

Special characteristics of children that are sexual abused

- ✦ Low self esteem
- ✦ Vulnerable for relapse
- ✦ Mostly girls
- ✦ Strong will to survive
- ✦ Not trusting anyone
- ✦ No family support system

Making a choice for the future

- ✦ Either self-employment through micro enterprise development
- ✦ Or normal employment
- ✦ How can a child make a good choice?
- ✦ Focus of presentation on self-employment

Steps

- ✦ Know about business
- ✦ Vocational training in marketable subject
- ✦ Start your business training
- ✦ Assist in the set-up of business through incubators that offer special protection
- ✦ Business counseling
- ✦ Psychological counseling to improve self-esteem and confidence
- ✦ Access to other services when needed

Know about business

The know about business training explains to youth what a business is, what kind of characteristics one needs to have to start a business and basically what needs to be done when you have a business

Specifically designed for youth still in school to show them the different career opportunity of being a business owner

Vocational training in marketable subject

- ✦ Not as treatment but really as marketable skill
- ✦ Can be given by local (district or country) artisans for a low price
- ✦ Needs to be identified first for which skill there is a need in the district or the village
- ✦ Preferably not traditional female skills like tailoring, embroidery
- ✦ Can include skills to open a service enterprise like internet café, restaurant, catering services, shop and others

Start your business training

- ✦ Assist to teach youth the basic principles and skills on how to be an entrepreneur and develops a business plan
- ✦ Should include specific features and role plays for the target group aiming at increasing their self confidence, for instance:
 - how to deal with customers,
 - how to deal with the traders that buy or sell goods,
 - how to deal with sexual harassment

Incubators that offer special protection

- ✦ Special target group needs extra protection until they are adult (18 years/21 years)
- ✦ Incubator providers space and facilities, should be in the vicinity of the market
- ✦ Incubator can also be a shop started by the center but staffed with youth under supervision
- ✦ Can be supervised by a counsellor or even the skills trainer
- ✦ If business becomes profitable the enterprise is assisted in moving to other premises to make place for a new entrepreneur

Business counseling

- ✦ After they have started additional counseling is needed. Counseling is focussing on letting the entrepreneur itself come with solutions to problems contrary to a consultant who will develop the solutions for the entrepreneur

Continuous psychological counseling to improve self-esteem and confidence

- ✦ Running a business is a risk and is scary when you start
- ✦ One customer might make a wrong remark and the youth is set back
- ✦ How to deal with the other people you have to deal with when you have a

Access to other services when needed

- ✦ An entrepreneur needs access to finance, accounting services, computer services and others
- ✦ Are those services in the vicinity of the incubator? Can they be accessed by the youth? Can the youth be assisted to access those services?

Problems.

Next to the problems any entrepreneur faces the rescued youth face some extra constraints

- ✦ Customers might sexual harass the entrepreneurs (common even for female entrepreneurs with another background)
- ✦ Customers might avoid the shop, restaurant or production workshop because of the stigmatization of the girls
- ✦ The entrepreneurs have very low self-confidence that needs to be build over the years

Problems (2)

- ✦ Distrusting of many people including family
- ✦ Support systems not in place
- ✦ The income from the enterprise needs to be enough to avoid relaps,
- ✦ If they do not get an improvement of their status in the village or community easy relapse

Questions for group work 1

- ✦ Imagine you are a girl just rescued from a brothel, you have received counseling and are ready to take your first steps in the world, during your counseling you received a training about owning your own business. You are interested to start your own business but you still have many questions.
- ✦ 1) What would those questions be, for instance, what uncertainties do you feel, do you think your family will accept your new activity?
- ✦ 2) How can a program address these uncertainties

Questions for group work 2

- ✦ Just training girls and boys to start up a business is not enough. These business have to become profitable and there needs to be a market for their product or services otherwise they will easily relapse in the former profession.
- ✦ 1)How can you find out what products are in need at the local level?
- ✦ 2)what additional support do these youth need to enable them to make a living being an entrepreneur?
- ✦ 3) In the beginning an enterprise never makes a lot of profit how to motivate the youth to keep on going?

Questions for group work 3

- ✦ Many development projects are working to stimulate small enterprise development
- ✦ Do you know any of these projects in your region?
- ✦ How can be worked together with these projects?
What assistance would your center need to implement the stimulation of entrepreneurship amongst the youth?
- ✦ What knowledge and skills are you lacking to support activities like these?
- ✦ Supportive environment