

Breaking the Cycle of Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Dhaka's Daulatdia Brothel



Project Summary

The 3-year project titled "Breaking the Cycle of Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Daulatdia Brothel" in Dhaka, Bangladesh, funded by Swiss Solidarity and Fondation Philanthropique Famille Sandoz (FPFS), is implemented in partnership with MMS. Through this programme, Tdh aims to break the cycle of child sexual exploitation, support sustainable livelihoods for sex workers, and strengthen community protection systems in Daulatdia—the largest brothel in Bangladesh.

Project Outcome

Outcome 1: Children including adolescents in Daulatdia are less vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation, supported by caregivers who adopt protective practices and contribute to a safer environment.

Outcome 2: Vulnerable sex workers and at-risk youth in Daulatdia transition to sustainable livelihoods, reducing risks associated with commercial sexual exploitation.

Outcome 3: Community and institutional systems in Daulatdia are equipped to prevent and respond effectively to commercial sexual exploitation, providing coordinated and sustainable protection for vulnerable children and youth.

Key Activities

- Providing case management support for 300 children and adolescents at risk of commercial sexual exploitation.
- 360 children including adolescents receive life-skill training using Sports for Protection (S4P) and ENGAGE curriculum and trained groups will lead 24 initiatives promoting protection, rights, and social cohesion.
- Partnership with three schools to train teachers and SMCs for identifying children at risk of commercial sexual exploitation, provide in-kind support to continue education, and including menstruation friendly equipment schools.
- Provide entrepreneurship training, financial literacy, and conditional cash grants to 170 vulnerable sex workers for alternative income generation.
- Identify 210 adolescents including youths at risk of commercial sexual exploitation, and provide vocational training, job placement, and career counselling.
- Strengthening Community-Based Child Protection Committees (CBCPCs) and Counter Trafficking Committees (CTCs) through training and community-led initiatives.
- Conducting evidence-based advocacy to inform policy and ensure sustainable protection against commercial sexual exploitation.

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Partners: Mukti Mahila Samity

Geographic Focus: Daulatdia, Dhaka

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