

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 Kyrgyzstan. 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: Aiura (girl in photo not Aiura)

Aiura is 16 and has lived in an orphanage most of her life. This is about to change. In a few months, having completed high school, she will be **forced to leave**. She doesn't know where she'll go. She will need to find a job but with few qualifications and homeless, her options are limited. Other girls in the orphanage who've been recruited for weekend jobs in the city now wear nice clothes and make up.

Aiura has been asked if she wants a city job but is worried about what she'll have to do.

Many vulnerable girls are trafficked into prostitution, lured to the city with promises of money and opportunity. This is especially the case at 16 when girls leave with nowhere to go and no one to look out for them.

Aiura needs a **safe place to live**, someone to help her gain skills for employment and to be there to support her as she finds independence.

That is where Oasis Kyrgyzstan's Project Erkindik comes in. Erkindik (meaning Freedom) provides vulnerable girls living in orphanages and on the streets a safe place to live and learn the skills necessary for independent living. They have access to **further education and vocational training**, which are both vital to find a job paying enough for them to support themselves and **stay away from traffickers**.

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 Aiura's freedom

Education means choice. Choice means freedom.

The cost of one girl to be supported by Oasis Kyrgyzstan is just £3,060 per year

One day = £8.40 / One week = £58.80 /
One month = £255.00 /

Whether you raise money for one girl to continue studying at Oasis Kyrgyzstan for one day to a whole year, you can make a **difference** that will change a life!

community context

- * Project Erkindik helps girls in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan's capital.
- * Kyrgyzstan became an independent country in 1999 after the collapse of the Soviet Union.
- * As the country found its independence, it lost its soviet welfare system and unemployment began to rise. In 2010 18% of the population are unemployed and 40% live below the poverty line.
- * Kyrgyzstan is one of the poorest countries in the Former Soviet Union, yet families tend to be quite large with many children living in one house.
- * Charity organisations and the World Health Organisation are worried about the rates of alcoholism affecting both adults and children.
- * All these problems make it is easy to see why there are so many children and young people living on the streets, in children's centres or in orphanages.
- * 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

Based in Bishkek, Oasis Kyrgyzstan was registered as a charity in 2008. Oasis Kyrgyzstan focuses on vulnerable persons in youth penal institutions and anti-trafficking activities.

Since 2008, Oasis Kyrgyzstan has had a significant impact on the lives of vulnerable young people through its anti-trafficking work. As an example, when young people are released from youth prisons and children's centres, many have nowhere to go leaving them open to exploitation. Oasis Kyrgyzstan recently taught young people in prisons how to stay safe when they are released. Project Erkindik is the result of a 9 month research project and numerous consultations with local experts.

about Oasis Kyrgyzstan

Across the country, education is available for boys and girls up to 16 years old. The problem is that when vulnerable girls leave school, there is no support for them and many end up on the street, where they are at the mercy of traffickers. To help stop the most vulnerable disappearing into trafficking networks, further education and vocational training will help set them on the road to a safe and independent life.

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STOP THE TRAFFIK
PEOPLE SHOULDN'T BE BOUGHT & SOLD

