



# EMPOWERING GIRLS IN NEPAL

SIGBI Federation Project 2019-2022

Making a real and sustainable difference to the lives of vulnerable and trafficked girls and young women through education and training, to enable them to continue their education safely, enhance their employability and become role models and leaders of the future.

## OUTCOMES

Educate and train **45 girls**, providing them, alongside their schooling, with life and language skills and tailoring training that can lead to gainful employment and enable them to return to society.

Create a **sustainable 30-bed facility** which will act as a safe and secure halfway house, a home during transition and a stepping stone for these girls.

## ALIGNMENT with SIGBI GOALS

### Educate, Empower and Enable

vulnerable girls and young women, enhancing their employability and providing employment opportunities

### Aligns with SDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 8

Involvement in the **#metoo** movement (In Nepal) – against sexual harassment and assault

<p><b>1 NO POVERTY</b></p>	<p><b>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</b></p>
<p><b>2 ZERO HUNGER</b></p>	<p><b>5 GENDER EQUALITY</b></p>
<p><b>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</b></p>	<p><b>8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH</b></p>

#metoo

## BACKGROUND/NEED

Imagine being abused, raped, abducted or trafficked.

Now, as well as the trauma you've suffered, imagine the stigma, imagine not being believed, of feeling isolated and alone, of being frightened of reprisals.

This is the reality for far too many girls and young women in Nepal. The statistics on Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Nepal are truly shocking. In some areas, violence against girls and their abduction seems to be treated as a social norm. A survey\* in 2016 found that 23% of women had been subject to physical, emotional or sexual violence with 7% having experienced sexual violence. Over half of the victims were minors, one in five under the age of ten.

A girl's life is ruined by rape or abuse. Aside from the trauma, she will carry the burden of stigma that could lead to her being expelled from the village or forced into a quick child marriage as part of the cover-up – in one instance, village elders instructed the girl to marry her rapist and pay his family a dowry!

The girl will no longer go to school, will have no chance of employment and will live in penury.

This project tackles this problem head-on by providing security, rehabilitation, education and training for these vulnerable girls.

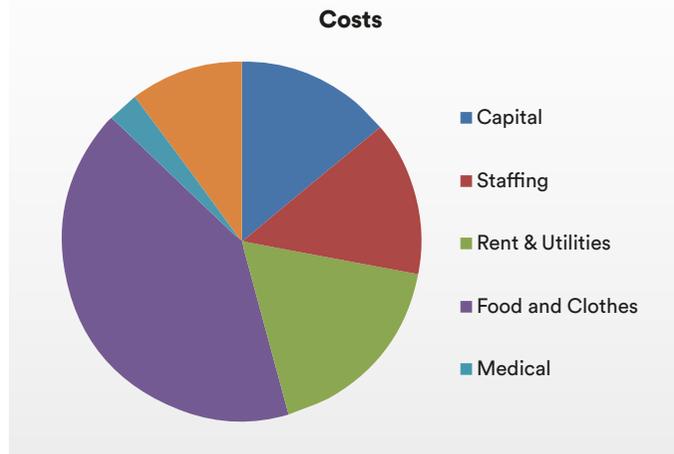
## BUDGET

Target is to raise **£105,000** towards the half-way house development.

Year 1 **£50,000**

Year 2 **£30,000**

Year 3 **£25,000**



\* The Nepal Demographic Health Survey 2016



## PARTNERS

The project is a joint venture between SIGBI and ChoraChori, a UK registered charity. ChoraChori (the Nepali word for children) works with its implementing partner NGO in Nepal, ChoraChori-Nepal to rescue children, provide rehabilitation, education and training and, where appropriate, reintegrate them with their families and communities. ChoraChori also supports the prosecution of offenders and raises awareness through the media.

The founder of ChoraChori, Lt Col (retd.) Philip Holmes, lived and worked in Nepal between 2004 and 2012 and knows and respects his Nepali colleagues from his day-to-day contact with them. ChoraChori Trustees and volunteers oversee and monitor the operation, ensuring compliance and enabling ChoraChori-Nepal to achieve its goals. UK administrative costs are kept to a minimum.

ChoraChori-Nepal has a small core staff in Kathmandu supporting its field staff, child rescue teams and refuge/rehabilitation operation. They include the tenacious Bhaskar, the hands-on CEO, and the formidable Shailaja, who works with determination and has the courage to face down those who believe they can abuse children and get away with it.

Central to ChoraChori's work has been the operation of a transit refuge and rehabilitation centre in Kathmandu. The centre incorporates a child trauma management centre.



## LASTING LEGACY

Girls will be empowered through education and training to become independent and self-sufficient adults who can find a place for their trauma and who will have the skills and confidence to advance in life.

In addition, the Centre will be fully sustainable through the sale of goods and by sponsorship of bed spaces.