

Nikhila*'s Great Rescue



Originally from Nepal, Nikhila* was only eight when she became orphaned. Her elder sister took her responsibility but soon she was married and Nikhila was left under the guardianship of her uncle. However, ill-treatment soon followed and she fled the household and started working as daily wage labourer. At her job, she befriended a boy and fell in love. As promises of marriage and a better life kept flowing from the guy, Nikhila was persuaded to run away.

One day, the boy took her along to a place called Badrakali. There he asked her to wait for him and left her by the roadside. But as the sun started setting there was no sign of her fiancé, and she soon realised it was not a safe space for women. A woman seeing her cry offered her a place to stay and food. But the woman's generosity came with a heavy price. Nikhila was forced into prostitution. Five years passed as she changed places due to police raids, before she was finally rescued by the Rescue Foundation team.

Now Nikhila has a steady job and is looked up by her peers and other younger girls for her determination.

Like Nikhila* there are many others who are forced to prostitution. Rescue has been providing care and shelter to girls trapped in human trafficking.

Your support can help many like Nikhila to lead a dignified life. Come forward and join the cause.

**Name changed of the survivor to protect identity*