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We aim to heal the wounds that vulnerable and trafficked Nepali children have suffered by rescuing them and supporting them to rebuild their lives.





Our History

Over the last fifteen years, we have worked relentlessly to support Nepal's most vulnerable and abandoned children.

We have conducted a series of rescues of Nepalese children working in Indian circuses. We have also rescued children imprisoned with their parents, and street children in danger of being trafficked. We have returned hundreds of children to their home communities in Nepal, as well as shutting down major trafficking routes and helping the police prosecute and imprison 14 trafficking agents.

Many of our rescued children have suffered huge gaps in their schooling while in the hands of traffickers. We provide careers and vocational training advice. This has enabled several of our children to gain employment, for example, as chefs or in the armed Police Force, to achieve qualifications as nurses, or to study successfully for university degrees.

Tracing and helping families

Children thrive better in families or small, family-style homes, rather than in large institutions.

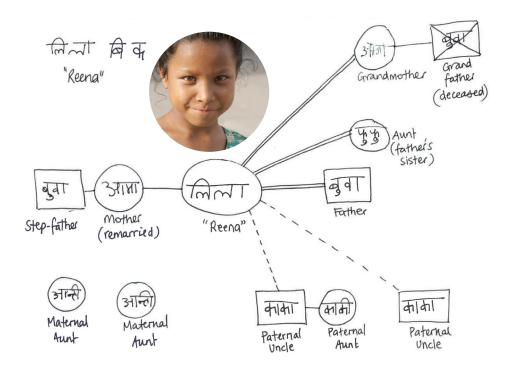
We have pioneered "de-institutionalisation" in Nepal – ie the careful reuniting of a child with their family from whom they have been living apart. We take each child and family through a rigorous personal assessment, via family tracing (see diagram below) and preparation, to community and school involvement, and finally a trial stay at home, usually at festival time.

We give temporary financial support, and help most families with income generation, so they have enough to feed an extra mouth without the risk of re-trafficking. This process proceeds at the pace both the family and the child are comfortable with.

Some children cannot go to their parents, even if they are traceable so with additional care we have placed them with other relatives: aunts, grandparents or a brother. We are planning to examine foster care as an additional option.

Each family is monitored on a regular basis while at home and a mobile phone provided so the child can have immediate support if required. Each child has the option to return to our direct care which so far none has requested.

Further information is available on our website www.childrescuenepal.org



Anju and Akal

They were rescued from jail eight years ago, where they were held among murderers and rapists, with their father.

When he left jail, he did not get in touch. Recently two of our staff tried again to find the children's relatives. They travelled for 15 days, following up leads and asking everyone about the family, until a woman called saying she had found the grandmother. Arrangements were made for her to phone the children and for them to visit her and their uncle. For the first time, their births have been registered and each now has an identity.

Carpet Factory Rescue

Recently teachers and parents asked us to rescue three trafficked girls, aged 11-14.

We soon found them in a factory, where they'd worked from 5am to 7pm, and were underfed and lice-ridden. Police rescued them, and we pursued the traffickers. We arranged medical checks, counselling and nutritious food for the girls. One went home, but two sisters stayed in our family-style home in Hetauda. Their parents are very poor and not fit enough to work.

Chandra

We found Chandra when he was just two. With his mother dead and his father unable to meet his needs due to his alcoholism, Chandra was at extreme risk of trafficking, his older siblings already having been sold.

With only a pile of sheets to sleep on and little nourishment, he was mentally and physically underdeveloped. Chandra is now a popular, healthy, thriving young boy who loves dancing. His father is now more able to have a relationship with his son and regularly visits him at our children's home.

Amrit

Amrit's elder sister Sajita had been rescued from being trafficked into an Indian circus.

She asked our staff to take in her brother, Amrit, as well as herself, because her mother had died and her father could not care for him. When they arrived they were malnourished, thin and weak, and dressed only in rags in the freezing winter weather.

Amrit flourished under the care of our children's home staff, over the next few years regaining his physical strength and health. He is now a very active boy and enjoys attending school.

Amrit, a "happy young man who always has a smile to share with others", is an example of the innate ability of children to recover and move on from traumatic experiences if they are provided with the right nurturing and support.

Names have been changed and some old photos have been used to protect the children's identities.



We do not believe that people should be made to feel guilty before they give - but that said, we really do need your support.

We are a small charity using limited resources to achieve life-changing results for abandoned, trafficked and abused Nepalese children.

- Nepal is one of the poorest and most unequal countries in the world
- Children suffer the most extreme poverty, some are trafficked, others abandoned or forced to work illegally
- Over the last 15 years we have rescued 600 children and helped to jail 14 traffickers
- Nearly all these children have been reunited with their families
- We have three small family-style homes for children at special risk
- We have helped keep 32,000 children safe by improving their schools
- We use your donations effectively sending £9 in every £10 of your gifts to Nepal
- In Nepal we have low overheads and four of our senior staff are sponsored, so more of your money reaches the children



Our Current Work

Rescuing trafficked children

We have been concerned that many trafficked children are out there, needing rescue. Until 2016 we were unable to resume rescues, except in exceptional circumstances, as we did not have the funds to care for the children afterwards. Now, generous supporters have pledged money to enable us to restart rescues and care for the rescued children. The greater the number of supporters, the more children we can rescue. Our rescues will be carefully planned with the appropriate government authorities. Our work over the last few years, locating relatives and re-uniting children with their families, provides invaluable experience to enable us to support newly rescued children.

Our Children's Homes and Family Support

Today, we still care for, feed and educate some children who have not yet been able to return home. We provide a safe and secure environment. We work with children and families to try to bring about re-unification, wherever possible. We help these families to generate income to support their children.

Our Anti-Trafficking Work

We work preventatively in rural areas of Nepal, implementing educational and schools projects to keep children safe in school. We pay for improvments to schools. We fund adverts on radio and conduct community drama, warning of the dangers of trafficking. We assist in the prosecution of traffickers.

Our Youth Support Programme

Care for our children does not stop at 18. We work with our young people, supporting them towards achieving a more independent life. We advise each young adult on vocational training or further education.

All of these varied and essential projects desperately need your support to ensure they can continue