



Siem Reap, Cambodia, SEPTEMBER 2016

#### CHILDREN SEXUAL ABUSED, TRAFFICKED, EXPLOITED ...

- \* **M** is 10 yr, living with the granny. Parents dead. During the granny farming a neighbor abused M ... Granny is afraid it can happen again. Not safe environment.
- \* **W** is 9 yr, living with the granny. Divorced parents moved to other unknowing provinces, never came back either not sending support. Abused by a foreigner. Not safe environment.
- \* **Se** is 11 yr, living with the aunt. Father died. Mother is a worker in Thailand never came back. During the aunt farming a neighbor abused S. Not safe environment.
- \* **K** is 8 yr, living with the granny. Father unknown. Mother prostitute in other province. Granny sick. Drugs, alcohol and gambler neighborhood. Not safe environment.
- \* **Sa** is 12yr, living with the father, mother dead. Stepmother send her to beg at night time in a touristic area carrying a baby asking for "Milk Powder's". Not safe environment.
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Dear **Benefactors and Friends**,

This will be a highly emotional newsletter, because I will speak of child abuse, human trafficking with minors and the precarious situation outside regulations and standards of child protection communities.

In collaboration with other organizations, we are part of a system of protection of victims of sexual abuse; this includes support such as accompanying the children to the trials, giving them psychological support and often offering them the ability to live in our center.

Now is that time – right now there are new cases of children who have suffered some form of sexual assault or exploitation. Without going into the details to which they were subjected, because it belongs to the strictest confidence, today I ask you to read each line carefully, because this newsletter is a **CALL TO ACTION** and we need your help right now!.



We are in an emerging country, but with the extreme poverty of a sector, low level of the family education, sex tourism, ignoring the rights of the child, the judicial system, with begging as a lifestyle and inadequate health care, it becomes a perfect field for the emergence and sexual child abuse and child exploitation consolidation. It is important also to realize that it is not always perpetrated by foreigners, but also locals here in Cambodia.



In these conditions, it is very easy for predators to seize victims by offering gifts in exchange, or favors, both children and their families, establishing strong ties and long period of time. Arriving in many cases to normalize aberrant situations. There are cases where relatives reject the child return with them when the trial ends, do not accept their version of the story, or they don't want to accept them at all. There are even cases in which the family actually prefers to continue receiving gifts from the predator; in these extreme cases, where it is clear if the victim returns to familiar surroundings they will not be believed, then with the collaboration of local authorities and other organizations, they send these children to live in our center called DEI KOMA – The Children's Land.

From our corner of the world, we welcome more victims, to help them overcome the psychological side, as well as the social side, so they can continue with their lives, with their rights, teaching them what is right and what is not. They too have the right to move on with their lives. Laugh like children. Playing like children. Study. Grow.



There are currently EIGHT children of both sexes aged between 8 and 15 years come for various reasons, reasons pertaining to privacy, and have planned a long stay with us, because they don't have relatives responsible to take care of them, or they have been under the guard of those family who they have committed abuses. They are pending FOUR more children, than now days we are following up their cases and we expect results soon, and later FIVE more!



TFC Social Worker and Conselor Mrs. Sreyroth with a family.

Some of the children have had trials and defendants have been convicted to sentences of imprisonment. The accused have been both local and foreign. Other children have to go to trial to testify in front of the judge about the abuse committed on them. There are those, whose families benefited from somehow if keeping them under their guardianship; they are others whose parents were divorced and established new households, leaving these children with grandmothers and without resources. Unfortunately, some of the grandmothers found a 'good' solution - sending children through the streets to beg, but exposing them to child sexual predators.



### So, How Can You Help?

We need help to *cover their maintenance and education*. Any help is good. We have to buy more rice, more food, more hygiene products, adding staff, more school supplies, more school fees, medicines and much much more! ... Therefore, here I take the opportunity to make a **CALL to ACTION** for those who can contribute to the maintenance of the new children. The annual cost to help each child is US\$1,300 – this covers Nutrition, Hygiene, Health, Clothing, Caregivers and more. It can also be shared between several people, as many Benefactors donated monthly \$US25, \$U50€ and other amounts. Also some people or organizations may be able to take care of the complete maintenance, please also contact me so that we can start. Donations can be monthly, semester, annual.

There is a **General Budget called HOME CARE** which included **food, medicines, hygiene, electricity, transportation, caregivers who care for them, clothing, footwear** and much more, which cost approximately **US\$1,300** is annually per child. But here we treat it as a global basket, in which all amounts are contributed are good and well received.

You can also sponsor parts of the budget **monthly expenses**:

- RICE: \$US300.	- FOOD: US1,800.	- HYGIENE: \$US200.	- ELECTRICITY: \$US320.	- Etc.
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You can also sponsor parts of the budget of **annual expenses related** the above mentioned or:

- CLOTHING: \$US2,800	- FOOTWEAR: \$US1,032.	-HEALTH: \$US2,700.	-Etc.
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**EDUCATION** is financed on a separate budget that varies depending on the academic level of each child, ranging from **US\$500 to US\$1,500 per year**, as there are different levels and different educational programs, and here each Benefactor contributes to the education of a child in particular, **the Benefactor receives academic report and pictures, billing information and more detailed reports**.



- These are the **CHILDREN** pending to find a **BENEFACITOR** to support them.
- **Four children** in grade 1.
- **Four children** in grade 2.
- **Two children** in grade 3.
- **Three children** in grade 4.

*Taking this opportunity to **Thank all the People** who **help us with the annual budgets for maintenance and education, providing a secure modern center with modern facilities, excellent nutrition, medical, educational, hospitality, sports, qualified team and above all the immense love they deserve.***

I would also like to make a very important point to all tourists to Siem Reap:

When you see children in the street please **DO NOT BUY THEM ANYTHING OR GIVE ALMS OR BUY FOOD OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY**, because this does not help. In some cases there are well established networks run by corrupt adults who benefit from having the child in the street. In other cases the children do not want to leave the streets because they tend to make money, they are also creating addictions and thus continue on the streets. Some tourists believe that giving will help, however what they do is condemn them to never get off the streets and exposed to pedophilia. **The best way to help a child is through established organizations that are experts and specialized in the subject.**

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