

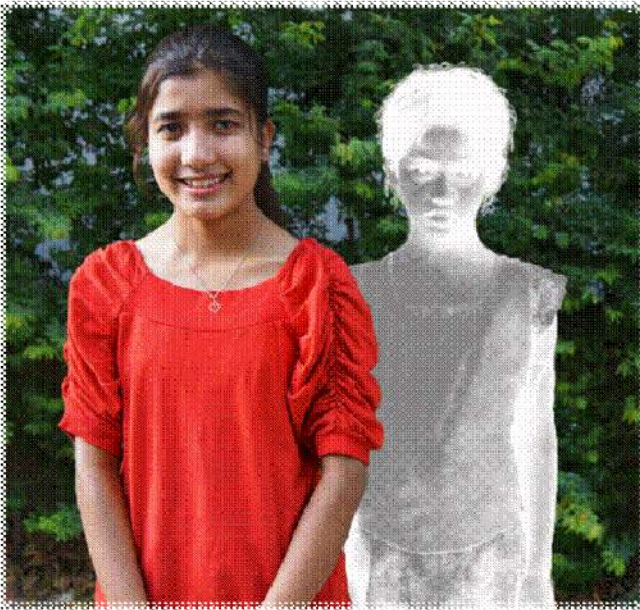


Working with TELLASIA to End Child Trafficking and Slavery in India and Nepal

An estimated 24,000 girls PER YEAR are trafficked into the sex trade from Northern India and Nepal, and multiple thousands more are trapped in child labour as slaves.

Project Overview:

Pooja's Wings is so named in memory of the tragic story of Pooja, a seven year old girl who dreamed of



being a flight attendant but was trafficked into sex slavery at the same time when her friend Neha was adopted into Blue Haven Children's Home. After a year Pooja could no longer endure the torture and climbing to the fourth story of the brothel which had become her prison, she threw herself to her death on the street below (or so her mother was told). Had we been aware of Pooja's situation and had we the resources to rescue her before she had been trafficked, she could have shared Neha's joy-filled childhood and bright future.

Photo: Neha and Pooja

"Pooja's Wings" is comprehensive assault upon the rampant problem of child trafficking and child slavery in the Ganges River area of India and the Nepal border, with the goal of eradicating this human travesty in Asia's "poisonous hub of sex trafficking".

Trafficking includes children sold or stolen, to be used for sexual exploitation as prostitutes, sex tourism, creation of pornography, live on-line sexual abuse, early marriage and mail order brides. Children are also trafficked into forced labour, begging, illicit drug activity, illegal adoption, and organ removal.

The root causes and risk factors that make girls vulnerable to being trafficked include: societal devaluation of girls, generational extreme poverty, illiteracy, cost of dowries, poor quality public

education, caste system, domestic abuse, government and official corruption, lack of strong legislation and enforcement, and the fact that human trafficking is highly lucrative.

Our multi-fronted approach, developed through 20 years of past successes in anti-trafficking and children's education, includes:

1. Research to determine areas of greatest need
2. Trafficking awareness programs in highest-risk communities and in urban centers.
3. Rescue and restoration of trafficked minor girls in collaboration with local police.
4. Education centers for the neediest children.
5. Rescue and restoration of orphaned, abandoned and other high-risk girls into loving children's homes or adoption, and providing them with an education
6. Follow-up survey to determine the impact of projects.

In the first 12 months Pooja's Wings will result in 960,000 people in 480 of the most backwards villages improving their standards of education and hygiene, becoming aware of the dangers of human trafficking and the methods used by traffickers to obtain children.

This is a massive undertaking! We already have **20,000** trained leaders in place all across Northern India. They have been working in these areas for several years now, with impressive results that prove this model **will substantially reduce child trafficking by 50% in 5 years, and virtually eliminate it in 10 years**. It's time to multiply the proven model and accelerate the rescue of these children!

The Situation:

- Of the over *300 million residents* of Northern India's Ganges River area, 75 million are children, and an estimated **30 million of these are high-risk**. They are malnourished, have no opportunity to get an education, and are exploited through child labour and trafficking. Their parents are at the bottom of an oppressive caste system with no way of escape.
- In the state of Uttar Pradesh **19.2 million children are not attending school** due to poverty and the very poor quality of schools. Most of these children are engaged in manual labour. The **illiteracy rate in rural areas is 50%**.
- **24,000+ girls are trafficked into sex slavery** between Nepal and Northern India annually.
- Accounting for 34% of human trafficking, India is known as the "poisonous hub of Asia" for sex trafficking. The National Crime Record Bureau (NRCB) reports that **one child is stolen every 8 minutes**.
- India accounts for a staggering **45% of modern slavery globally**
- Of abandoned baby girls, more than **60% will end up in the sex slave trade** or as child prostitutes in India's brothels

- Children below 16 years old constitute **19% of all rape victims** in India
- Over **12% of all prostitutes are children**, and 49% of those are inducted into the profession before the age of 16. There are some attempting to rescue these children but *the primary hindrance is a lack of facilities and funding that would enable the girls to be nurtured and educated.*

I. **PROJECT PLAN, Year One:**

A. Education of Needy Children: 50 educated adult villagers will each establish two Pooja's Wings Literacy Centers for a total of 100 Centers. In the 12 month Project Term teachers will provide basic education to a total of 3,000 destitute and at-risk children including:

- Reading - learning the Hindi alphabet and reading simple texts
- Writing – the children will learn to write words and sentences with correct grammar
- Basic mathematics.
- Moral principles from the Bible

B. Awareness Programs

a) **Rural/Public:** Traveling Pooja's Wings Teams will conduct anti-trafficking awareness programs in 800 of the most needy and backward villages with 120,000 persons receiving direct training. The impact will overflow to a total of 2.4 million. This will result in:

- Decrease or elimination of child slavery and trafficking
- Improved cleanliness and health through hygiene training
- Increased overall self-image and prosperity of the people

b) **Urban/Community Leaders:** Anti-trafficking awareness seminars will be conducted in key urban centers involving local police force, community officers, political leaders and other persons of influence. These individuals and the networks and institutions they represent will multiply anti-trafficking initiatives into the city and surrounding community.

C. Rescue of High-Risk Children

Some children are extremely high potential for trafficking, abuse or slavery. These include full orphans, unwanted, abandoned or girls in abusive situations. When in the process of conducting education and awareness programs we observe such a child, we will arrange with the guardians to allow us to take the child into a Christian children's home or placed with an adoptive Christian family where she will be loved, nurtured and educated.

D. Rescue and Rehab of Minor Victims of Trafficking

Based on our previous successful anti-trafficking and brothel raiding activities, we will cooperate with local police to rescue female children and teenagers under the age of 18 out of brothels and other trafficking environments. A Safe Home equipped with appropriate security and management will provide safety, education, and loving nurture for the girls.

Vocational skills and other rehabilitation will be provided to help them be restored as soon as possible to a normal lifestyle.

II. METHODOLOGY:

A. Education Centers:

Our network includes hundreds of leaders and small churches which, with the addition of a Pooja's Wings Center and Awareness Program, can effect significant transformation and upgrade to the quality of life enjoyed by the villagers. We propose to provide basic teacher's training to 50 native leaders from these churches who have a passion and heart to help the children of their local village area. The 3-day orientation will include how to begin their education center and provide other socially upgrading training such as health and hygiene and anti-trafficking awareness. Teachers will thereafter receive a small honorarium and biblical and educational resources such as portable blackboard, school books and children's picture Bibles.

Each teacher will operate two Pooja's Wings Centers. A local pastor will oversee average 3-5 teachers and centers. Children will attend the center from multiple villages. Each Center will be attended by an average of 30 children for a total of 3,000 children in 100 Centers who will learn to read, write and do basic math. Teachers and local pastors also influence local schools to provide improved education to these lower-class children who are otherwise neglected or discriminated against. Their involvement upgrades the quality of education these and other children receive in the local school.

B. Awareness:

Pooja's Wings Teams will conduct awareness campaigns in the villages where the Centers are operating and in other villages which are listed by the government as high risk of trafficking and child slavery and/or severely backward in regard to low standards of health, hygiene, education and economics. Awareness campaigns will include several of the following: drama, song, video, testimony and lecture. We will raise public awareness regarding issues such as child marriage, child labor, human trafficking, bonded labor, debt, and health and hygiene issues. Along with awareness we will provide training to children and parents in how to avoid or overcome these evils. This will lead to a society which is better informed of their surroundings for their safety and well-being.

The one team currently operating on existing resources gathers people by personal invitation while walking through the village carrying a banner and megaphone. When a good number of the villagers have gathered they conduct a single drama that tells a solid story, depicting the evils of trafficking, domestic abuse, alcoholism or child slavery. They then speak to the villagers, teaching what to watch out for so their kids are safe from traffickers, admonishing men to abstain from excessive alcohol and to send their kids to school rather than to fields or factories to work, etc. Thus our drama team influences a total of 800 villages per year.

With the Pooja's Wings project we desire to ramp up the drama team involvement through increased prior notice of the program, increased content/longer programs etc. As it currently stands we estimate that average 2.4 million people per year are being influenced and trained through those who attend the events.

A separate team will conduct urban trafficking awareness with a goal of one every two months. These events will be preceded by intense networking and promotion among community leaders followed by all details of planning the event – arranging speakers, guests, activities, venue, promotional documents and advertisement, travel/accommodation for guests/speakers etc. The goal will be to secure attendance by at least 50% of the city's people of influence such as Mayor, District Magistrate, the police force, key business owners, representatives from school boards, pastors of local churches and leaders of other community projects and agencies.

C. Rescue of Children:

When the children's home is built and funds set aside for its operation through income from the school, we will send word throughout our network that we are able to accept new residents. However prior to that time, when we come across girls who are true orphan, abandoned, unwanted or abused we will still look into how to rescue them into either a children's home or an adoptive family.

We will take great care in selecting candidates for admission. Only girls who are true orphans, abandoned, unwanted or abused or otherwise who are desperate and at extremely high risk of being trafficked or enslaved, will be rescued into the home. This will be carried out as follows:

As our teachers of Pooja's Wings Centers and Awareness team members interact with the people in the highest-risk towns and villages, they come to know the status of each family. Those families or children who are most at risk are evident by their unusually shabby clothes, unkempt hair, and malnourished condition. Further research will be done and a full report prepared on the child's and family's situation.

Often, such observation is not even necessary as our local pastors who live in those villages observe the people on a daily basis. They know which children are in the worst situations. As soon as they know we have a solution for these children, they will inform us. Then we will send a trained staff member to verify and research the situation. Other options will be sought such as the possibility of the child being cared for by a relative. If poverty is the only issue, we will not accept the child into the home. Instead, we will encourage a relative or outside sponsor to pay the school fees so the child can go to school, or the child will be enrolled in a Pooja's Wings education center.

However if the child's wellbeing is at risk due to neglect or abuse, we will then consider accepting the child into Blue Haven Children's Home. From that point onward the child will have a very bright future receiving the best of care and education.

D. Rescue and rehab of trafficking victims.

As soon as we're able to hire an AHT project coordinator we will be able to pick up where we left off a few years ago with the police of the regional capital Lucknow (3.5 million population). From there we'll expand the training and mobilization of raid and rescue out into other towns, wherever we identify trafficking going on. We will always work through the local police as there is a great deal of paperwork and court work to be done in regard to trafficking and brothel busting, as well as great danger from mafia kingpins whose lucrative business we are disrupting.

Girls rescued from brothels must initially be taken by the police to safe quarters at the court/jail. There they will receive good care and counseling. Once paperwork has been processed regarding their victimization, they are shifted to a safe home. If our full funding has come in by this time, including a firm pledge of the safe home support funds also being available the following year we will proceed to set up a new safe home fully under our management. Funding for a second year is essential because many girls aren't ready to graduate the first year and we are responsible for them. If funding isn't available then we will work through a partner safe home and place the girls there.

If able to set up our own safe home, rescued girls will have Christian house mothers, Christian counseling and Spirit-led inner healing ministry. We expect most will make a commitment to Jesus Christ. They will be disciplined through regular attendance of church activities and/or by church staff and other mature believers coming to the safe home to minister to them, provide family fun and enjoyment and also specialized teaching from the Word of God.

If able to set up our own safe home, rescued girls will receive systematic training in basic life skills including reading, writing, English language basics, cooking, cleaning, health and hygiene and leadership skills. During this process we will observe which are best suited for what type of future graduation environment.

1. Those young enough to go to school will be enrolled in school and assisted to catch up to their classmates according to their age.
2. Those capable of running their own business will be put on a track to learn business management in preparation for receiving a micro loan and assistance to start their business.
3. Those capable of working a job will be given job training and assisted to find middle-class employment.
4. For others a mate will be sought and in the traditional Asian way, acting as the girl's guardians, we will assist with her marriage, enabling to enter into happy married life.

III. MEASUREMENT

Pooja's Wings Literacy Centers

The following information will be recorded:

- Teacher's name and bio-data

- Village in which the center is operating
- Number of children in attendance
- Subjects being taught
- Resources provided to the children

The Pooja's Wings Literacy Centers will be visited by a Coordinator at least quarterly. In addition to updating the above data, teachers will submit quarterly reports on the progress of the children, parents and village academically, socially and spiritually including personal testimonies.

Outcomes of the Centers will be measured as follows:

- Number and quality of Pooja's Wings Centers established
- Number of children in attendance and faithfulness of attendance
- Academic progress of the children from illiteracy to competence in basic reading and writing skills
- Social progress of the children and parents from backwardness to demonstrating characteristics of God's Kingdom such as cleanliness, respect for self and others, service toward others, financial planning, etc.
- Humanitarian progress of the atmosphere and environment of the village in regard to decline of crime, increase in value of education, and decrease or elimination of child labor and trafficking.
- Spiritual progress of the children, parents and village by children making a clear commitment to Christ and establishment of a house-based church.

Anti-Trafficking Awareness

Rural: The following information will be recorded:

- Number of children and parents participating in the Awareness program in each village
- Overall response of the villagers to the program

Through a follow-up visit we will record any:

- Changes in peoples' hygiene and conduct
- Changes in households – cleanliness, peaceful coexistence, economic status etc
- Decrease in incidence of crime and child slavery
- Decrease in incidence of child trafficking

The Pooja's Wings Team will submit monthly reports including a report on each village where an awareness program was conducted, followed by a follow-up report 6 months to a year following the program.

Urban:

- Key leaders of the city participating in the awareness events
- Participants making a firm commitment to tell others and leverage their networks to prevent trafficking

Rescue of Orphan Children

- True orphan and abandoned children rescued into safety
- Families found to place them with who will treat them as their own children
- Sponsors found to provide assistance or school fees to the rescued child and the family's other children

Rescue of Trafficking Victims

- Number of victims rescued
- Number of brothels busted and pimps arrested
- Progress of rescued girls toward a normal life and independence including:
 - Spiritual progress as they grow in their faith and commitment to follow Jesus.
 - Academic progress as they become literate and capable of an educated future.
 - Emotional progress as they receive inner healing and discover their identity.
 - Physical progress as they overcome any illnesses they had contracted
 - Job skills progress as they move toward employability or ability to run their micro business.

POOJA'S WINGS ANTI-TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, PREVENTION, RESCUE AND REHAB

12 month budget 2019 - Year 1 of a 5 year initiative to end child trafficking and child slavery in Nepal and India

	Activity	Number of People Impacted	Type of People Impacted	Sub Totals
Core Project Staffing - Project Director and 5 staff				\$40,000
Awareness and Prevention				\$106,500
	Networking, Research to identify HT hotspots, Advertising			
	Rural Awareness Drama Teams and Workshops	2,400,000	Rural population which is typically exploited by traffickers to source girls	
	Urban Awareness and Prevention Seminars	18,000	educated, political leaders, police forces, government	
	Workshops on Human Trafficking Prevention	600	fellow philanthropists who will teach others	
Rescue of Abandoned and Orphaned, Education of Destitute				\$180,000
	Rescue of abandoned children and support of children's home*	50	Abandoned, unwanted and orphaned girls	
	Literacy and Education Centers for destitute children	3,000	destitute children and families residing in high-risk areas	
Raid, Rescue and Safe Home				\$112,500
	Raid and Rescue	132	Trafficking victims and arrest of traffickers/pimps	
	Safe Home operation	(132)		
Sustainability Equipping				\$81,000
	Skills Training	(132)		
	Primary School	(52)		
	Microbusiness Start-ups	(25)		
	Job Training and Placement	(25)		
	Marriage	(30)		
Total Budget				\$520,000

* This expense will be eliminated once the children's home facility is built and income from the school enables the project to be self-sustaining.



Experience and Progress



In 2005 a large home was rented, called **Blue Haven Children's Home**, for the care and nurture of 33 orphaned, abused and abandoned children in 2005. Most of these children would have ended up as sex slaves, bonded child labourers or beggars.



Trafficking Awareness – Teams of Social Workers and Actors travel from village to village, performing dramas to large crowds who learn how to keep their children safe from traffickers. These dramas are presented to 12,000 villagers *per month*. In 2017 the Drama Team travelled to 800 villages, teaching 120,000 people.

Seminars are held for police, civic leaders and other community members.



In the past two years TellAsia's Indian social workers **rescued** and provided rehabilitation and skills training to over 25 girls who were either trafficked, sexually abused or were intercepted while being taken to a brothel. These girls now can enjoy a normal and happy life.



Literacy Centers - TellAsia has established over **90 rural education centers** where impoverished children are receiving foundational education including reading, writing, basic mathematics and spiritual guidance from the Bible.



Micro-business – providing start-up funds for small businesses such as animal husbandry, shop keeping, tailoring, electronics repair, screen printing. Hundreds of families have been lifted out of poverty through this program, which reduces the risk of children becoming enslaved labourers.



A **Vocational Skills Program** has trained hundreds of young men in government-accredited programs, raising their income from \$50/per month as unskilled labourers to \$150/month – breaking a generational cycle of poverty.

Around 80 young women *per year* have been trained in tailoring, saving them from prostitution, begging, or abusive situations.



Wells and hygiene – **over 200 wells** have been provided to villages, and the people taught basics of hygiene including hand-washing, dental care, boiling water for children, and the importance of sanitation, improving the overall health, and decreasing the child mortality rate in these villages.



2007 **St. John's School** was built to educate the poorest students who would, without a free education, be working in kilns and the fields as labourers. As of 2019, 600 children are enrolled.



Construction was started on the 15,000 sq ft **LIFE Center** in 2007, (**L**earning, **I**ntercession, **F**ellowship, **E**vangelism) to provide a training facility for villagers who are then sent back to their own people. A 4th floor was added in 2017, making this the first interdenominational large church and conference facility for a city the size of Los Angeles. Each year an average of **1,500 leaders** receive training in the LIFE

Center. The LIFE Center is now 30,000 sq ft.



2008 – **20/20 network** developed to bring Christ's love and hope to 75 districts and 100,000+ villages. These new Christians are a vital part of the network to bring about positive social change, including the reduction of sex trafficking, slavery, and child labour. By 2017 nearly 100,000 lives have been transformed and 20,000 leaders trained.



Starting in 2010, **feeding centers** in the most impoverished areas provide 500 children with nourishment.

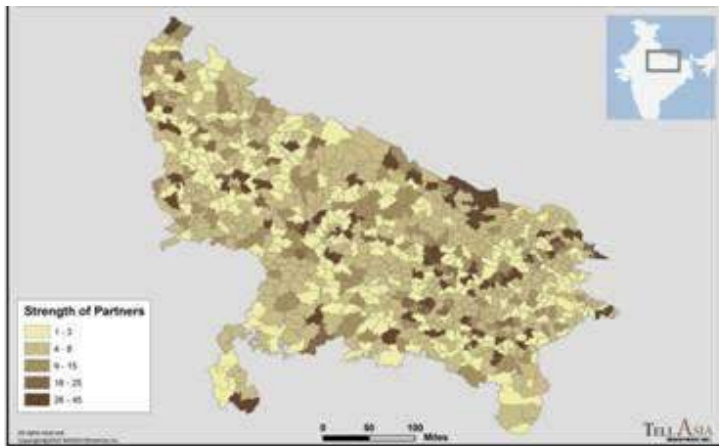


In 2011 a **resource distribution program** was established, to mobilize and equip native social workers with bicycles, enabling them to reach hundreds of villages.



Blue Haven School opened in 2016. A top-quality English language Christian school will eventually educate over 1000 children. The fees from the paying students provide funding for children who otherwise could not attend school.

Based on TellAsia’s success in teaching villagers how to keep their children from being trafficked, and implementing solutions to the factors that result in trafficked, enslaved or abused children such as establishing literacy centers, schools and children’s homes; rescuing victims of trafficking and lifting youth and families out of poverty through economic development, we are confident of success in our Pooja’s Wings initiative.



Our network of associates and base of available native Christina leaders now extends to all 826 Townships (Blocks) of the Gangetic Plain state of Uttar Pradesh including all 77 Districts of Nepal and the Himalayas. This network includes over 20,000 leader-potential individuals in hundreds of individual churches and organizations. This is the labour force ready to be mobilized!

We look forward to partnering together to end child trafficking and slavery in this India-Nepal region termed the “poisonous hub of sex trafficking in Asia.” Together, we can terminate the abuse and trafficking of these children. Together, we can rescue every abused and unwanted girl into a bright hope and a bright future.

Join us in our ambitious plan to eradicate the sex trafficking of girls in India and Nepal!



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