

## **CASE STUDIES OF SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE SERVED BY UYDEL:**

***Susan 16 year old female:*** Lost her father at age 2 and lived with mother who supported her in school up to P.7. That's when her cousin came for her to Bwaise where they were staying with other girls who were CSWs. After 2 weeks, the cousin told her to start fending for herself through CSW but was hesitant until the cousin stopped providing food. Then Susan accepted, the cousin brought a man who paid her 5,000 in exchange for sex. She was 14 years and a virgin, therefore felt pain and bled a lot. The cousin gave her local herbs that helped her heal after two weeks. She resumed CSW until today. She uses condoms but says some clients want forced and unprotected sex, thus risk. She makes an alarm when this happens and her friends rescue her. They keep around the lodge. Some clients slap her when she refuses unprotected sex, others don't want to pay. She sleeps with 2-3 clients a night each charged at 2,000-5,000shs per act. When drunk, she can have more than 3. Sometimes the clients pay to the cousin because she participates in looking for them (clients), pays for the lodge and gets condoms. She stages at Eden Service Park and streets of Bwaise and Kalerwe for clients till late night (1-2 pm).

***Moses 17 year old male:*** Born in Kenya, he came to Uganda after death of parents and now lives with aunt in kimombasa slum. He never continued with school because the aunt couldn't meet the school expenses. He got a job in this bar and the boss provided accommodation for times when he could not go back home. One day at 3:00am, when he was going to his room to sleep the boss followed him and said she wanted to sleep too, saying she wanted to feel his warmth. When he threatened to make an alarm, the boss said he would chase him from the job. I was scared of losing my job, so we had intercourse. Since then, it became a routine. *"I have always used a condom because i don't want to get STIs and not to make her pregnant. My boss gives me money that i use to buy clothes and shoes. She also bought for me a phone"*. He earns 8,000 - 30,000 shs per month as salary. He also uses part of it to buy other younger girls for sex for shs 1,500-2,500 shs. He says there are some women who come to the bar as customers and also buy him for sex for 5,000+. *"I do this without my boss's knowledge because she is jealous. He is interested in learning electronics and get another job so that he can leave this environment"*. He was identified by the local leader and referred to Bwaise post to learn skills.

Dropped out of school due to lack of fees trafficked to Kampala by aunt promising a good job but to end up in commercial sex to contribute to food and other basic needs at home. She first refused but after two weeks the aunt starved her and was forced to engage in order to get food. She first had sex with a man who refused to use a condom and refused to pay her as well. She charges 2,000-5,000 shs per encounter for 3 men a day in exchange for sex for money. She recognises risks to STIs, pregnancy and HIV as one day she was raped by two men without protection after one had bought her and taken her to his home. She wants to become a hairdresser and withdraw from CSW.

***Shabby (17 year old female):*** When mother died, father neglected her and her siblings and they dropped out of school in S.1. She was brought to Kampala and promised to work as a maid with a pay of 15,000 shs. She started working as a housemaid. The boss mistreated her. She used to wake up at 5, prepare children for school and do all the house chores. She left after 2 years without pay. A friend in the neighborhood took her to her house where they were renting 5 girls and depending on CSW. *They taught me how to make clean money as they called it. At first i was scared but got used slowly because i had to look after myself and my siblings.* It is now one year and seven months and she says it is challenging because they spend the night awake. It is cold and sometimes it rains but keeps outside waiting for customers. Some clients physically beat, want unprotected sex. Those who take us to their houses gang rape us and refuse to pay. The house they stay is used as a lodge because they don't want to pay for lodging fees which is between 2,000-5,000 shs (bed and condom) for a client who wants to spend a night and then they charge 10,000. My friends use drugs but i don't because i respect my religion. One of our friends who was at UYDEL came and told us to join but my friends refused saying it was a waste of time. *“I want to acquire hairdressing skills and get out of CSW because there are a lot of risks including HIV/AIDS”.*

**Delph (17 year old female):** She is a mother of one and lives with aunt. She dropped out of school in S.2 after getting pregnant by a camera man who used to take them photographs. Her parents sent her to her aunt who mistreated her. At the time of the interview, she did not disclose how exactly the aunt mistreated her. When the child was one year and six months, the aunt took her back to the father's home and she was told to look for a job. She started working in a bar where she earned 40,000 a month which was inadequate to meet her needs and her child. The father of the child had denied the pregnancy and subsequently denied the child. They have never seen him since. The workmates introduced her to CSW. *I get customers who come to drink at the bar and charge 10,000-20,000 shs. I try as much as possible to use a condom to prevent pregnancy and HIV/STI. The biggest challenge is that some clients don't want to use a condom; others don't want to pay after the service.* Delphine was recruited in the hairdressing class at Masooli and offered temporary shelter at the residential facility where she will stay for six months and benefit from information, services and skills training offered.

**Brenda (15 year old Female)** was trafficked from Fort Portal District in Western Uganda where she was staying with the mother and five other siblings. When the father past away, Brenda dropped out of school because the mother could not afford school fees since she was surviving on peasant agriculture. One-day, one of the aunts, went to the village and promised the mother that she would look after Brenda well and take her back to school.

When she reached Kampala City, the aunt paid her school dues for only one term in primary seven, after which she informed her that she did not have money anymore to pay for her education. She forced Brenda to start working in the market selling vegetables. She sold vegetables for long hours from early morning at 5am to 6 pm in the evening, and most times in the scorching sun.

As months passed by, Brenda was told to start having sexual relations with men that the aunt would bring her. The aunt would receive the money the men would pay after sexual encounters. She only provided accommodation and meals only to Brenda. One day- Brenda decided to report to police which was nearby police station. The aunt was arrested and Brenda referred to UYDEL for support. It later turned out that the aunt was released after a few days with claims that she had bribed the police. When UYDEL connected with the mother in Fort Portal, it emerged that the mother was deceived by the trafficker that Brenda was well and in school.

While at the centre, Brenda was counselled and provided with information on child trafficking, rights and other issues relating to Sexual and reproductive health and life skills. She acquired skills in hairdressing and she wanted to find employment in existing salons in Fort Portal where

she would earn money. She was an active participant in the drama group. She was also active in her sports club and confidently told her story during behavioral change and dialogue sessions. She was among other people who told her story at the national celebrations to mark the day of the African child and during the conference on Paediatric HIV/AIDS in Uganda. On 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011, Brenda was reunited with the mother who came for her from Fort portal. She will be followed up in the first quarter of 2012 to give more moral support and to document her success

**Stella (17 years)** was trafficked from Kumi where she was staying with a single mother and 5 siblings. She was promised to get a job in a good restaurant in Kampala. On reaching Kampala, she was taken to Entebbe to work as a bar maid, serving drinks in a bar. Male customers usually touched her breasts and buttocks and made sexual advances at her. When she informed the employer about this, she was told to keep quiet because by her accepting the sexual advances, they would get more money in the business. She would work from 6am to midnight when the bar closed. One day a male customer gave the employer 30,000 so that he could have sex with Stella but she refused. The employer was very angry that she slapped her and told her to leave that very night without pay. She slept at a petrol station that night until the morning when she started walking to Namasuba where she later connected to a stranger that led her to a karaoke dance group. They were 6 other young girls dancing with one group who oriented her into strip dancing, drug abuse in order to attract customers to come and hangout from specific bars where they performed. She would be paid 5,000 Uganda Shs (USD2) per show.

One day she asked the other girls where they get a lot of money yet they are paid little, they told her to hook up with men for sex in exchange for money. She fled the group after getting a job as a housemaid from one recruitment agency that provides opportunities for recruiting housemaids in the city. In the home where she worked, she was sexually abused by the husband to the employer. She decided to tell a neighbor about her story and how she was afraid of the man in the house. The neighbor referred her to UYDEL where she learned hairdressing skills, received information on rights and life skills. She was active in the drama group that designed messages on children's rights and child protection issues and staged the drama during community education activities. She is still at the center and will be resettled in January 2012.

**Aggie (15 years)** was trafficked from Kenya where she was staying with her mother, a hairdresser in Nakuru Town. She was brought to Kampala by her father with the promise of taking her back to school, claiming that Ugandan education system was better than the Kenyan system. The father had other children that were going to school but after more than three months Aginator had not gone to school. She asked the father, he ignored her. So Aginator stayed at home as her siblings went to school in the hope that she would also go to school.

Sooner than later the father started making sexual advances at her whenever there was no one else at home. He raped her twice and told her to keep quiet about it lest he would never to back to school. When time came and she went to school, Aginator told one of the teachers because she was feeling so bad about her ordeal. The teacher reported the case to the police station and the father arrested on defilement charges. As the police found alternative family for Aginator, they referred Aginator to UYDEL where she received counseling and information on rights and other issues that affect young people like reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. She learned life skills and participated in music dance and drama where young people were involved in educating communities and young people about child trafficking and children's rights.

At the time of making this report, Aginator was still at the center although she had completed training in hairdressing, she was waiting for her last testimony in court against her father which would take place in early January before she goes back to Kenya.

**Becky (16 years female)** was trafficked from Jinja District (in Eastern Uganda) where she was staying with the father who was a motorcycle rider. Given his job, he could not support all his nine children and therefore they could not continue with formal education including Rebecca. One day, a woman (stranger to her) came to her home and talked her father into taking Rebecca to Kampala to work in a salon. The father accepted and Rebecca was trafficked to Kampala. While in Kireka, one of the city suburbs, Rebecca was told to become a "house girl"/maid in the traffickers home. Rebecca says that during her first weeks, the employer was very good to her but became very rude the months that followed. She would beat, verbally abused her calling her names. She incited her children to call her names and never to speak to her. Whenever visitors came, Rebecca would be locked in the bedroom until they left. This happened for one year until Rebecca decided to run away from the employers home to the streets. One day she narrated her story to one woman who worked on the street where she frequented. The woman agreed to give her shelter at her home until she was referred to UYDEL. At UYDEL she found temporary shelter and other psycho-social support services from which she benefited. She chose to do hairdressing

which she completed and was active in the peer educators club where she participated in educating other young people about life skills. She will be followed up in 2012 to give her more support and document her success.

**Aisha (16 years female)** was trafficked from Mpigi District where she was staying with the aunt, with her other 4 orphaned siblings. She was trafficked by her cousin sister with a promise of being looked after in Kampala. On reaching Kampala she was informed that she had got a job as a house girl in one of the neighbours' homes. In that home, Aisha says she did all the work when all the other household members did nothing. The children in the home mistreated her and the boys demanded to have sex with her. Whenever, the children made a mistake in the home, why blamed Aisha and their mother (Aisha's employer) would punish Aisha by denying food, beating or verbal insults, sometimes locked her out at night. One of the neighbour who found her outside referred her to UYDEL where she was sheltered and received psycho-social support services as other children participating in this project. She learned hairdressing and hopes to start her own business if given a sewing machine. She was active in the Music dance and drama group and represented UYDEL to tell her story and talk about other issues of child protection at national fora. She will be followed up in 2012 to give her more support and document her success.