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Lasting freedom for survivors of human trafficking



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Introducing EverFree

Protection for Women and Girls through Holistic Anti-Trafficking Programming in Uganda and the Philippines

- Mission is to accelerate lasting freedom for survivors of human trafficking
- Comprehensive model empowers survivors, communities, and the global anti-trafficking sector to stop the systems that enable trafficking to thrive



About Uganda

- Global hotspot for human trafficking
- Is a source, transit, and destination country for trafficking with an estimated 320,000 children enslaved annually
- One of the youngest and most rapidly growing populations in the world
- Among the highest fertility rates in the world



Life challenges for women in Uganda

- One of the largest youth populations in the world by proportion, limited prospects for gainful employment for those under 30
- High rates of poverty and low household incomes country-wide; trafficking has skyrocketed
- High numbers of births, short birth intervals, and early childbearing contribute to high maternal mortality rate
- Women have less schooling, participate less in paid employment, and often have little say in reproductive health



The Project

- Residential aftercare homes or community-based programs for trafficking survivors
- Individual trauma-informed service plans that address safety, health, education, economic independence, psychosocial, and spiritual well-being
- Life skills trainings, business and financial management classes, practical application through technical training; educational and vocational scholarships
- Legal services to those who need legal aid and/or wish to pursue legal action against their trafficker

The Project

- Trafficking prevention programming sensitizes communities and the judicial system about trafficking in persons
- For those within the legal system, specific trainings and capacity building teach victim-centered advocacy and taking a trauma-informed approach to prosecuting trafficking cases

Rehabilitating and restoring the lives of survivors is critical in anti-slavery strategies and has a ripple effect in the community – ending cycles of abuse, poverty, and exploitation. Survivors who are empowered economically provide are less vulnerable to revictimization.

DIRECT IMPACT: 500; INDIRECT IMPACT: 60,000



Budget

Item	Description	Cost
Personnel	Includes portion of salary for program manager	\$1,278
Travel Costs	Survivor program transportation costs of victims from the airport/border to counseling services, court, family tracing, family resettlement/reintegration, and trainings, and field visits.	\$5,980
Supplies, Commodities, and Materials	Feeding program for residential survivors (healthy meals and snacks), beneficiary personal items, medical services, and clothing (including toiletries and feminine hygiene items)	\$17,000
General Operating Costs	Portion of rent for safe shelters, communications (including internet access), education and vocational training (including economic empowerment trainings and start-up capital provided to survivors)	\$20,140
Other Indirect Costs	Overhead and administration	\$5,602
TOTAL		\$50,000

About EverFree

- EverFree is the strategic integration of two expert anti-trafficking entities: Willow International and 10ThousandWindows
- 18+ years of evidence-based, survivor-informed expertise to holistically address and halt the cycles of exploitation and poverty that enable human trafficking
- Focuses on justice sector reform, victim legal services, education and awareness through stakeholder training, and services for survivors

Share your thoughts

1. One critical aspect of this project is the availability of residential care for survivors who need it. What difference do you think that makes in treatment and in reducing the risk of re-trafficking?
2. Sensitizing community members, law enforcement, lawyers, and others to the needs of trafficking survivors seems like an enormous task, especially in areas where human trafficking is rampant. Do you think training can overcome long-standing processes and procedures? Where do you expect changes to be most evident?

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3. EverFree has been successful in its three main focus areas: trauma-informed services for survivors, training for those who work in the justice sector, and prevention of trafficking. How do you think those pieces complement each other in changing the cycle of exploitation? Can it be replicated in other countries?



