



Project Reference No: 12-A-084 HAART

PROJECT REPORT

**1. Project Name: Assisting Victims of Human Trafficking (VoT's) through
Local Communities, Nairobi, Kenya.**

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Notes to Reporters:

A brief, concise, and to-the-point report of two three pages is what we require. Insert as much text as you feel is appropriate, but do not feel obliged to write a long report when a short one would suffice. The questions in Sections 1-5 must be clearly addressed.

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1: Projects Outcomes – the results achieved.

The intended project started on 1st. November, 2012 and ended on 31st. May, 2013.

The Overall Objective of the project was: The protection of Victims of Trafficking (VoT's) through the local communities in Nairobi and it's environs.

The specific objectives were;

- One favorable outcome is that we now have a network of volunteers at the grass root level equipped to assist VOTs.
Outcome: We carried out an advanced level of training for selected TOT's, (Training of Trainers) with a total number of 20 volunteers – people who were then helping HAART to identify victims in the communities at the grass root levels.
- A number of VOTs identified, assisted and rehabilitated.

Outcome: In total, we assisted 40 (forty) victims of human trafficking (see the list of names attached). Each assisted victim has a documented story of progress with assistance provided.

- A database on human trafficking cases was created.

Outcome: Each victim has a file divided into two parts: biometric data and a narrative story. The data is kept on a password protected computer, separated from other activities of the organization.

Operational Strategy

Our trained volunteers are in touch with people at grassroots level and their input was key to identifying victims. Majengo slum which is closest to the city centre become a special focus of the project. It is also among the most notorious slum for gangs, violent crime, drugs and prostitution (see for example:

http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/?articleID=2000039938&story_title=Riyadha-Mosque-in-Majengo,-Nairobi-under-construction-which-a-recent-UN-Monitoring-unit-linked-it-to-supporting-the-Al-shabaab-adherents-in-Somalia.).

Since one of our Volunteers lives there we started with a small sample of Victims of Trafficking (VoT's) an average of 4 – 5 ladies once or twice weekly, taking them individually for interview and moved from there. We discovered that these victims are also in touch with other victims and from there our client base swelled to capture victims from other areas in the vicinity of Nairobi. Identified victims were first interviewed, and their needs assessed. Then according to the assessment, victims were assisted: through medical assistance, professional counseling and/or legal advice. Finally, victims received a small financial start-up support which can allow them to finally overcome effects of trafficking and become survivors, rather than victims.

Project Process Narrative

The Victims who presented themselves came from the most depressed and impoverished areas of the city. Virtually all of them had come out of situations of poverty, where they could not progress beyond primary school and a number of them did not complete this basic level of education. This was particularly sad for the ones who had good marks in the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) and could not progress any further. Sadly, this same pastern is emerging for their own children now. One brave lady had earlier stated to seek help for her daughter who has now completed one semester of a diploma in law. The

girl herself is ambitious to take it to degree level however, it has meant that the next child a boy of 15 years has only done one term in secondary school.

Many were victims of early marriage and /or forced marriage and others 'fell pregnant' the latter group were left with an extra mouth to feed while they themselves could not find their own basic means of support. It is easy to see how they fall victims to the traffickers and equally one can see how some might become traffickers themselves. People who facilitated us in the project know these people and virtually rub shoulders with them.

The ease with which traffickers 'grab' them is appalling – passports can be processed in three days or less, whereas for ordinary Kenyans it can take anything from one week to one month. A child or children is usually left with the woman's mother or close relative. The majority of the women we saw had travelled to the Middle East and out of these a full 95% went to Saudi Arabia. The rosy picture they had conceived of in 'greener pastures' is in for a sudden and rude awakening, their passports are taken on arrival said to be for 'safe keeping'

Their Decent into Slavery

Then the daily grind of hard labor begins, usually they are the sole one to clean and sometimes to cook, wash and iron – everything from baby diapers to SUV's. The houses are very large and when finished in one house they are often brought to another in the afternoon. Then back again to the original house for the prolonged suppers, cooking and parties held two to three times weekly. These women usually toil without a break for over 20 hours per day on a 24/7 basis. They dare not complain of being tired or ask for a day off, also it is preferable not to fall sick and who cares even if you do you will be told "you are here to work"

What they do not know leaving Kenya is that the amount of a salary they are promised is usually half of what is given and that for the first 3 - 4 months there is **NO Salary**. And she is told "but we paid for your airfare" Sometimes their mobile phones are taken also and this together with the slave labor they endure is excruciatingly painful and a very lonely existence which they describe as "the most wasted period of my life"

Then the tales of sexual abuse pour out but only what they feel at ease to tell. The ones exploited in this way are generally the most traumatized and these we refer to psychotherapeutic counseling. We facilitated them to 'Amani' Counselling (amani means peace) - a specialized organization that helps victims of exploitation and human rights abuses.

2. Benefits

It certainly came at a time which was highly beneficial to the victims who are all women and one man being the exception. All the interventions made had a profound difference to their personal lives, otherwise they most likely faced a descent into greater despair and drudgery.

- Some quantitative benefits:
 - Six women (6) were taken through intensive counseling over several weeks.
 - Three (3) have left prostitution and now have sustainable incomes.
 - Four (4) have received necessary medical care
 - All forty (40) benefitted from the self –support group sessions under the leadership of Sr. Mary
 - All forty (40) were empowered in terms of alternative income to sex work and other risky activities
- Apart from seeing them individually we also held a large group meeting for the whole group at the end of each month, this was highly beneficial to all who attended. The majority of them found the equivalent of counseling when they come to share in the larger group it was an excellent peer-to-peer form of therapy. Inputs given introduced them to a greater awareness of their rights and Human Trafficking as an extreme abuse of human rights.
- They received an input on issues like Self Esteem; Running a small business. etc.

Challenges

- One of the greatest challenges we found was that we had to turn away some genuine victims due to the time factor and shortage /lack of resources.

- A large number of them had children who should be in secondary school but the mothers were unable to provide it. One could only look-on with pain to see the next generation repeat the cycle of poverty and the multiple miseries it brings into people's lives.
- No further follow-up is planned due to financial constraints.

4: Comments.

From this short project we can identify some recommendations:

- First, human trafficking in Kenya is on the increase and its growth feeds the massive demands of the 'sex industry' and cheap labor. Despite all the awareness we have done, even if we did it round the clock some victims inevitably fall through the net, so rescue is not only crucial but is the best service we can give to human persons.
- Care of victims and re-integration back into the family and society is vital. Victims who are not assisted are re-trafficked, or worse – they become traffickers themselves.
- On the whole people know the value of education to help break the poverty cycle but at the level of the victims we worked with it remains far out of reach for the masses of marginalized persons.
- We need to integrate Victim Assistance into all programs and in on-going training should focus on the horrendous trauma meted out to victims.
- This program should be extended into other areas, beyond the environs of Nairobi, as victims are recruited from the most distant parts of Kenya and have even less support or chance to be assisted than those residing in Nairobi.
- We have at least three (3) of them who had almost returned to Middle Eastern countries again believing (other traffickers) that if they went to a different country "it would work out better"

5: Visual Report – photographs



Murage We bought one sack of shoes, now he is on his 3rd one alone.



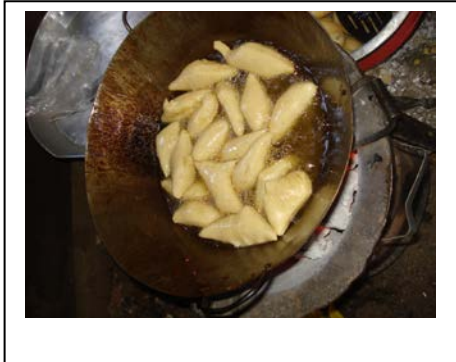
Josephine is illiterate now hawks clothes and has opened bank account



Women make tea and fry mandazi to sell



Fatuma bought shoes to trade and so far is self supporting



The mandazi frying for sale are always a great favourite.



A relaxed moment and time to share



Rukia is united with her child who does not want to let Mum out of her sight



We chat and get to know the women a bit more. We learn much about the slave like conditions



The larger group on 27th April, 2013, three are facilitators including myself and James the caretaker at the social hall.



Mudmat has endured a life of trauma since she was taken to Kenya as an orphan, (Ugandan)



The all important task of report writing!!

Financial Report – Scanned

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Statement of Receipts and Payments

Period 1st November 2012 to 31st May 2013

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
	KSHS	KSHS	KSHS
<u>Receipts</u>			
Instalment from Electric Aid	528,794	533,000	4,206
<u>Total receipts</u>	528,794	533,000	4,206
<u>Payments</u>			
<u>I. Non-recurrent expenditure</u>			
Computer	63,000	63,000	-
<u>Sub total of Pos. I</u>	63,000	63,000	63,000
<u>II. Staff costs</u>			
1. Project Coordinator	-	-	-
2. Accountant	-	-	-
<u>Subtotal of Pos. II.</u>	-	-	-
<u>III. Project activities</u>			
1. Physical Care- Clothing Food	-	-	-
2. Health Care - Medical, Testing, Surgery	31,783	35,000	3,217
3. Psychosocial Support - Counselling, Trauma therapy	325,243	326,000	757
4. Legal Assistance- Immigration, Criminal Investigation	-	-	-
5. Training of Trainers - VOT Program	99,475	100,000	525
6. Meeting with Volunteers	6,938	6,000	(938)
<u>Subtotal of Pos. III.</u>	463,439	467,000	3,561
<u>IV. Project administration</u>			
1. Administration, Stationery, Bank Charges logistics, etc.	2,292	3,000	708
<u>Subtotal of Pos. IV</u>	2,292	3,000	708
<u>Total payments (I+II+III+IV)</u>	528,731	533,000	4,269
<u>Balance (credit/deficit) to be carried forward and composed by:</u>	63	-	(63)
Cash	63	-	(63)
	63	-	(63)

Nairobi - May 27th 2013
(Place and date)

Signature of

Project Coordinator,

Executive Director,

Accountant

