



PROTECTION



GIVE THE GIFT OF PROTECTION TODAY.

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair and a red patterned shawl hugging a child with dark hair from behind. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with buildings and hills.

Safeguarding the Future

Thank you for considering this unique opportunity to support the construction of The Pokhara Project to protect rescued and at-risk women and children in Nepal.

Once complete, the new facilities will be surrounded by a secure perimeter wall, sections of which will be topped with barbed wire and monitored by guards and CCTV. Protection has been designed into all elements of the project, including safety and belonging as part of a loving and vigilant community, to ensure trafficking survivors have a safe place to live and learn, free from fear and full of hope.

Construction of the facilities will begin once our funding target has been reached—and your generosity will take us a critical step towards achieving this important goal.

“Happiness has many roots, but none more important than security.”

— E.R. Stettinius, Jr.



The Cause

Human trafficking is a multi-million dollar industry and is the unthinkable reality for millions of people worldwide. It is a devastating global issue that preys on the vulnerable, exploiting their dreams, hopes and desperation for a better life.

The traffickers who perpetrate these crimes are cunning and ruthless, employing a range of deceitful tactics to ensnare their victims. To understand why protection is so important, we need to delve into the dark world of human trafficking and expose the tricks and traps used.

Traffickers regularly use **false promises** of a better future, education, employment, or even a chance at love. Through deceitful recruitment methods, they exploit a person's aspirations and vulnerabilities, preying on their dreams and desires.

Fake job offers, sham marriage proposals and fraudulent promises become the initial hooks.

Once trapped, traffickers use **psychological manipulation** and **emotional coercion** to maintain control over their victims. They isolate them from family, friends and their support networks, leaving them feeling helpless and dependent.

They use intimidation and threats, or physical and emotional abuse to break down their victims' willpower and exploit their fear and vulnerability.

Many victims fall into a web of **debt bondage**, a scheme where they are forced to work off an insurmountable debt through exploitative labour. Traffickers deceive victims by inflating the debt, creating a sense of perpetual indebtedness.

With limited legal knowledge or language skills, victims are coerced into accepting low wages or even no pay at all. This financial entrapment entrenches their exploitation and prevents escape.

Some traffickers will exploit the desire for travel and adventure by promising victims the opportunity to explore new horizons. This is particularly prevalent in Nepal, where approximately 14% of the total population, or 3.5 million Nepalis, are working abroad.

However, once the victims are in their control, traffickers **seize their travel documents**, trapping them in unfamiliar environments and making escape seem impossible. Without their identification papers, victims are voiceless and invisible, at the mercy of their traffickers.



In many cases, traffickers resort to **physical force, violence** or **substance abuse** to assert dominance and instil fear. Victims are subjected to beatings, sexual violence, and torture to crush their spirits and maintain control.

Even after rescue, thwarted traffickers will seek out their victims to try and enslave them again. The loss of what they consider a valuable asset puts the rescued individuals and the team at 3 Angels Nepal in constant danger, creating a further sense of unease and vulnerability.

On top of these tactics, there is also the cruel **stigma** attached to these women and children as victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking, which makes them potential targets for violence in the community months and years after their trauma of trafficking is over.

Comprehending these tactics and challenges is crucial to understanding why protection is so important for the women and children who will be living, learning and working in The Pokhara Project facilities.

The measures designed into the fabric of The Pokhara Project will ensure the safety and protection of these vulnerable individuals for years to come.



49.6 million

people are living as
modern-day slaves



1 in 4

Nepali women have experienced
physical or sexual violence



80%

of children in Nepal are subjected
to violent forms of discipline



Help Children Like Feba

[Content trigger warning: child bereavement and abduction]

In the face of unimaginable tragedy, the fearless spirit of one young girl shines through, illuminating a path of hope and resilience.

Meet Feba*, a survivor who, against all odds, triumphed over the darkest moments of her young life. Her remarkable story, entwined with the tireless efforts of 3 Angels Nepal, serves as a testament to the power of compassion and unwavering commitment to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Feba's harrowing journey began when she was just four months old. A devastating landslide swept through her village, tragically claiming the lives of her parents and leaving her an orphan.

“ My friends protected me on that day. We all look after each other.

Alone and vulnerable, Feba's fate was unclear and she risked falling into the hands of traffickers. Thankfully, 3 Angels Nepal were able to intervene and embraced her into their care at one of the vulnerable children's homes.

Here, she found solace and love with house parents and other children who became her surrogate family. Within the walls of this nurturing environment she blossomed into a resilient young girl, her smile radiating joy.

However, fate would test Feba's strength once again. On a seemingly ordinary day during the Covid lockdowns, a Hindu priest known as a Yogi, attempted to abduct Feba from the safety of her home, intent on trafficking her into neighbouring India.

He took advantage of a broken gate and snuck into the compound, abusing his position of trust as a religious leader to entice Feba towards him.

The other children at the home surrounded the Yogi and started shouting for help as he tried to spirit the frightened three year old away. Thankfully, neighbours and passers-by heard the commotion and ran to help, shooing the Yogi away and rescuing Feba from his grasp.

“I remember being scared,” said Feba. “But my friends protected me on that day. We all look after each other.”

Tragically, just one week later, it is reported the same Yogi took eight children from a different children's home in Pokhara and trafficked them across the border to India. They have not been seen since.

This incident sheds a light on the sinister forces preying on innocent lives in Nepal, and the need to protect vulnerable women and children even after they have been rescued.

Feba's journey is a reminder that every life, no matter how small, holds immeasurable value.

Your support today will give more children like Feba a sense of protection and a hope-filled future

**Name changed and representational image used to protect Feba's identity*







Protection

Compassion and a strong moral compass is essential to every democratic country. Yet, persecution, injustice and abuse still runs rampant. Human trafficking tears at the fabric of civilisation, robbing women and children of their freedoms.

In 2015, the leaders of all the United Nations Member States agreed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development—a set of universally applicable commitments to be achieved by 2030. It is a blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for global action. They recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth.



Goal 16 is **peace, justice and strong institutions**. Its aim is to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

As an organisation we believe that everyone has the right to feel safe and protected. With your help, we will continue to empower our Field Partner to protect the most vulnerable.







Keeping Everyone Safe

The protection of all those who will live, work and use The Pokhara Project facilities is critical and has been carefully considered by subject matter experts and architects throughout the design process.

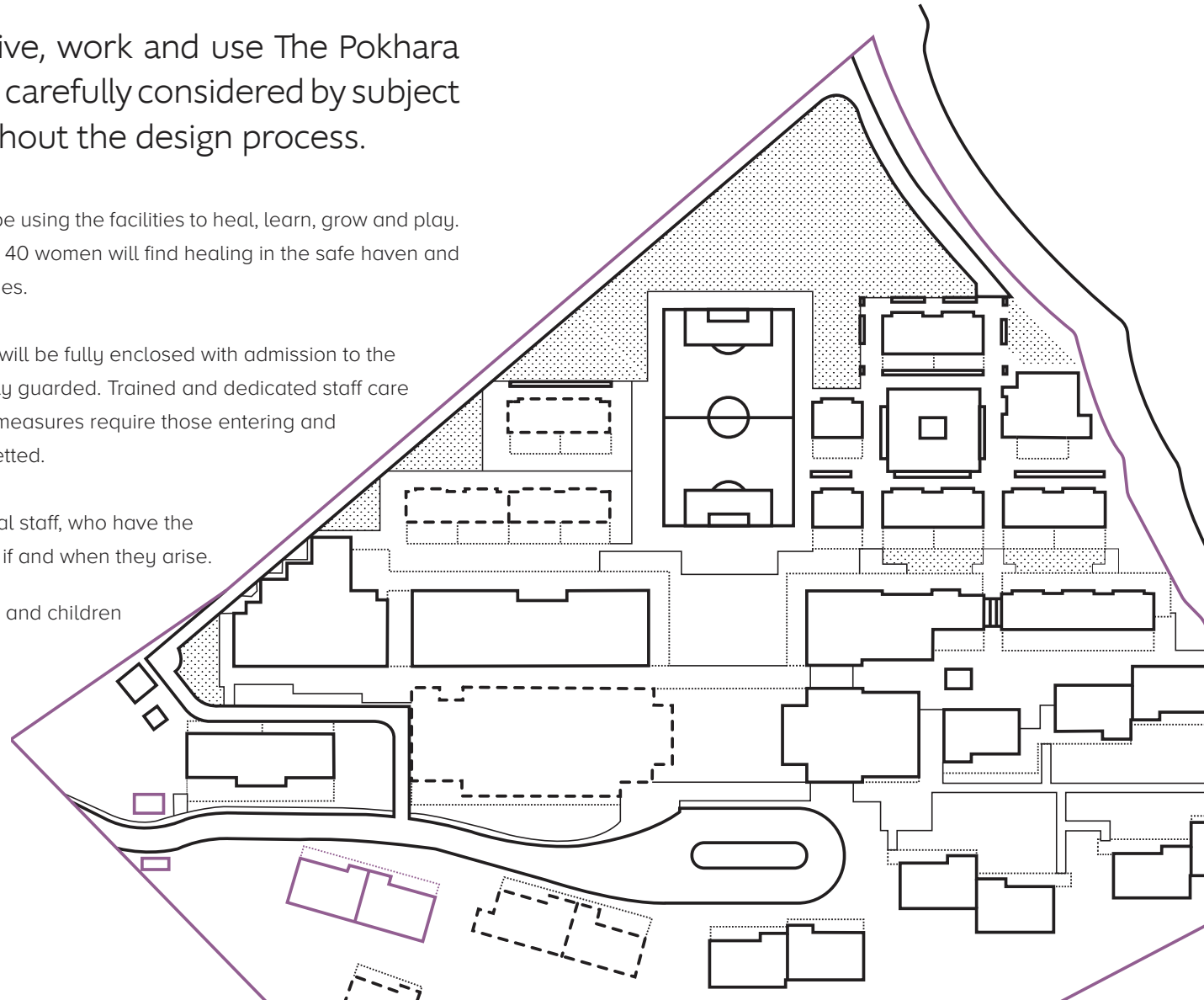
At any given time, vast numbers of women and children will be using the facilities to heal, learn, grow and play. Hundreds of children will be attending the new school, up to 40 women will find healing in the safe haven and around 150 children will live in the vulnerable children's homes.

Built in a remote, semi-rural location, these specific facilities will be fully enclosed with admission to the women's safe haven and vulnerable children's homes closely guarded. Trained and dedicated staff care for individuals with severe trauma, and heightened security measures require those entering and exiting almost every building on the campus to be closely vetted.

Plans also include on-site accommodation for 3 Angels Nepal staff, who have the expertise and experience to monitor safety and assess risks if and when they arise.

Your support will enable us to build a campus where women and children can live safely and begin their healing free from fear.

Dotted lines represent future expansion of the development site to accommodate the predicted growth of 3 Angels Nepal. Solid lines will be constructed as part of The Pokhara Project.





CCTV and Monitoring Room

The site will be monitored by state-of-the-art CCTV cameras. A live feed from the cameras will be streamed into a central monitoring room inside the guard house and watched closely by trained security staff. Any suspicious movements captured by the cameras will also send alerts to 3 Angels Nepal's security manager, who can respond immediately to threats on the ground.



Technology

3 Angels Nepal staff members will continue to use dedicated software to track their movements and signal for help should they feel threatened. The software also enables staff to circulate photos and descriptions of traffickers wanted by the police who may pose a threat to the women and children.



Guard House

This important building will be the gateway into 3 Angels Nepal's new facilities. It will be staffed 24 hours a day, monitoring the movements of all people on and off the site, and preventing any potential traffickers or unsolicited visitors who may wish to harm the women or children from gaining access.



Retaining Wall

This important engineering feature has two functions. Primarily it has been designed to prevent erosion and divert damaging surface water from flowing into the site during the heavy monsoon rains. A secondary feature of the wall is security, preventing unwanted people from gaining access to the facilities.



Barbed Wire Fence

For additional security, some areas of the complex are enclosed by a retaining wall topped with barbed wire, keeping everyone living and working inside the campus safe.



On-Site Staff Home

The Pokhara Project campus provides on-site accommodation for specialised staff—such as carers for the vulnerable children's homes and women's safe haven—and a designated building with private homes for core staff. Proximity is vital given the remoteness of the site and vulnerability of those living there. Staff have been specially trained to identify threats, manage risks, and act accordingly to protect those on site.





Protecting the Protectors

[Content trigger warning: child trafficking]

In the battle against human trafficking, brave 3 Angels Nepal staff walk a fine line between protector and protectee.

They work tirelessly to combat the darkest aspects of this global crime—but this commitment comes with great risk.

Staff in the border monitoring stations, who are intercepting traffickers on a daily basis, face constant threats to their safety. As they pursue traffickers and work towards the rescue of victims, they become targets for intimidation and threats.

While staff working with trafficked women and children at the safe haven and in the vulnerable children's homes are on high alert for attempts to re-traffick vulnerable women and children.



Now they can sleep well and move anywhere without any feeling of threat.

In their pursuit to ensure the safety of their team, 3 Angels Nepal employs a dedicated security manager who has deployed a range of innovative tools and technologies to track movements, report concerns, and provide a protective shield for staff.



One of the key components of this is the utilisation of technology, with dedicated software serving as an invaluable tool in tracking and reporting movements. The platform allows staff members to maintain constant communication, sharing their whereabouts and concerns with colleagues and supervisors.

This real-time tracking not only enhances accountability but also provides immediate support in times of distress. Should a member of 3 Angels Nepal staff feel unsafe or face a threat, they share their location and an alert is immediately sent to the police who respond swiftly, ensuring their safety and the continuity of their vital work.

This software is also a key tool in helping frontline border staff to spot traffickers as photographs of suspects are circulated by the police and shared with 3 Angels Nepal.

In addition to the digital fortress built through dedicated software, 3 Angels Nepal employs an array of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras strategically placed in their facilities.

The presence of CCTV cameras serves as a strong deterrent, dissuading potential threats and ensuring any incidents are captured as evidence. The footage obtained can be crucial in investigations and prosecuting traffickers

“Staff were understandably sceptical of all these new measures at first” explained Binay Yadav, 3 Angels Nepal’s security manager.

“Now they can sleep well and move anywhere without any feeling of threat because everything is managed and monitored.”

With your help we can provide a safe place for 3 Angels Nepal staff to continue rescuing and rehabilitating trafficked women and children

Take Action

Your generosity today will give trafficked and at-risk women and children a safe place to live and learn.

We invite you to consider funding The Pokhara Project's Protection objectives in their entirety or a specific area that appeals to you directly—find out more in the supporting proposals

So far, the land for the new facilities has been purchased, architectural designs are ready to go, and vital engineering works to stabilise the riverbank have been completed. Now we need to raise the funds required to complete the build.

We have carefully planned the most efficient and cost-effective approach to ensure the construction process achieves the best outcome for our Field Partner and their beneficiaries

The Pokhara Project will take time and resources to do well—and for good reason! This project will be built to last, providing care and education to vulnerable women and children for many, many generations to come. But the sooner we reach our funding goals, the sooner construction can begin.



Our Promise to You

Your generosity will be maximised by our 100% Giving Model, which guarantees that every dollar you give goes directly to the field. Our model is highly unique among Australian charities and is made possible by our generous Give Freedom Foundation members who cover all operating costs, including fundraising and administration.

FAQs

What threats do women and children face?

Rescued women and children continue to face threats of violence and abduction even once inside the four walls of the haven and children's homes. Their freedoms to move around are restricted as traffickers watch over the homes and prey on their vulnerabilities.

On top of this, there is the cruel stigma attached to these women and children as victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking, which makes them potential targets for violence in the community months and years after their trauma of trafficking is over.

How will The Pokhara Project protect women and children?

The Pokhara Project addresses the need to protect all those being cared by, and working for, 3 Angels Nepal. There will be a dedicated guard house, staffed 24 hours a day to monitor the movements on and off the site.

CCTV will be installed, along with a retaining perimeter wall, to keep those inside safe and to deter potential traffickers from entering.

The land on which the facilities are being built is also outside of the main city of Pokhara, meaning the women and children will be less vulnerable to threats from the public as they go about their daily lives.

Will these measures be enough?

We believe these physical measures will ensure the staff and beneficiaries of 3 Angels Nepal will remain protected and safe.

Alongside these, staff at 3 Angels Nepal constantly educate their beneficiaries about the dangers traffickers pose, both in person and lurking online. These combined measures mean the women and children have the best chance possible to live their lives free from fear.





A Life-Changing Venture

Protection is one of seven key international development objectives of The Pokhara Project—a sustainable building development designed to increase the capacity and impact of established anti-human trafficking work in Nepal.

This life-changing venture will also include vulnerable children's homes, a self-funding school and community medical centre, all designed to bring new life and hope back into the lives of those who have been trafficked.

Construction of the new facilities will begin once funding targets have been reached—and your generosity will take us a critical step towards achieving this important goal.

The Pokhara Project and its land is not owned by any individual entity and is legally protected to be used indefinitely for its intended purpose. This means, should 3 Angels Nepal cease as a charity or should The Pokhara Project be taken on by a new charity, the facility can only be utilised for education—such as schooling, vocational training, awareness programs—and all the buildings used for their original, intended purpose.



Education



Sustainability



Children



Women



Health



Protection



Water &
Sanitation







Questions?

Our partnerships team is available to answer your questions and talk with you about this giving opportunity in more detail. You can contact them on **1300 081 190** or **partners@givefreedom.org.au**

Thank you! Your generosity will make a significant and lasting impact in the lives of vulnerable and at-risk children. You can give online or contact our partnerships team for more ways to give.

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