

# 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 South Africa. 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: Nobuhle (girl in photo not Nobuhle)

Nobuhle lives in Cosmo City, South Africa – a city profoundly affected by poverty and unemployment. Like many other young women growing up in Cosmo City, Nobuhle was in danger of turning to a life of crime, or becoming a victim of traffickers' false promises of employment and a better life abroad. Many vulnerable young women in her neighbourhood had been preyed on by traffickers and forced into a life of exploitation and abuse.

But for Nobuhle, life turned out differently. She was introduced to the work of Oasis South Africa where she met girls who had experienced similarly difficult upbringings. The centre was running a Peer Educator project, where Nobuhle trained to become a 'Change Agent'. She was given the skills to change her life as well as to impact other young vulnerable girls around her.

As Nobuhle was so passionate about empowering young girls to stay in education she set up a group where they can talk about the challenges they face growing up in Cosmo City.

Having an older girl like Nobuhle who they can easily relate to is a huge support for these girls, and serves to build their confidence and self-esteem.

Nobuhle has also become involved in running after-school activities like homework clubs, sports sessions and art classes. Not only is she a tutor to the girls she works with; **she is also a role-model**. Nobuhle has found that the only way to actively change a community is to systematically reach out to every individual in need.

By helping to raise money for this project you will give girls from Cosmo City real support and the **chance to stay in education and avoid the constant threat of trafficking**. Not only will you be changing lives, but over time you will be changing whole communities.

## the price of Nobuhle's freedom

**Education means choice. Choice means freedom.**

The cost for one **Change Agent** at Oasis South Africa is just **£1020** for one year.

One day = £2.80 / One week = £19.60 /  
One month = £85.00 /

Whether you raise money to provide a Change Agent for Oasis South Africa project for one day or a whole year, you can make a **difference** that will change lives!

## community context

\* Cosmo City is a place unlike anywhere else in South Africa. It was born out of a government initiative to provide a combination of free, subsidized and private housing, with the hope that this would lead to an economically integrated, diverse community.

\* The development is the first of its kind in South Africa and, if successful, will be used as a model in the government's ambitious plans to eliminate all informal settlements across South Africa.

\* On the surface, Cosmo City is a rapidly growing new neighborhood with better housing than most informal areas. However, many of the social and economic problems from the informal settlements remain.

\* Over 50% of people in Cosmo city are unemployed, there are extensive health problems, and widespread poverty.

\* 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**

\* With limited opportunities and the ever-present threat of falling victim to traffickers, what these young women and girls desperately need is real support and **empowerment**. The Change Agents are the people who can offer this.



## 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

The Peer Educator Change Agents are involved in giving sex education in schools through drama, role play, performing arts and crafts. They discuss issues like human trafficking, self image and prostitution - reaching out to around 1000 children every week.

Some of the Change Agents befriend girls who are already involved in the sex industry and educate them on health issues as well as the dangers of human trafficking. The Change Agent programme equips girls with the knowledge and understanding to not only change their own lives, but make a difference in their wider community. They offer counselling and encourage other girls, just like themselves, to continue with their education.

## about Oasis South Africa

Oasis South Africa recruits young unemployed individuals, between 18 and 25 year old, with leadership skills and the desire to change their community. Most of these youths grow up in very challenging circumstances and so feel they have a huge amount to offer. Through the Change Agent course, they become project leaders with a greater potential for impacting their communities. They are provided with the education and training to support others around them.

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PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE BOUGHT & SOLD

