

## angela's story

\*Misha called the Helpline concerned about her cousin \*Angela, a UK national, who had been abused, exploited and held in terrible conditions by an extended family member in West Africa.

Angela had been taken out of the UK some years before and was a vulnerable adult with mental health issues.

Although Angela had escaped her initial exploitation in West Africa, plans were being made by family members to move Angela back to the UK where there were concerns that she could be sexually exploited by another member of her family.

Misha had tried several agencies and organisations in the UK to get help for Angela but had been turned away. She contacted Migrant Help through the Citizen's Advice Bureau who told her to contact the Helpline.

Misha gave all the details to the Helpline Advisor who assessed the situation and quickly made a referral to Border Force so that Angela could be stopped at the airport where she was due to land the following day.

On arrival to the UK, Angela was stopped and questioned and, as a result, safeguarded by Border Force officials and referred into the National Referral Mechanism to help her recover and receive the support she needs.

This case highlights the prompt action taken by the Helpline to safeguard vulnerable people and the fantastic partnership work with Border Force and other key partners.

Misha said:

'I had tried everything to get help for my cousin, and no-one helped me until Migrant Help put me in contact with the Modern Slavery Helpline. The experience I had with the Modern Slavery Helpline was amazing.'

\*Names and details have been changed to protect identity.

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