

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: Sarah (girl in photo not Sarah)

Sarah is 14 and is being cared for by her uncle. Sarah's uncle always wanted what was best for his niece. But, like many others in the community, he didn't have the money to keep sending Sarah to school.

In January 2010, Sarah joined the Beersheba project so she could catch-up on her studies. Sarah was making huge progress. She improved her ability to read and write, with the hope that she would one day be able to return to proper schooling.

However, her aunt decided that rather than focus on her school work, Sarah should start earning money to pay her keep. In August 2010, Sarah was reported missing from home; she was about to be sold as a domestic worker.

The Beersheba project began to investigate her disappearance and managed to bring her back home. They are now working to support Sarah's uncle to ensure that he is in a better position to care for her. **Above all, the project staff want to prevent Sarah from being sold again.**

In the Beersheba project Sarah has the help and support she needs to be able to get back to school. Only in this way can she make certain that her future is one where she defines the course of her own life, instead of being at constant risk of abuse and exploitation.

Many other vulnerable girls in similar situations are trafficked into a life of imprisonment and manipulation, where they are treated by their captors as a commodity; as a way of making money.

By raising money to support the Beersheba project you can help girls like Sarah stay safe from traffickers, stay in education, and stay on course to reach their true potential.

the price of Sarah's freedom

Education means choice. Choice means freedom.

The cost for one family to receive help from the Beersheba project is just **£375 for one year**.

One day = £1.00 / One week = £7.20 /
One month = £31.25

Whether you raise money to keep a girl in the Oasis Uganda Beersheba project for **one day or a whole year**, you can make a difference that will change a life!

community context

* It is estimated that Uganda has more than 3 million orphans battling against poverty, and inadequate health care.

* Due to the outbreak of AIDS in the region, so many children are left orphaned and alone.

* Education is not seen as a priority, particularly for girls.

* Many young girls are taken out of schooling as they can be used to gain an extra income by working as housemaids. It is this lack of opportunities that traffickers prey on. Girls are understandably tempted by the false promises of “better education” or “fantastic jobs” that traffickers offer them, only to find themselves exploited and enslaved in an unfamiliar country.

* In other cases, girls are simply married off as soon as possible so families no longer have to provide for them. This appalling neglect of Uganda’s girls means they are hugely vulnerable to being trafficked and exploited.

* 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. Its as simple as that.

Beersheba recognizes that to make a difference, it is essential to care for the family as a whole, not just the young girl. In doing so, the girl can be sure of long-term family support. The project provides funding for small family businesses so parents can afford to send their daughters to school.

Beersheba intends from 2011 onwards to take its very successful programmes into schools so that more girls can be reached and impacted, through providing catch up education and mentoring for children who are in school but who are at risk of dropping out. In this way, a much larger number will be supported to complete vital education. Beersheba is also looking to introduce vocational training for vulnerable girls who might otherwise be at risk of trafficking.

about Oasis Uganda Beersheba

Oasis Uganda’s Beersheba project is located within the Mbale community of Musoto. The project works with the girls’ parents or primary carers, giving them a thorough grounding in parenting, children’s rights and the importance of education. This includes regular training, home visits, support with school fees and funding for a small family business.

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