebeka Gets Justice! Trafficker Convicted With 20 Years Of Imprisonment And Two Hundred Thousand Rupees Fine –

Kathmandu district court convicted Purna Tamang, a permanent resident of Sindhupalchowk district with 20 years of rigorous jail terms and two hundred thousand rupees fine on 20 December, 2011. He, along with his father Bahadur Tamang and another woman named Bhima Tamang were involved in trafficking Rebeka ( name changed) to Pill house, Mumbai for sexual exploitation. Rebeka underwent through series of barbaric tortures and inhumane inflictions in the brothel for about 10 months. She recounts her heinous sufferings and the ill fated story as such –

Me and my parents had migrated from Western Terai of Nepal to Harsil, Uttarkashi district India ten years ago, in pursuit of job.. My father died in India and after the breadwinner's demise, we didn't get enough to eat and clothe . I pursued the job of stone crushing and sometimes worked as housemaid as an alternative to survive. In course of job, I became acquainted with Bhima Tamang and within a short span of time we became so close that I started sharing my hurdles and ordeals with her. Bhima heard all my story and told me that her brother Purna Tamang , who lived in Simla, could help me. She said, Purna had seen me earlier and he liked me. He would marry me and take away all my agonies.

Then onwards, Purna came to Harsil and started living near our area. He enticed me with colourful assurances of a better life. He proposed me to go to Mumbai and start a new life. After series of his repeated persuasion, I was ready to go with him. Bhima and Purna's father accompanied us. We headed to Mumbai via Delhi and Haridwar. He suggested me to cover my face with handkerchief, so that nobody would recognize me on the way. We reached Mumbai at 12 pm the following day . That night we sheltered in Amritnagar in a rented room of one of his relatives. After two days, Purna took me to Pillhouse ( I knew later) and introduced me to a woman whom he called sister. He told me , he would go out to find job somewhere, and until then I had to keep myself neat and tidy by taking showers. Then, the woman named Urmila took me to room number 31 of the building. I was shocked to see many other girls, kept like captives in the same room. I asked her what type of place that was and where Purna Tamang had gone.. She replied Purna had sold me in IC 40,000 and I had to go into prostitution. I cried, begged and refused for the first 10 days. But I was starved, beaten and gang raped. I was shattered and pulverized and I had to live in the hell for about ten more months, until the Indian police raided the brothel. After being rescued, I was handed over to rescue foundation . Rescue foundation later gave my custody to Maiti Nepal' s Transit Home Bhairahawa. Maiti Nepal Bhairahawa referred me to Maiti Nepal. Gaushala , Kathmandu. I filed human trafficking case against Purna Tamang and his accomplices as per the advices of the lawyers. Now I am happy that the devil has been convicted.

## P Kumari gets justice- Trafficker gets 10 years of rigorous jail term and 50 thousand rupees fine !!

P kumari ( name changed) , resident of Mugu District , Hengalu VDC, who was trafficked to India by Shankar Raj Timilsina of Kailali District was eventually granted justice by the District Court Kalali. The trafficker , 23 years of age, was sentenced 10 years of rigorous jail term with 50 thousand rupees fine and 20 thousand rupees compensation to the victim, under the sincere initiation of Maiti Nepal. P kumari recalls her ill fated story as such-

Though I am a permanent resident of Mugu district, I used to live with my elder sister in Kailali to pursue my studies. There I met Shankar who used to travel to India frequently. Almost on everyday basis, he accompanied me to the nearby market to buy commodities for kitchen. Thus, he befriended me. One day he proposed me to go to India with the promise that I would have a better life, better college to study and get married. His repeated persuasion made me believe him blindly. I was ready to go with him.

We reached the Nepal- India border. Maiti Nepal's border monitoring staff inquired us where we were heading. I replied them that he was my brother and we were going to Haridwar( Pilgrimage), as per his prior suggestions. Maiti Nepal's staff handed me a brochure with some important phone numbers ( to make a contact in case I encountered any problem)

We got married after reaching Haridwar. He sold his cell phone and managed some money. That night we stayed in a Dharmashala. Next morning, we headed to Delhi in a train and reached at 4 pm. Again, we set out for Mumbai in another train. In Mumbai, we sheltered in one of his kins' place in Mulan. He shifted our stay in three places within a period of 45 days. Eventually we stayed in a place named Khajaghar. Drunken people used to visit the place regularly. One day when he was drunk, he told me that he had already spent 40,000 rupees on me and he would regain it anyhow. Then, I came to know that, he had intentionally taken me to India to sell. I was surprised and shattered So , without wasting any time, I telephoned to Rescue Foundation, Mumbai and briefed my whole story. Next day, I managed to reach the foundation with the help of a gentleman. I stayed for three months in the shelter. Later on, I was repatriated to Maiti Nepal, Kathmandu. I lodged human trafficking case against Shankar in the Kailali District Court. Now , I am happy that he is finally convicted. I heartily thank Maiti Nepal for the whole process of prosecution. On January 1, 2012, the District court of Kailali sentenced him 10 years imprisonment, 50 thousand rupees fine and 20 thousand rupees compensation.

## Human Trafficking case registered in Area police office, Biratnagar

Mandira Pariyar, whose daughter Kusum Pariyar, made a narrow escape from the ugly clutches of three trafficker filed a case against them on 17 February 2012 at area police station Rani, in Biratnagar.

The whole plot of the harrowing incident is illustrated below: Kusum Pariyar used to work at Namaste Tanduri Hotel at Itahari to support her family. On 14th Feb 2012 while she was on duty, she came into acquaintance of three persons including one woman named Dil Bahadur B.K, Sagar Pariyar and Anjali Giri respectively. They told her that they would accompany her to her home and she followed. But instead she was taken to Dil Bahadur's home at Kerabaree. They tried everything they could to entice the young girl by offering the employment opportunity at foreign countries, where she can earn hefty amount of money. Next day, they headed in a bus towards Biratnagar for health checkup. But when she got out of the bus she was shocked. To her great astonishment, they had taken her to Jogmani instead of Biratnagar. She screamed and yelled but nobody really cared her ordeals. Helpless Kusum was forced to ride the bus to Patna, India. Dil Bahadur and Anjali Giri took Kusum to Patna. In Patna, they handed her to a stranger called Salman. When there was no one around, she freed herself from the control of evils. But unfortunately, Dil Bahadur and Anjali caught her at the bus park. She cried and sobbed but as usual it was of no help. At the meantime, Dil bahadur's wife called him on his cell and asked him to return Kusum back to Jogmani. On the way to Jokmani Dil Bahadur comforted her by offering money to build her house. Once they reached Jokmani, Kusum shouted and staff of Maiti Nepal reached there instantly to rescue her. Then, she was taken to Rani Police Station along with the culprits, where she registered a case against them.

## Maiti Nepal'S 19th Anniversary Observed With Utmost Zeal !!

Every year April 6 brings new waves of bliss to Maiti Nepal and celebrations get kick started to mark the day. As usual, an exhilarating cultural program was organized to commemorate the 19th anniversary. The program commenced with a short speech from the director, Mr. Bishworam Khadka. He congratulated all the staff for their professionalism, sincerity and dedication in the journey of Maiti Nepal and wished happy anniversary to all. Then, there were performances. Dances, songs, poems and jokes made the audience stand up for ovation. Happiness soared among the children and women, They couldn't help waving hands and saying "once more" to every items of the show. To conclude the program, the Chairperson, Ms. Anuradha Koirala thanked all the staff members for arranging such a wonderful program. She encouraged the children staying in Maiti Nepal to become future leaders and take Maiti Nepal to the next level. She wished happy anniversary to all the children, women and staff members of Maiti Nepal. The day was indeed worth memorable.



## Maiti Nepal Rescues Three Girls Trafficked To China !!!

In a recent attempt made by Maiti Nepal's newly established office at Kodari, Sindhupalchowk, three girls were rescued from the Chinese territory of Tibetan Khasa. The girls, who were aged from 15 to 18 years were employed as bar dancers in dance restaurants located in the region. According to them, they were held as captives and forced into prostitution with a minimum pay of wages.

The girls used to work in the dance bars of Kathmandu earlier. They were enticed by the handsome payment, they thought they would get, in Khasa. They even had made the fake student identity cards in the name of various colleges in Kathmandu, to ease their entry into the Chinese Territory. They came into police custody after they were found staying illegally in Khasa. China has been issuing 24 hour visa to Nepalese of the neighbouring districts to visit Khasa, mainly for business purposes.

China has been emerging as a new destination for trafficking of Nepalese girls/women in the recent years. Some days ago, Maiti Nepal had intercepted two girls, from the region, who were about to be trafficked.

## Mumbai high court notice to Centre, state on trafficking

MUMBAI: The Bombay High Court has issued notices to the Union and state governments on a petition urging direction for setting up of anti-trafficking cells to rescue and rehabilitate cross-border trafficking victims.

A division bench of Chief Justice Mohit Shah and Justice Roshan Dalvi on Friday was hearing a petition, filed by NGO India Centre for Human Rights and Law with support from Maiti Nepal - a Nepali organization working against cross-border trafficking, stating that women from Nepal and Bangladesh are trafficked via India to other countries.

The plea said the women are apprehended at Mumbai airport and charged for possessing fake passports.

## Direct Beneficiaries Of Maiti Nepal

Statistical figures of Maiti Nepal's direct beneficiaries have gone up in the recent years. It has been offering wide range of activities to quell the gravity of human trafficking. Activities related to prevention, interception at the border points, formal and non formal education programs have been proved to be influential in curbing down the intensity of human trafficking in Nepalese society.

Though initiated in a small scale in the beginning, these programs have garnered huge attention now and Maiti Nepal prioritizes them with a comprehensive focus today. The following statistics depict some of the important achievements made in the sectors specified-

- 1) Prevention (from being trafficked) through Prevention Home since their inception - 43,20 girls
- 2) Interception (by the transit homes) at the border- 480 cases per month
- 3) Non-formal education Program - 36,000 beneficiaries per year
- 4) Formal Education program- 4,800 beneficiaries per year

If more resources are available, the number of beneficiaries can still be higher and the impact of the program will be even more result oriented.