



2011-12 Program Impact Report

“Now, I have obtained justice.”

-- Remy, one of the 41 girls who has received care in our Philippines safe home for survivors of trafficking and exploitation

SURVIVOR CARE

Philippines Round Home

The Round Home, Love146's safe home for survivors of trafficking and exploitation, is uniquely built and designed to facilitate the holistic restoration and health of every child entering its doors. The approach to running the home is attuned to the needs of the exploited and traumatized child, which includes both the ordinary needs of children who have not been exploited as well as children who have been wounded in many ways. They may be hopeless, suffer brokenness, lack opportunities or not identify any sense of self-worth. At the Round Home, we seek to restore all these things and more.

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- 24 girls were enrolled in the Round Home this year -- 13 currently in our care and 11 in the reintegration process with families or local communities.

Depth

From being prostituted in brothels or on the streets, girls are now in school pursuing an education or job training. They are growing physically, psychologically and spiritually.

Jobs have been provided for the girls in the local communities. Additionally, the benefits of the restoration and reintegration process for the girls spills over into their communities. The lives of immediate and extended family members are positively impacted, resilience to the possibility of being re-trafficked is increased, and hope is regained through our psychosocial, physical and economic interventions. Many of the girls who have gone through the Round Home and then the reintegration process have testified these things and more.

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Reintegration Research

Love146 desires for survivors of child trafficking and exploitation to be reintegrated back into a community or with their family. This is a delicate process, which is why we are researching the best methods to do it. The first part of this research is interviewing reintegrated children, their families and members of their local communities so as to measure the success of the reintegration. The second part of the research determines the reliability and validity of the tool. The third part of the research is about making sure this model can be used when reintegrating additional children.

Research began in 2010 and we do not have data on its impact at this time. However, Love146 Director of Asia Aftercare Dr. Gundelina Velazco presented the research, in its initial phase of development, at the Interdisciplinary Conference on Human Trafficking in Lincoln, Nebraska in 2011. The quality of her work was publicly noted.

PREVENTION EDUCATION

U.S. Prevention Education

Love146 employs a multi-level response to reach children before traffickers do through its U.S. prevention education program, which is designed specifically to reduce the risk toward commercial sexual exploitation of teen girls and to educate teen boys about the effects of objectifying and commodifying women. In an effort to combat commercial sexual exploitation, Love146 believes that it is important to train and educate youth themselves as well as the adults who work with them about this issue. Providing the education and support prior to a level of involvement in commercial sexual exploitation is vital as there is an existing community that they are still connected to, and consequently have support enough to protect themselves.

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- 3906 children educated through school assemblies and classroom discussions.
- 31 children at serious risk or who had already been exploited given intensive prevention education.
- 497 adults presently working with children -- such as law enforcement, social workers, nurses and educators -- were trained on how to identify and intervene in situations of trafficking more effectively.

Depth

Students have been sending in notes telling us how they have been impacted by our program:

“I will be completely honest and say that I was the type of person to quickly judge people. After seeing what a lot of people go through, I now take a step back and think twice. I now understand that there might be more to them than I may know.”

Teachers have also been supportive:

“Having Love146 work with my students was a dynamite experience! My students were deeply engaged in every aspect of the workshop. One young lady even stated that she planned to switch her major in college as a result of the experience. The energy and realness that the facilitators bring to the table is outstanding. I have plans of connecting with the organization on a long-term project, and I am just as excited as my students.”

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Certificate Training Program in Aftercare (CTPA)

Adults who work with children are crucial in the fight to end trafficking. Love146 conducts trainings for professionals, such as teachers and social workers, giving them tools to prevent the trafficking of children, as well as identify and support victims. Love146 also trains aftercare workers from safe homes, equipping them with knowledge and best practices to reach and restore the children in their care.

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- 38 adults presently working with children in the Philippines and Sri Lanka trained on how to identify and intervene in situations of trafficking more effectively.
- An estimated 195 children impacted through these trainings.

Depth

During an in-house training in The Philippines, the trainees expressed difficulty over one child in their home. The appropriate interventions for this child were discussed during the training. Love146 Director of Asia Aftercare Dr. Gundelina Velazco was able to address the behavior of the child directly so that staff could observe and learn.

EMPOWERING MOVEMENT

Butterfly Longitudinal Project

Love146 Director of Asia Prevention Dr. Glenn Miles partners with grassroots organizations in Southeast Asia like Chab Dai Cambodia in researching the life cycles of survivors of trafficking and sexual exploitation. The Butterfly Longitudinal Research Project is a one such study, helping us learn more about the long-term psychological effects of trafficking and exploitation, as well as surveying the effectiveness of reintegration programs within Cambodia by talking directly with survivors. The Butterfly Longitudinal Research Project is a 10-year study that finished its second year in March of 2012.

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- 128 participants, the majority (88%) under 18 years old. Information was gathered with the help of 13 partner organizations within Cambodia.

Depth

The research, in both of the years it has been conducted, has been presented at various workshops and conferences. It is the first research project that is a longitudinal study on reintegration practices for survivors. In the process of collecting data through interviews, focus groups, and home visits, survivors feel they have a voice, and also feel the support that results from these activities.

EMPOWERING MOVEMENT

Boys Integration and Research Project in India

Love146 Director of Asia Prevention Dr. Glenn Miles also partners with grassroots leaders working to protect and restore children affected by trafficking and exploitation. Jasmir Thakur, the Executive Director of the Samabhavana Society in India, is one such leader. Together, Dr. Miles and Jasmir have pioneered the Boys Integration and Research Project -- a program that seeks to understand issues of violence and exploitation of boys and young men in the masseur industry in India through intervention, mentorship, education, skills training and job placement. After the initial assessment, a series of awareness and orientation workshops are conducted. The boys and young men are encouraged through counseling and mentoring to volunteer and opt for enrollment in the program. The vocational course they participate in is based on their aptitude test. Upon successful completion of the training, the boys and young men are offered job placement. Research chronicles their training and job placement.

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- 158 children receiving direct services from Boys Integration and Research Project.
- 236 children at a serious risk or who had already been exploited were supported in their reintegration processes back into their families or local communities.

Depth

From the project manager, Jasmir Thakur: "One young man is now working with Volkswagen service station and drawing Rs 18,000 (US\$400) per month plus overtime. His future plans are to move and open a service station and train some of the boys. He is also planning to get married some time soon and start a family once he has moved back home to be with his parents and family. The most important thing that he tells us that we came like god and helped him move out from life of lies, filth, sleaze, disrespect and hell and helped him turn a new leaf which is of endless possibilities, positivity, respect and most important that he will now find place in heaven in the eyes of Allah, he has added that we gave meaning and future to his life as now he does not have to worry of earning his livelihood as he has the requisite skills."

Young men in the program who have a job because of their training have been able to help their families with debts. In addition, young men are protective of one another, and are more willing to educate younger boys who are at risk of being lured into the sex industry.

EMPOWERING MOVEMENT

Asia Capacity Building

Love146 Director of Asia Prevention mentors, trains, equips and resources grassroots social workers all over Southeast Asia. The leadership of Kone Kmeng, an organization equipping Cambodian churches to protect at-risk Cambodia children, is among them. Our partnership with Kone Kmeng seeks to intervene in the lives of children living in at-risk communities in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, and along the border between Thailand and Cambodia. Various programs strengthen the capacity of these churches to prevent trafficking and exploitation of children in their community. These programs include training community leaders and church pastors, supporting education for children, teaching family development to parents and meeting with civic leaders and local politicians about better community development.

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- An estimated 1,907 children at risk of trafficking were impacted through our efforts with Kone Kmeng.
- 5 children who had been trafficked, exploited and/or displaced from their families were supported in the reintegration processes back into their local communities.

Depth

One young girl said that her parents divorced when she was eight years old and that they both remarried and she ended up living with my grandmother. She said she hated herself, her parents, her life. She rebelled against her grandmother, stopped attending school, and – as she said - made “a lot of bad choices”. One day, a friend in the village introduced her to a literacy class conducted by the church. After thinking about it, she asked the pastor if she could attend it. Since that time, she said, “My life started to change. I learned to respect the people and my grandmother. Not long after attending the class, I learned that Jesus loves me and then asked the pastor to pray for me to accept Jesus. With His love, I am able to forgive myself and the people, especially my parents.” She returned to public school and has become an outstanding student. She wants to be a doctor because she “wants to see the poor get help.”

EMPOWERING MOVEMENT

Cambodia Border Officers

Love146 believes that grassroots leaders already protecting children are some of the best people to partner with. That's why Director of Asia Prevention Dr. Glenn Miles partnered with Cambodia Hope Organization and Big C Network for our longstanding Border Officers Project -- a program that sought to inspire, educate and resource members of the Cambodian military to join in the fight to end the trafficking and exploitation of Cambodian children. By strengthening our collaboration with government border guards, the Cambodia Border Officers project worked with civic leaders, government institutions, and other authorities at the border of Cambodia and Thailand to protect vulnerable women and children.

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- An estimated 1753 children were impacted by our efforts with the Cambodian border guards this year.
- 6 children who had been trafficked, exploited and/or displaced from their families were reintegrated back into their families or local communities.

Depth

A young girl was sexually exploited by a man who lured her into his house and made her pose for pornographic photos and film. A boy who witnessed this reported it to the village leader and nearby police. The police found sexually explicit materials and other evidence, which were enough to have the man arrested and sentenced.

Participants met together to do a mapping project, charting where and to whom each organization was targeting their efforts. This produced a mapping chart which showed the outreach efforts of the different organizations. This collaborative project showed where we weren't reaching out to vulnerable children and women and helped us fill those gaps more quickly.

EMPOWERING MOVEMENT

Task Forces

At Love146, we seek to organize, fuel, and harvest the passion and love of the Abolitionist movement. One way we do this is through our Task Force platform. Love146 Task Forces are groups of volunteers committed to becoming educated on the issue of human trafficking, raising awareness for Love146, joining local and international efforts to end trafficking, and annually raising money for the work of Love146.

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- Over the last year, our Task Force program more than doubled, growing in membership from 1,805 to 3,707.

Depth

“In November I started a Task Force in Rochester, New York. Our group is small but our collective passion is immeasurable! We are focused on spreading awareness and “slave-proofing” our city. The [Love146] staff has been so supportive. Just knowing that there are other people like me joining and facilitating Task Forces, and that Task Forces are forming around the world is an amazing encouragement!”

--Lindsay Trahan, Rochester, New York Task Force



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