

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 India. 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: Priya (girl in photo not Priya)

Priya has had a tough upbringing; her father is an alcoholic and her mother is chronically ill. Her father's alcoholism means that the money he earns from labouring rarely goes back to the family. Her mother's illness means that Priya often does her work, as a domestic slave instead. Priya's older sister works as a sales girl. The whole family is dependent on the money she earns.

Neither of Priya's parents can read or write, and don't

understand see the benefit of Priya staying in education. They want her to start work to help support the family financially.

However, if Priya drops out of education she will lose the chance of a better job in the future. This will make her vulnerable to traffickers' false promises of "good education" or "better work", whereupon she would be subjected to a life time of exploitation.

Thankfully, Priya has been attending the Girl's Club for two years. Although she finds learning hard, the patience and dedication of the tutors at the project has led to Priya winning an award at school for great improvement in spelling, English and overall academic development.

Despite the huge challenges Priya has faced, despite her impoverished upbringing, despite her parent's inability to support her, she showed such **determination** to gain an education that she saved money to pay for her own admission fees.

After seeing the academic progress she was making and talking to the Girl's Club staff, Priya's parents now appreciate how **valuable education** is to their daughter's future.

By raising money to educate girls like Priya, you are helping to prevent a lifetime of poverty and protect a girl from being trafficked.

the price of Priya's freedom

Education means choice. Choice means freedom.

The cost for one girl to study at the community project is just **£96** for the year.

one day = £0.26 / one week = £1.85 /
one month = £8.00 /

Whether you raise money to keep a girl in an Oasis India community project for one day or a whole year, you can make a difference that will change a life! Oasis has set a target to put **50 girls** through this programme at a cost of £4800 for a year.

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 India's objective is to develop teenage girls' life skills and help them in their schooling so they can make informed decisions about their future.
- * These skills include time management, stress management, financial management as well as how to build self-esteem and confidence.
- * The younger girls in the project also focus on how to deal with bullies, understanding their rights and being safe. The older girls are prepared for interviews, given CV writing advice and an understanding of office etiquette to prepare them for employment.
- * The community club aims to reach out to these girls trapped in a cycle of poverty to ensure that they are not tricked into being trafficked with false promises of work abroad.
- * The club helps to empower the girls and young women with education, giving them the opportunity to take control of their own futures.



community context

Bangalore is a vast, sprawling city with India's third highest population. The plight of girls like Priya can be easily overlooked as they grow up in an urban sprawl blighted by a wide range of social problems. Where 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.

The girls at the community projects work with have often been affected personally by these problems, whether through an alcoholic mother, a violent father, or an unwanted pregnancy. The latter often leaves girls isolated and alone without the support of their family. It's hardly surprising that so many girls at the project suffer from low self-esteem and shattered confidence.

about Oasis India

Oasis India Girls Club in Bangalore works in the heart of the city to meet the needs of girls in the community. Oasis help get the girls back into education, tutor girls after school, provide training for various jobs, and gives free health and medical care. Just as Priya had her own personal story, so every girl has different needs and challenges to face. The community project tries to address the girls' needs on an individual basis, so that they each have the best chance of a safe, prosperous future.

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