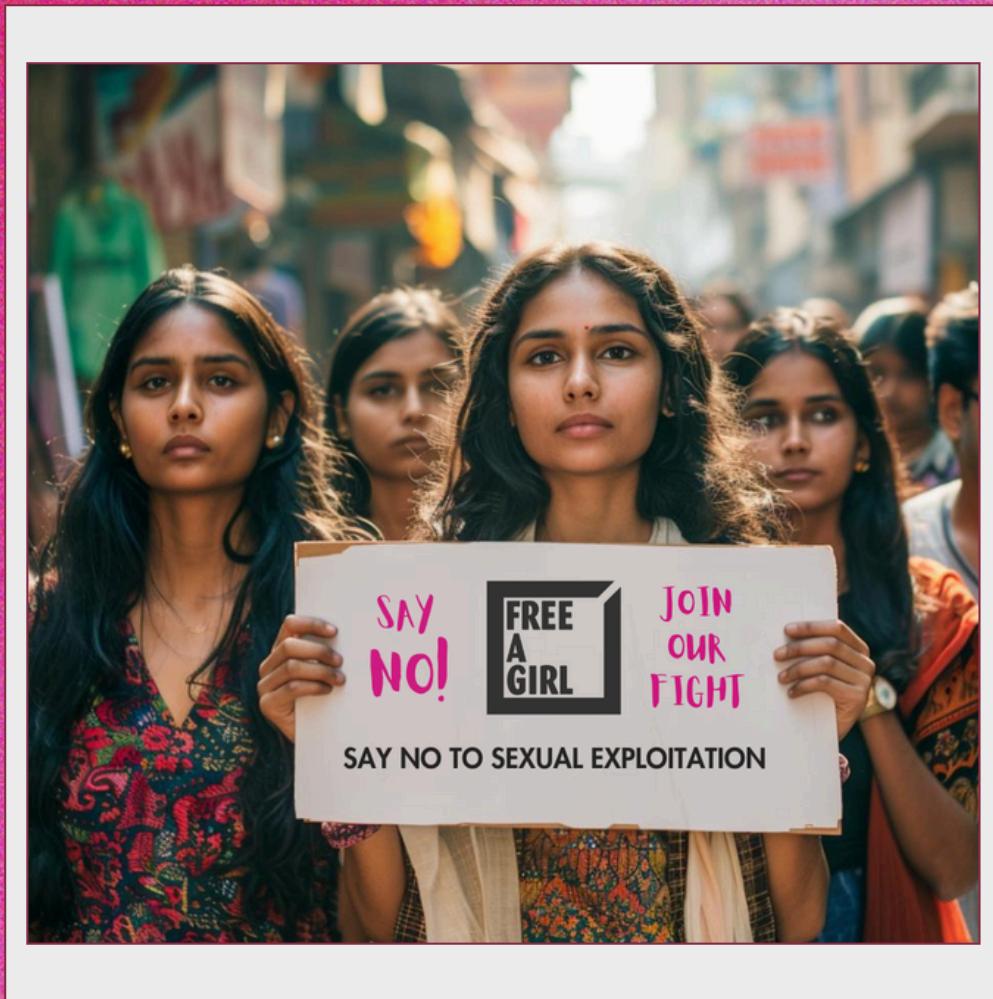


# EMPOWER!



## SCHOOL FOR JUSTICE

*The education and empowerment program  
where survivors of sexual exploitation fight  
for a safe childhood for all children. Not  
tomorrow, but today!*



# WHY NOW?

- Every day, **1.7 million children** worldwide are sexually exploited.
- The internet plays an increasingly significant role. In 2023, **more than 100 million images of online sexual abuse** were shared.
- **\$173 billion in profit** is made annually from exploiting victims, a 34% increase compared to previous measurements!



Despite these shocking statistics, **there are only 5,000 convictions of perpetrators each year**, and exploiters can increasingly target victims using social media platforms and online messaging (such as WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger). This must stop!

# THE VOICES OF SURVIVORS ARE ESSENTIAL IN THIS FIGHT

## **The right to be heard**

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is clear: children can only truly reach their potential if we acknowledge their rights and listen to them. At this moment, children are often sidelined, especially those who have experienced gross violations of their rights. It is crucial that they are heard and that their viewpoints are taken seriously. This contributes to their protection and recovery.

## **Supporting children in similar situations**

When we prioritize the rights and voices of survivors, we not only empower them but also aid children currently experiencing sexual exploitation. Receiving support from someone who understands what you're going through can make a significant difference, especially for children at risk or already victimized.

## **Identifying where the efforts in child protection fall short**

Survivors have unique insights into the shortcomings of current approaches to child protection and how they can be improved. They can leverage their experience and knowledge to awaken governments, policymakers, law enforcement, aid organizations, media, and other stakeholders. Human trafficking is only addressed when we refuse to turn a blind eye, and survivors are exceptionally skilled at opening the eyes of agencies responsible for protecting children.

# OUR SOLUTION: SCHOOL FOR JUSTICE

## THE POWER OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

**"I HAD TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I KNOW WHERE CHILD PROTECTION FAILS. NOW I'M A CHANGE AGENT."**

Free a Girl's School for Justice is a unique **education and empowerment program** that collaborates with young women, our students, who have experienced sexual exploitation as children. These students are offered an extraordinary opportunity: education and intensive personal guidance that not only broadens their horizons but also strengthens their self-confidence. With their own experience and newly acquired expertise, they then go into slums, favelas, and red light districts to educate vulnerable children and groups of women. They work with schools, assist other children who are victims of sexual exploitation, and train law enforcement in better and more sensitive methods to protect children. Additionally, we prepare them for a career in child rights or protection, so they can change the system from within!

**The program comprises four pillars:**



### **FORMAL EDUCATION**

Survivors gain important professions in child protection and child rights through higher education.



### **EMPOWERMENT**

Survivors break through the barriers of self-stigma and face the future confidently.



### **JUSTICE**

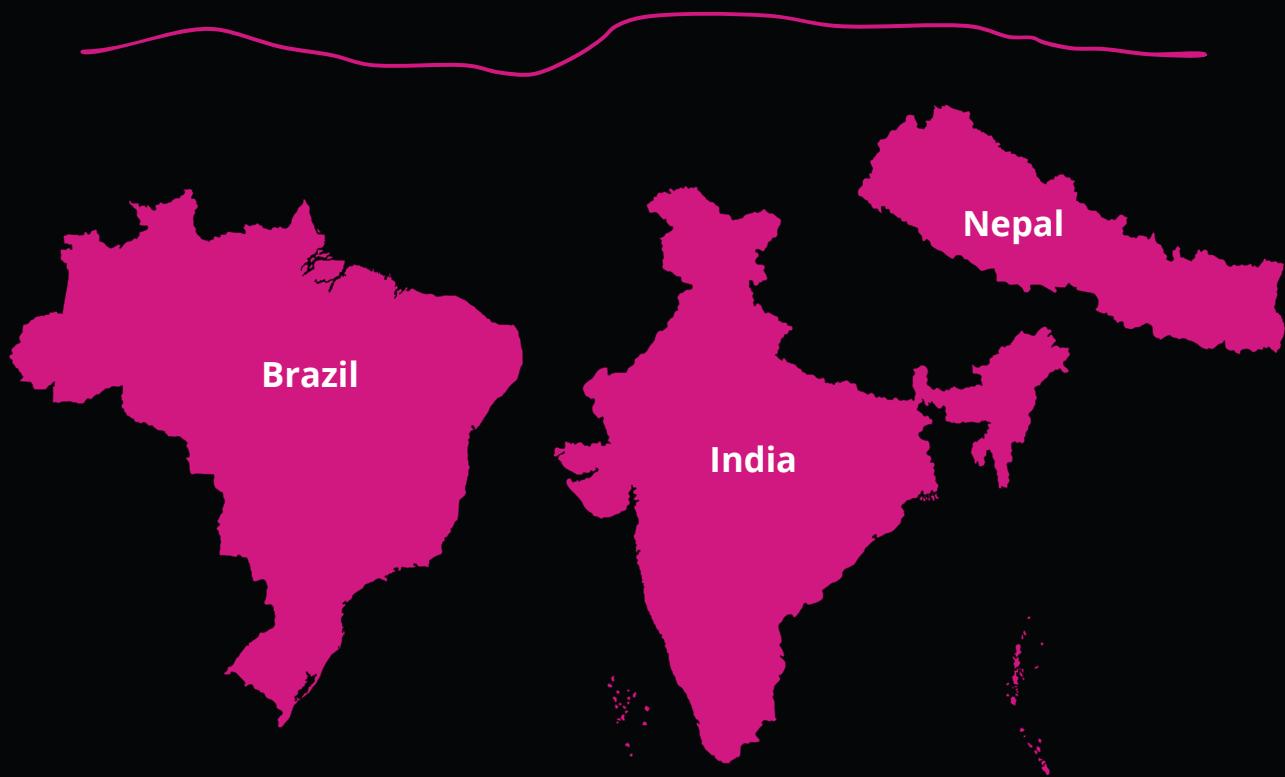
Survivors hold the government accountable for better child protection.



### **CHANGE AGENT**

Survivors create vigilant communities.

# IN WHICH COUNTRIES?



## Breaking the cycle of exploitation

Every day, women and girls in Brazil, India, and Nepal are at risk of abuse. They **face harassment, sexual violence, and rape**, losing their freedom and becoming vulnerable to trafficking.

Girls are excluded in various ways, **obstructing their access to education, employment, and participation in society**. Addressing this issue is challenging, and survivors do not receive the assistance they deserve due to deeply rooted societal beliefs that blame victims and normalize exploitative behavior.

Our project breaks this cycle of exploitation **by empowering a new generation of resilient young women to raise their voices**, address the underlying issues of sexual child exploitation in the communities of Brazil, India, and Nepal, and **create lasting change for vulnerable children**.

# IMPACT STATEMENT

## WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS ACHIEVE?

"I NOTICED THAT CHILDREN IN MY COMMUNITY WERE UNAWARE OF THEIR SEXUAL HEALTH RIGHTS. THEY ARE IN DANGER. CAN I HELP THEM?"

**Through education, counseling, and training in children's rights**



**1. Changing the system from within**  
100 students in Brazil, Nepal, and India graduate and pursue careers in child protection or children's rights.



**2. A sensitive and child-friendly government**  
1.000 civil servants (politicians, judiciary, legal professionals) are working on child-friendly and victim-friendly child protection after lobbying efforts by the students.



**3. Children with autonomy**  
10.000 children know how to protect themselves and others against human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and online grooming after receiving education from the students.



**4. Vigilant communities**  
1.000.000 people in society are aware of the dangers of human trafficking and know how to protect their children!



# STORIES OF THE STUDENTS: THE SURVIVORS



## **Neli in Brazil: "I am a mentor"**

My childhood was difficult. It started when I was only 8 years old. Things happened that no one should ever experience. Thanks to the School for Justice, my life has completely changed. I'm learning so much, and I study hard. Best of all, I can now help other girls who are going through the same difficulties I faced in the past. I understand them completely, and that makes it extra special.



## **Sonal in India: "I rescued two girls"**

It started online. He pretended to be someone who liked me. Then the nightmare began. That's why I want to join the police now. I want to ensure that all children are safe from sexual exploitation. The School for Justice gives me that chance! I'm studying at the police academy and doing an internship with a partner of Free a Girl who collaborates with the police. Recently, I was able to contribute to the rescue and support of two girls. I was so proud!



## **Shrestha in Nepal: "I fight for children's rights"**

I don't remember much about my parents. They split up when I was very young. After that, I ended up in a dangerous place. I prefer not to think about that time. Eventually, I got out of that situation because I dared to confide in a counselor. Now I'm the one who gives confidence to victims. I want to protect children. I work hard to become the best counselor there is!

# BUDGET

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE!**

**"EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT PERPETRATORS, BUT WHY DOES NO ONE SPEAK UP FOR THE SURVIVORS? WE'RE JUST FORGOTTEN."**

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION		
USD 7,425	USD 29,700	USD 74,250
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<b>Children with autonomy</b> <b>100 children</b> at risk are reached and supported	<b>Children with autonomy</b> <b>400 children</b> at risk are reached and supported	<b>Children with autonomy</b> <b>1.000 children</b> at risk are reached and supported
<b>Vigilant communities</b> <b>10.000</b> people are reached to better protect children at risk	<b>Vigilant communities</b> <b>40.000</b> people are reached to better protect children at risk	<b>Vigilant communities</b> <b>100.000</b> people are reached to better protect children at risk

*And with a three-year contribution, you finance  
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