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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

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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.

# 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	0	0
Mechanic Bank	470,375	116,467
JP Morgan Chase Bank		
Total current assets	487,735	152,483
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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

