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Free a Girl considers it intolerable that children are exploited in the sex industry. The sexual exploitation of children (SEC) is one of the grossest violations of children's rights. Free a Girl believes that too little concrete action is being taken around the world to fight the problem in practice, and we see a clear role here for our organization. Fighting SEC requires a holistic approach in which various intervention strategies play a key role. Free a Girl has divided these into the following program themes: Rescues & Aftercare, Access to Justice and Empowerment.

1. RESCUE & AFTERCARE

1.1 RESCUE

Free a Girl supports and sets up rescue teams. These teams carry out undercover investigations in places where children are exploited in the sex industry. When the evidence is complete, the police are informed and a joint raid is carried out. In the countries where Free a Girl works, the police are not always able to carry out the investigations. The sexual exploitation of children is just one of many issues they have to tackle. By continuing to push and by coming up with new evidence, we keep the issue high on the agenda and make law enforcement agencies aware of the scale of the problem. The Internet is used in various ways to facilitate the sexual exploitation of children. Free a Girl focuses on investigating the supply and demand for minors on forums and websites, whereby the actual exploitation takes place at an agreed location (offline).

1.2 AFTERCARE

After they have been rescued, the girls are taken to safe shelters with good aftercare, such as psychological and medical aid, education, vocational orientation and training, and help with re-integration. In some countries we work with government shelters, while in other program countries our partners have their own shelters or refer survivors to shelters run by similar foundations.

International research shows that children are best off with their families, and in many cases victims still have relatives in the picture. For this reason, Free a Girl does not offer longer-term care (unless there really is no other option). We devote a lot of our efforts to tracing relatives, facilitating adequate guidance during family reintegration, and repatriation if necessary. We always ensure that aftercare can continue after family reunification has taken place.

1.3 ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Free a Girl wants to ensure that within the legal systems of our program countries, the survivors of SEC with whom we work receive fair treatment under the law, and that they can achieve justice for what has been done to them in the form of compensation and/or a conviction. We will provide survivors and their families with training on their rights and legal procedures. We will guide them in the legal process, from reporting a crime to taking a case to court, and ensure that they have access to a good attorney. We will also train the police and other law enforcement agencies in child-friendly procedures.

2. RESULTS SUMMARY 2023

2.1 RESULTS RESCUE & AFTERCARE

- Rescue, Aftercare and Resource Center Nepal
- Rescue and Aftercare Nepal
- Rescue and Aftercare India
- Rescue Laos

| | TARGET 2023 | RESULTS 2023 | RESULTS 2023*** |
|---|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| RESCUE AND AFTERCARE | | | |
| # of minor girl victims of sexual exploitation rescued (including cross-border and internal trafficking). | 236 | 184* | 165 |
| # of minor girls rescued at interception points during the travelling stage of being trafficked. | 240 | 431 | 9 |
| # of rescued survivors safely reintegrated with their families. | 390 | 595 | 154 |
| # of follow up visits to reintegrated survivors (and their families). | 100 | 176 | 176 |
| # of girls and women that fell victim of sexual exploitation as a child repatriated to their country of origin. | 11 | 3 | 3 |
| # of survivors receiving aftercare services (counselling, medical attention, rescue kit, placing girls in the shelter home) after the rescue. | 414 | 573 | 123 |
| # of girl victims of sexual exploitation that have received extensive vocational training to learn new skills (e.g. basic computer skills, beautician training). | 185 | 172 | 172 |
| # of women and girls that work in the entertainment area and are of high risk to falling victim to SEC receive support & information services through the beauty treatments appointments. | 400 | 335 | 335 |
| # of complaints/First Information Reports (FIRs) concerning rescues are filed at the local police. | 132 | 132 | 132 |
| # of raids executed by rescue partners. | 170 | 245 | 245 |

| | TARGET 2023 | RESULTS 2023 | RESULTS 2023*** |
|--|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| # of successful raids. | 130 | 119 | 119 |
| # of traffickers arrested (both male and female). | 89 | 116 | 116 |
| # of taxi drivers participated in interaction towards cooperation in the localisation of victims. | 40 | 39 | 39 |
| LEGAL SUPPORT | | | |
| # of girls and women who fell victim to sexual exploitation as a child received legal awareness training under a complementary program | 254 | 546** | 140** |
| # of girls and women who fell victim to sexual exploitation as a child have received legal support during their court case procedures. | 159 | 195 | 184 |
| # of government officials trained in the dangers of sexual exploitation to improve coordination and willingness for rescue operations and access to justice. | 664 | 900 | 759 |
| # of LEA officials trained in the dangers of sexual exploitation to improve coordination and willingness for rescue operations and access to justice. | 1100 | 1165 | 1165 |
| # of court cases are running to receive compensation and/or get perpetrators convicted. | 10 | 10 | 1 |
| # of legal complaints have been made against perpetrators. | 12 | 9 | 0 |
| # of investigations into potential SEC and rescue cases. | 320 | 586 | 586 |
| # of convictions of arrested traffickers from Free a Girl related rescues. | 41 | 4 | 4 |

*12 intercepted minor boys have not yet been included in this number.

**This number consists of both survivors (minors) of sexual exploitation and adult workers in the entertainment sector as they receive training through the Resource center.

***Excluding Rescue and Aftercare Nepal.

2.2 EMPOWERMENT

As well as providing legal assistance for survivors, Free a Girl also helps the girls to become change agents and fight the problem themselves. This is done within the School for Justice program.

The School for Justice is an award-winning program for survivors of sexual exploitation who have the chance to become change agents. They want to end SEC by becoming empowered themselves and playing an active role in the fight. The School for Justice facilitates this path by building their confidence and knowledge.

The students become professionals in human rights-related areas, such as lawyers, para-legals, public prosecutors, journalists, counsellors and policewomen, so as to change the system from within.

They are active in national campaigns, fight impunity, join and organize child rights marches, organize conferences, speak in schools, and raise awareness through the media and in communities. Having been denied justice, they are fighting for it for themselves and others. The School for Justice program has received international recognition and was mentioned in a UN report *“as an innovative model of social inclusion”*.

2.3 RESULTS SCHOOL FOR JUSTICE

- SFJ Nepal
- SFJ Brazil
- SFJ India

| RESULTS 2023 | |
|---|----|
| IMPACT 1: Survivors obtain significant professions in child protection and children's rights through higher education. | |
| # of students that have obtained their high school diploma | 8 |
| # of students that have obtained a university degree | 2 |
| # of students that completed an internship to prepare for their future professions in child protection and/or children's rights. | 38 |
| # of students that chose a study direction | 88 |
| social and child-focus | 24 |
| legal and law-related | 55 |
| health-focused | 6 |
| creative | 3 |
| IMPACT 2: Survivors break through the barriers of self-stigma and face the future confidently. | |
| # of survivors that have actively participated in life skills training, individual and group therapy. | 70 |
| # of survivors that are able to talk, write, or express themselves privately and publicly about sexual exploitation, including their own experiences. | 44 |

IMPACT 3: Survivors hold the government accountable for better child protection.

| | |
|---|-------|
| # of students that decided to initiate legal proceedings against their exploiter. | 8 |
| # of students that testified against their exploiter. | 1 |
| # government officials influenced through advocacy and lobbying. | 300 |
| # of reports processed during police station internships. | 14027 |

IMPACT 4: Survivors create vigilant communities.

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|---|------|
| # of boys and girls in vulnerable positions learned how to protect themselves and others against human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and online grooming. | 2568 |
| # of adults, including vulnerable women's groups, now aware of the dangers of human trafficking and sexual child exploitation. | 2952 |



3. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

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| BALANCE SHEET (AMOUNT IN USD) | 31.12.2023 | 31.12.2022 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Automation and furniture | 0 | 0 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Receivables/Advance payment | 17,360 | 36,016 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | | |
| Mechanic Bank | 0 | 0 |
| JP Morgan Chase Bank | 470,375 | 116,467 |
| Total current assets | 487,735 | 152,483 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 487,735 | 152,483 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Reserves | | |
| Continuity reserve | 100,000 | |
| Designated reserve | 372,241 | 50,000 |
| | | 76,995 |
| Total reserves | 472,241 | 126,995 |
| Short term accruals | | |
| Payable to creditors | 15,495 | 25,488 |
| Intercompany payable FG NL | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 487,735 | 152,483 |

NOTES:

- The receivable advance payment to staff and receivable from the supplier which was incorrectly deducted from our bank account. This amount has been received in February 2024.
- The positive result has been divided between the continuity & designated reserve
- We have increased the continuity reserve with USD 50,000 to USD 100,000 and the designated reserve has been increased from USD 76,995 to USD 372,241.
- The amount in the designated reserve received in 2023 which will be disbursed to the project partners in the year 2024. Free a Girl USA has signed various agreements with project partners in 2024.
- The payable to creditors are the invoices received & registered in the financial administration in 2023 which still has to be paid in 2024.



| INCOME STATEMENT (AMOUNT IN USD) | 31.12.2023 | 31.12.2022 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| Income from individual donors | 223,087 | 77,282 |
| Income from company/business | 1,239,378 | 826,652 |
| Income from other non-profit organizations | 168,150 | 109,238 |
| Government grants | 0 | 0 |
| Other income | 0 | 0 |
| Total income | 1,630,615 | 1,013,172 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Program Services | | |
| Project donation (partners) | 599,878 | 573,149 |
| Program consultancy | 88,866 | 101,883 |
| Awareness Raising | 69,122 | 77,912 |
| Program Travel costs | 24,402 | |
| Program communication & ICT costs | 7,840 | |
| Subtotal | 790,108 | 752,944 |
| Cost of Fundraising | | |
| Fundraising consultancy | 53,730 | 57,599 |
| Travel & accommodation | 40,733 | 22,954 |
| Awareness Raising | 240,288 | 14,819 |
| Marketing & Communication | 17,527 | 6,961 |
| Contribution & automation | 539 | 788 |
| Subtotal | 352,817 | 103,122 |

| INCOME STATEMENT (AMOUNT IN USD) | 31.12.2023 | 31.12.2022 |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| Management & Administration | | |
| Management consultancy | 68,316 | 51,689 |
| Travel & accommodation | 24,641 | 2,701 |
| Tax, IRS | 1,980 | 712 |
| Accountant | 4,620 | 7,665 |
| Advise & Administration | 18,932 | 7,665 |
| Legal & insurance costs | 3,609 | 8,307 |
| ICT automation, communication | 8,899 | 588 |
| Bank charges | 3,478 | 739 |
| Office Rent | 7,968 | 4,644 |
| Subtotal | 142,444 | 84,710 |
| TOTAL COSTS | 1,285,369 | 940,776 |
| BALANCE OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE | 345,246 | 72,396 |

NOTES:

- We have a positive result of USD 345,246 for the year ending 31/12/2023. Most of the positive result relates to the donations received in 2023 which will be disbursed to the projects in 2024.
- We had slightly more project costs as we transferred more funds to project partners in 2023.
- We had also more fundraising due to the events we organized in 2023 to secure more funding

