

# FREEDOM TICKET FOR LIFE

Human trafficking is to be tricked or taken against your will; bought, sold and transported into slavery. Many victims are forced to work in **factories, farms, private houses** or the **sex industry**.

The vast majority of victims are women and girls. **Why?** Across the world, girls are not given the same access to education as boys. This means they are **denied** the **choices** and **opportunities** they need to build a life for themselves.

## What can YOU do?

Raise money by running, walking, jogging or racing on wheels to support Oasis Uganda. This specialist project in a trafficking hot-spot helps girl's get the education they need. Get involved and give a vulnerable girl an education; her **freedom ticket for life**.



'Girls who receive an education are more empowered, better prepared to protect themselves against violence, abuse, exploitation, trafficking and less vulnerable to disease'

UN Girls Education Initiative

## case study: Agatha (girl in photo not Agatha)

When Agatha was 9 years old she was sold as a sex slave.

After 5 months. she was taken to the city and forced to work as a house maid. After the family kicked her out, she ended up living on the streets where she was incredibly vulnerable to further exploitation.

Luckily, she was rescued and taken to Bambejja (a halfway home).

When she arrived at Bambejja, she was fearful and suspicious of everyone she met.

She had a safe place to sleep but missed a major part of her education leaving her with **few options** and little chance for employment in later life. In addition to counselling, Agatha was enrolled on a 'Catch-Up' education Programme and had the chance to study maths and English. Armed with hope, Agatha joined the Bambejja Skills Training Project and is now receiving training, being taught business skills, hair dressing, tailoring and learning about health and hygiene.

Through the process of learning and under the care of staff, Agatha has grown in **self confidence** and now has a positive attitude towards life. She is always seen smiling, is open to talk about her past and loves tailoring:

*"I am so happy to be here because I feel valued and loved. I would like to become a tailor and teach my sisters in the village how to make clothes"*

Just like Agatha, this Oasis project helps young, vulnerable girls and boys find a life away from a world of violence and exploitation.

By supporting this project, more girls will be given a chance to find safety and though education, vulnerable girls will be given a freedom ticket for life and hope for a positive future.

## the price of Agatha's freedom

The cost of one girl to be supported by Oasis Bambejja and educated at **primary school level** is just **£90** per year

One day = £0.25 / One week = £1.70 /  
One month = £7.50 / One term = £30 /

Educating a girl to **secondary level** with Oasis Bambejja is just **£210** per year

One day = £0.90 / One week = £6.30 /  
One month = £7.00 / One term = £110 /

## community context

\* Uganda's capital is **Kampala** where life is a struggle for many who live there

\* **Poverty, inadequate health care, poor education and unemployment** are just some of the issues affecting thousands

\* Conditions in Uganda create an environment leaving many vulnerable to exploitation and abuse and where any children do not receive proper care or access to education

\* **education is not seen as a priority**; it does not provide money and food

\* girls education is even less of a priority, with illiteracy being at \*\*%

\* school drop out rates are high

\* lack of choice and poverty mean **parent's may sell daughters into domestic servitude**. Hidden in private houses, girls are often enslaved and likely to suffer different kinds of abuse, especially sexual exploitation.

\* young girls and women are tempted by a traffickers **false promise of education and / or well paid work and disappear into the hugely profitable sex industry**



## why education helps?

The longer a girl is in education, the less vulnerable she is to exploitation and trafficking, it's as simple as that

Oasis Uganda works with around 100 children, partially sponsoring them to stay in school and also reducing the numbers of children likely to drop out of school through extra curricular support, including 'catch up' lessons in English and holiday programmes.

As well as academic skills, the project teaches valuable life lessons such as decision making, communication skills and children's rights, as well as offering holistic and spiritual support.

Oasis Uganda also works with the girls' carers, training them in things like parenting, children's rights and the importance of education.

## about Oasis Uganda Bamejja

Placed in the country's capital, Oasis Uganda's work in Kampala helps disadvantaged individuals, families and communities, including vulnerable girls, through activities including vocational training, health awareness, income generation training, and psycho-social support, so vulnerable people can have a better and brighter future.

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PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE BOUGHT & SOLD

