

SURVIVORS' STORIES.....



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This picture depicts 13 trafficking survivors who were recently repatriated from India to Bangladesh with assistance from the Bangladesh National Womens Lawyer's Association (BNWLA). Some of them had to remain in a home for nearly six years before they could come home to their country.

Trafficked boy:

....when I was 4, I was trafficked by a family member to become a camel jockey. During a camel race, I fell off the camel and broke my leg and was hospitalized. When word of this broke, I was rescued by the police.....

Trafficked Girl:

....I was trafficked and forced into the sex trade for a year. During this time I was physically tortured and kept in conditions similar to a prison.....

Trafficked woman:

....I was sold by my husband to a brothel for 10,000 Rupees. Police rescued me based on information from a client. I was sent to a remand home where I remained for a long time.....

Trafficked Girl:

.....My father was poor and didn't have enough money for the wedding. The woman offered him a chance to marry me to a man in India. We would not have to pay the dowry and the boy's family would help with money. My father considered it a chance of a lifetime. After being taken to India, I was sold to a brothel.....

(Based on interviews with trafficking victims in Dhaka – August 2000)