



Just imagine for a moment ... a young girl is walking to school or playing with her friends when she's approached by a stranger. He promises her a job, or offers something that seems too good to refuse. She's tricked and now trapped in a life of emotional, physical, and spiritual abuse.

Every day in some of the poorest regions of Southeast Asia, precious young girls and boys are being trafficked, enslaved, and exploited. World Concern's S.O.S. (Seek Out and Stop) Initiative is key to seeking out vulnerable children and stopping the threat before another little one is abused or taken.

Protect a Child From TRAFFICKING

The S.O.S. Initiative is a comprehensive approach to stopping child trafficking, using a number of ways to protect children at risk.

Prevention is the key, and it all starts with the **S.O.S. Hotline** that allows the community to anonymously report cases of exploitation and abuse. In Sri Lanka, the S.O.S. Hotline was recently used to notify us of a little girl who had been abducted on a rural road. She had been lured and abused, but thankfully managed to escape.

Your gifts help ensure that calls to this hotline never go unanswered, plus aids in the promotion of the hotline in the community.

When a child is rescued from trafficking, the S.O.S. Initiative provides a **safe-house** for her to recover and

heal. Here, she is provided with counseling and taught new job skills so she can find safe, meaningful work when she's ready to go home.

And for the little ones, your gift supports **Children's Clubs**—safe havens in high-risk communities that teach kids and older students the dangers of trafficking in a fun, safe, and creative way.

Supervised by loving, Christian professionals, the children are taught about their rights, and the dangers that lurk in their communities. Predators use false promises and elaborate schemes to lure and then trap children, so these programs are a vital resource in the fight against trafficking.



PROTECTING PRIYA

Priya's (not her real name) father died during Sri Lanka's brutal civil war, and her mother had no other option but to leave her two young daughters in the care of their grandmother while she went to find work abroad.

Neighbors used World Concern's S.O.S. Hotline—which your gift helps make possible—to notify us that Priya and her sister weren't going to school most days and were instead helping their grandmother sell illegally brewed alcohol to men late at night. This put Priya at great risk.

Thanks to the S.O.S. Initiative, Priya is now involved in World Concern's program in her village—and she is safe. Your gift also helps ensure Priya gets back in school, so she can learn and have hope for a brighter future, safe from harm.



The S.O.S. Hotline helps protect children by allowing the community to immediately report cases of child exploitation.

Where We Work

World Concern has child protection programs throughout Southeast Asia. Specifically, the projects in Sri Lanka and Laos are a beacon of light against the dark, and dangerous trafficking industry.

We Seek Out and Stop the threat of trafficking by focusing on educating and supporting the poorest, and most vulnerable women and children. Teaching communities about the dangers of trafficking, and providing children with awareness, job skills, and opportunities help stop this heinous practice.

World Concern's S.O.S. Initiative is a comprehensive approach to stopping child trafficking, but your help is needed before another child is taken.

ABOUT WORLD CONCERN

World Concern is a Christian global relief and development organization. With our supporters, our faith compels us to extend life-saving help and opportunity to people facing the most profound human challenges of extreme poverty. At World Concern, the solutions we offer, the work we do—with your help—creates lasting, sustainable change. Lasting change that provides lasting hope.

Our areas of expertise include disaster response, clean water, education, food security, child protection, microfinance and health. For more information about our work, please visit **worldconcern.org**.

Join World Concern to Seek Out and Stop the threat of child trafficking, exploitation, and abuse.

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