



RISE



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IMPACT REPORT

2023



OUR DAUGHTERS
INTERNATIONAL





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DEAR FRIENDS,

As I walked into the dining hall with two other fathers, we were greeted with the smiles, laughter and cheering of 120 daughters and staff who had gathered together for a surprise Father's Day celebration!

I wasn't sure what to expect as this was the first Father's Day event that I had attended in-person. And then it began. Poems were read, homemade cards were given, songs were sung, and dances danced. My heart was overwhelmed. There was such joy on so many daughters' faces. I couldn't help but think of those who had been hurt or betrayed by their very own fathers. **Yet that night they celebrated.** Perhaps it was because many of their lives had been transformed - **they now have a new identity, a hope and a future.** It is through the generosity of your time, talent and treasure that these daughters are able to rise and shine!



In the pages ahead you will have the opportunity to read the stories of some of our daughters and see the impact that has been made through our ODI family, but here are just a few highlights from 2023:

18,060 girls and women were counseled at the border this year.

864 victims were rescued and are now overcomers!

146 overcomers were welcomed as daughters at the Safe Homes.

111 daughters received vocational skill training.

239 girls are receiving education support.

15 new businesses were started.

Women's Entrepreneur Society Nepal was established.

U.S. partner teams led Daughter Empowerment Conferences, trauma counseling training and cosmetology training.

Looking ahead to 2024, we will continue to grow with excellence the work we have been doing, while also focusing on business development. We have seen first-hand that when a daughter starts a business, she is empowered as a leader to become a catalyst for change in her community.

As you read through these pages, we hope you will be encouraged to see the impact that has been made this past year and join us as we look ahead with excited anticipation to 2024!

From the bottom of my heart, **thank you** for your love and support of our daughters,


RAMESH SAPKOTA
ODI Founder & President

THE ISSUE:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN DAY SLAVERY.

It is one of the world's **most complex crimes**.

It is the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of people through force, fraud, or deception **with the aim of exploiting them for profit**.

- **49.6 million people** are living as slaves
- **4 out of 5** are women
- **1.6 million** are children

25,000 GIRLS AND WOMEN ARE TRAFFICKED FROM NEPAL TO INDIA EVERY YEAR.

Nepal is a **source country** for traffickers.

Key Vulnerabilities:

- **Extreme poverty**
- **Open border** between India and Nepal
- **Patriarchal society**

Global Prevalence of Modern Slavery



Women peer out from brothel windows on GB Road in New Delhi, one of the largest red light districts in India.



Buildings 59 and 64 on GB Road are where Nepali girls and women are held captive and trafficked.

OUR MISSION:
OUR DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL
AND OUR PARTNERS EXIST
TO BRING AN END TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AND TO SEE LIVES AND
COMMUNITIES TRANSFORMED.



SINCE 2009...



188,910 GIRLS AND WOMEN

have been counseled at the border stations.

13,864 TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

were rescued and are now overcomers!

1,870 OVERCOMERS

have been welcomed as daughters at the Safe Homes.

325 BUSINESSES

have been started by our daughters.

131 COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT GROUPS

have been started with 6,188 members.

OUR SOLUTION:

THE FREEDOM PATHWAY

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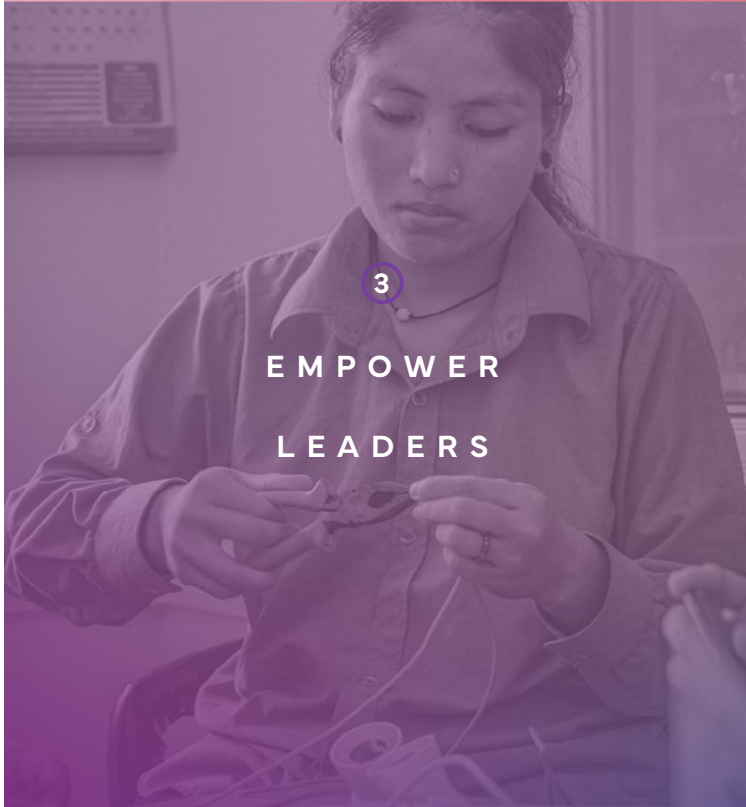
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RESCUE
VICTIMS



RESTORE
DAUGHTERS



EMPOWER
LEADERS



TRANSFORM
COMMUNITIES

1 RESCUE VICTIMS

BORDER STATIONS

10 Border Stations and two Train Depots span the entire India-Nepal border where Border Counselors, many who were once victims themselves, monitor traffic. If a victim is identified, they are **rescued**. If safety, trauma, or other issues prevent her from being reunited with her family, she is given the opportunity to **continue her journey to freedom** and is **welcomed as a daughter** at the Safe Homes.



2023 IMPACT

51,059 girls and women received information regarding human trafficking, gender-based violence and child marriage.

18,060 girls and women were counseled at the border.

706 girls and women were reunited with their families.

864 victims were rescued as overcomers!

51 Border Counselors and staff keep a watchful eye for potential victims year-round.

Border counselors watch for signs of trafficking at the busy **India-Nepal border crossing in Sunauli**.





I am so thankful that you were
there when I was completely
helpless and hopeless.

*I never thought I
would be free again.*



RAJITA'S STORY

The Birgunj rescue team was contacted by police **regarding a young woman they had found in distress**. They were unable to ascertain her story and hoped the rescue team would have more success. When the team arrived, they saw a woman who looked disheveled and exhausted. They decided to take her back to the Emergency Shelter so she could have a place to recover. She slept for an entire day after her rescue.

When the young woman woke, she shared through tears that her name was Rajita. She had gone to a friend's house and was offered a cup of tea that had been secretly drugged. **The next thing she remembered was waking in a strange place full of strange people**. While unconscious, Rajita had been transported to an exotic dance club by her traffickers and was now surrounded by other victims. For five agonizing years, Rajita was forced to work endless nights and never received a penny. She was forbidden to leave for any reason. **One day, Rajita saw a chance to escape**. She ran for four straight hours when the police found her and contacted our partners for help.

Rajita told the border team that she had a son back home and desperately wanted to see him again. With the help of Nepali police, they located her family and facilitated her homecoming. The team keeps frequent communication with Rajita who is living safely with her parents. They provide ongoing counseling and support, and will continue to do so until Rajita is able to overcome her dark past and move towards **healing and restoration**.

2 RESTORE DAUGHTERS

SAFE HOMES

When an overcomer arrives at one of the two Safe Homes, she is welcomed as **"our daughter."** Her basic needs are met and one-on-one trauma counseling is started right away. During her **two to three month stay**, she is eventually matched to a counselor who will help her dream and **put a plan together for a bright future.**

2023 IMPACT

146 overcomers were welcomed as daughters at the **two Safe Homes.**

73 daughters graduated from the Safe Homes.

31 daughters were reintegrated into their families and communities.

18 staff members serve our daughters.



Daughters and staff live and laugh together at the newly constructed second Safe Home.

SITA'S STORY

Sita's family lived in extreme poverty. Desperate to help, she agreed to go with a friend to work as a waiter in a hotel. When she arrived, **she realized she had been deceived** and sold instead to the hotel as a prostitute. Sita was forced to give herself up dozens of times per day without ever being able to leave the hotel. Sita began to accept that this was her fate now and she would likely never return to her old life.

Eventually, Sita's traffickers decided that she would be sold to a brothel in India. On her way, however, **Sita was intercepted at the border by our partner's rescue team**. They counseled her and told her they could help her create a new life. She led police back to the hotel where she had been working and four other young girls were rescued. The hotel owner was arrested for human trafficking.

Now, Sita is living in our partners' Education Home where she is studying Hospitality Management, and continues to receive counseling and care. She is a natural leader and has such a bright personality! She has reconnected with her family who offer their full support on her new journey. Sita also shares her story publicly to raise awareness about the vulnerabilities that lead to human trafficking, and **to save other young girls and women like her!**



Click or scan to watch
Sita's full story.



**I was traveling down
a road of no return.**

**Now the future looks bright,
and I can see a path forward.**

*A new life to live, and a new
dream to dream...*



3 EMPOWER LEADERS

TRAINING CENTER

Once the daughters graduate from the Safe Home, they continue their pathway to freedom at the Training Center. The daughters can enroll in one of four vocational skills training tracks;

Cosmetology • Tailoring • Fast Food • Electrician Training



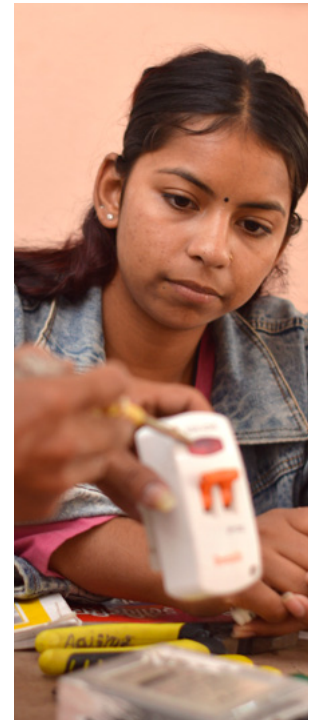
COSMETOLOGY



TAILORING



FAST FOOD



**ELECTRICIAN
TRAINING**

2023 IMPACT

111 daughters received vocational skills training.

43 daughters graduated.

32 daughters graduated from Social Leadership Training.

36 daughters participated in Enhanced Leadership Training.



It was the love for my son that

kept me going. I wanted to provide a better life for him, and demonstrate with hard work, anything is possible.

Now I get to pass that dream on to other daughters like me.

PRIYA'S STORY

Priya was rescued at the border after escaping her abusive husband. She wanted to create a better life for her son at home, so she accepted an offer to come to our partner's Training Center to learn vocational skills. While there, **Priya gravitated towards the electrical training program** and inspired everyone with her dedication to learn.

After graduation, Priya took a national exam for the "Electrical sub-overseer course" offered by the Council for Technical Education and Vocational Training. Out of 24 students, only three passed the exam.

Priya was one out of the three, and the only female, to pass with flying colors!

Priya has excelled so much that our partners have offered her a job at the Training Center as the assistant electrical trainer over the entire program! She now gets to **use her knowledge to empower other daughters** to dream big, reach high, and achieve their goals. She also gets to inspire her son everyday and give him the life she worked so hard to provide.

4 TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Once a daughter graduates from the Training Center, **she returns to her community as an empowered leader**. She will start her own business and engage the community through empowerment groups that reach women, men and adolescents. Through these groups, micro-savings groups are also started, girls receive education scholarships, and awareness is raised surrounding the issues of human trafficking, gender-based violence and child marriage.

2023 IMPACT

15 new businesses were started.

131 Community Empowerment Groups have been started with 6,188 members.

24 Adolescent Groups reached 678 young girls.

42 Man Up Defender Groups mobilized 237 members.

239 girls received scholarships through NoChild.

4 Daughter Empowerment Conferences were hosted with 170 participants.



KAMA'S STORY

Kama grew up without ever experiencing the love of her family. As her parents aged, they became ill and could no longer work, so Kama was forced to quit school and become the sole provider. She heard she could find lucrative jobs in India, so **she set out in search of a better life.**

Kama was stopped on her way by our partners' border counselors who began asking her questions. She shared about her family's situation at home. **The team invited Kama to come to the Training Center** to begin learning vocational skills in a safe and loving environment. She happily accepted!

Kama excelled in the cosmetology track. Kama has now graduated from the Training Center, began working as a border counselor rescuing other girls like her, and has recently opened a salon in her village. She hopes to use her business as a way to **inspire and encourage other women to start their own businesses.**



I hope my business will
inspire other women in my
community to be confident in
starting their own businesses.





A FEW
SHINING
MOMENTS

FROM 2023



RISE + SHINE EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCES

Over 200 daughters and staff members gathered together across four "Rise + Shine" Daughter Empowerment conferences hosted by our partners and led by various teams from our US ODI family.

Each conference was filled with friendship, fellowship, encouragement, learning and application.

Daughters returned to their communities **encouraged** and **empowered** to live out the plan and purpose for their lives.



A NEW BRAND AND EXPANSION PLAN

When a daughter opens a hairdressing business, she is able to make money the minute a client walks into her shop. This instant gratification gives her the encouragement she needs to keep going in her business, and provides a solid sustainable wage which is a huge human trafficking deterrent. Currently **there are 13 successful salons up and running**, but our partners have identified great demand in communities throughout the entire country of Nepal for skilled hairdressers!

A team from the US traveled to Nepal this fall and provided an entire week of training to daughters on the latest techniques in cutting, coloring and styling hair. They also worked with the business development team and created a business plan that would help scale these businesses. **The goal is to start 20 new salons by the end of 2024 which would employ 40 new daughters!**

What will they call this new shop?

Beauties + Bros! We will keep you updated on developments of this exciting venture!



CHITWAN CHAAT HOUSE OPENED FOR BUSINESS

The Chaat House is a **new fast food restaurant** start-up this year. Its purpose is to provide jobs to daughters who have graduated from the fast food track, and to provide marketplace training to daughters in the last phase of their training. So far, **the restaurant has been a success** as it's nestled near a local college and med school. Needless to say, it serves many hungry students! The long term goal is to use the Chaat House **as a model for multiple restaurants** that use this concept to employ many daughters!



SERVE ELECTRIC NEPAL LAUNCHED

Also new this year was the launch of **Serve Electric Nepal!**

With the support of valued partner Serve Electric, a US-based electrical contractor business, the first Serve Electric Nepal storefront opened in the community. The store stocks and sells basic electrical supplies, and is also a service center where customers can schedule appointments for repairs by our electrical training graduates.

Serve Electric Nepal has created new opportunities to break gender stereotypes and demonstrate that our daughters are capable of doing anything!





WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEUR

The Women's Entrepreneur Society was established as a non-profit organization that will provide:

- ① **hands-on marketplace training** for daughters,
- ② **financial support** for daughters who start businesses,
- ③ **ongoing business acumen support** that will help them run their businesses effectively.

A portion of the businesses profits will be invested back into WES with the eventual goal of **each business unit becoming financially independent**. This will allow for additional business opportunities to be added to the organization.

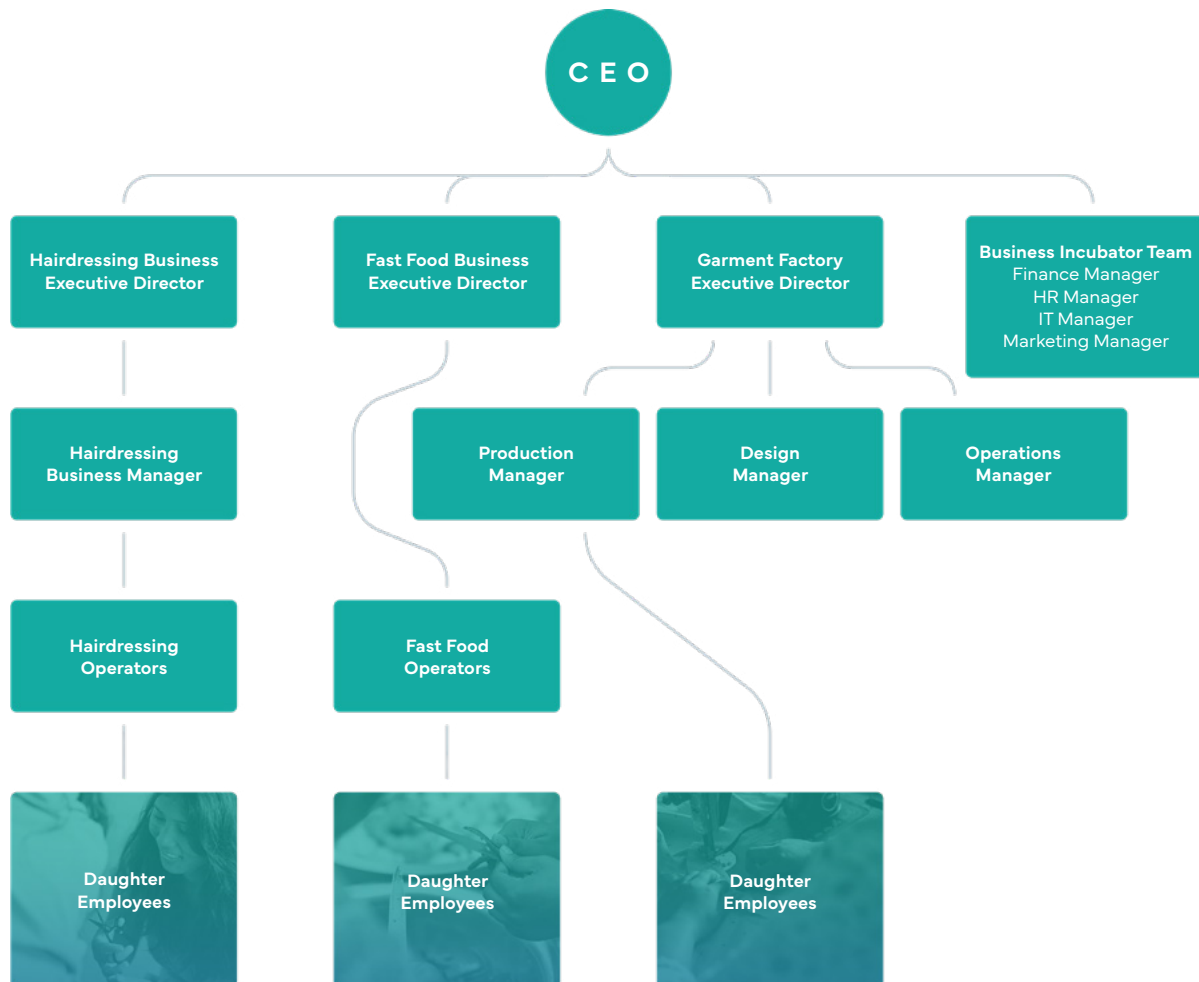
The ultimate vision of WES is to **establish daughter-run businesses throughout the entire country of Nepal** that provide sustainable wages.

This innovative approach completes the holistic solution in what we believe will bring an end to human trafficking.



SOCIETY ESTABLISHED

WES ORGANIZATIONAL VISION



Our goal is to fill as many positions as possible with **daughters** or **at-risk women** in communities.

SEE WHERE GOD IS LEADING NEXT!

RESCUE VICTIMS

GOALS:

50,000 girls and women will be reached with preventative human trafficking information.

17,000 will receive counseling at the border stations.

1,080 will be rescued.

RESTORE DAUGHTERS

GOALS:

250 overcomers will be welcomed as daughters at the Safe Homes.



→ 2024 INVESTMENT GOAL:

\$1,914,000

EMPOWER LEADERS

GOALS:

80 daughters will graduate from the Training Center.

50 new store-front micro-businesses will be started.

70 daughters will graduate from Social Leadership Development Training.

70 daughters will participate in Enhanced Leadership Training.

4 Daughter Empowerment Conferences will be hosted with 400+ attendees.

300 girls in various communities will receive education scholarships.

TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

GOALS:

Launch Phase 1 of the Women's Entrepreneur Society.

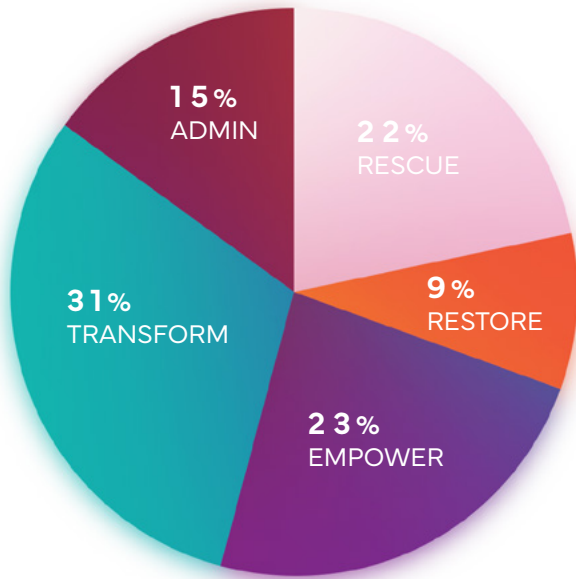
28 Community Empowerment Groups will reach 8,930 girls and women through education.

17 Man Up Defender Groups will reach 1,185 men and mobilize other men in communities.

24 Adolescent Groups will reach 1,200 young girls in communities.

370 volunteers will be trained to train others regarding human trafficking.

ODI INVESTMENT BREAKDOWN



The support of the ODI family transforms hundreds of daughters lives every year. Here is a breakdown of how your investment will support our partners.

22% RESCUE

10 Border Stations, 2 Train Depots, Emergency Shelter at 10 Transit Homes, Staff, Rescue + Repatriation, Pre-border Awareness Activities

9% RESTORE

Two Safe Homes, Staff

24% EMPOWER

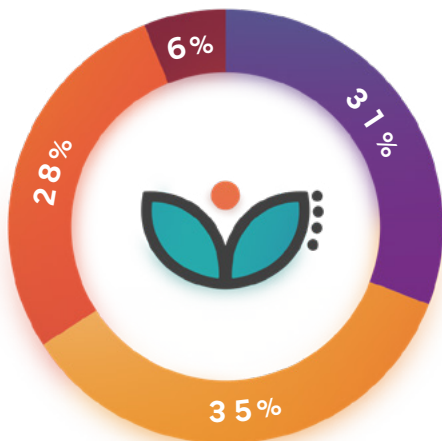
Training Center, Staff, Vocational Skills Training, Social Leadership Development, Education Support, Enhanced Leadership Training

31% TRANSFORM

Business Start-Ups, Business Support, Community Engagement Programs, Advocacy + Lobbying, Empowerment Groups, ESL, Community Awareness Events, Daughter Empowerment Conferences

15% ODI ADMIN, MARKETING & FUNDRAISING

ODI FAMILY OF SUPPORTERS



35% FOUNDATIONS + DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

31% CHURCHES

28% BUSINESSES + INDIVIDUALS

6% NON-PROFITS



LET'S SEE LIVES
AND COMMUNITIES
TRANSFORMED
TOGETHER!

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