

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Friends and Supporters of the SA Foundation,

On behalf of the SA Foundation, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support both prayerfully and financially. The last two plus years have been difficult and straining for all of us, and as a Foundation we have felt the impact and loss of our founder and leader Dominique over a year ago. But as we have said repeatedly the last year, the last thing Dom would want is for us just to sit around and lick our wounds. Dom would want us to get busy and continue the great work she had started.

As I have looked back over the past year, that is exactly what has happened. I am so thankful for our team that not only got busy but has met the challenges of losing a beloved founder straight on. I know Dominique would be very proud of what this team has done. See considering the global struggles that has greatly affected many not-for-profits, the SA Foundation has been able to increase our capacity in order to meet the demand of our programs around the world. This is no small task. Why? **We have a BIG God.**

A BIG God who has assembled a team of servants globally to help support and rescue women from sex trade. A BIG God has brought to us supporters and funders to meet the financial demands. A BIG God that is opening more doors in other cities for our programming to reach women. A BIG God who serves us, so we can be the servants he has called as to be as a Foundation. As we move through the rest of 2022 our prayer is that our BIG God would continue to rescue the millions of women still caught in exploitation.

OUR WHY

Human trafficking is among the world's fastest growing criminal enterprises and is estimated to be a \$150 billion-a-year global industry. It is a form of modern day slavery that profits from the exploitation of our most vulnerable populations.

The 10 Worst Countries for Human Trafficking

- China. ...
- Eritrea. ...
- Iran. ...
- North Korea. ...
- Russia. ...
- Sudan. ...
- Syria. ...
- Venezuela...

- Nigeria
- Bulgaria

Female victims continue to be the primary targets for trafficking in persons. For every 10 victims detected globally in 2018, about five were adult women and two were young girls. Around 20 per cent of human trafficking victims were adult men and 15 per cent were young boys.

Over the last 15 years, the number of detected victims has increased, while their profile has changed. The share of adult women among the detected victims fell from more than 70 per cent to less than 50 per cent in 2018, while the share of children detected has increased, from around 10 per cent to over 30 per cent.

Sexual exploitation, formerly referred to as prostitution, is not new for this world. From earliest days, young women and children have been sold by parents, forced by circumstances, or coerced by trickery into what is now called the sex trade. The word 'trade' is as inaccurate as it can be. There is no fair trade that occurs. The young women do not end up with the better end of any deal. Instead their spirits are shattered, their hearts are torn and their bodies are abused. Day after day after day, life in this terrible situation is not one you would wish on your greatest enemy. It takes everything from these girls and gives nothing back.

No monetary amount could compensate for the abuse. No one except the traffickers, the pimps, the controllers and the brothel owners ever benefits financially from such a trade. No one except the men who give themselves permission to purchase another human being benefit from the 'pleasure' of the experience. Given the chance, with viable opportunities, 89% of women surveyed said they would leave the 'trade' in a heartbeat.

And so, what do we do in the face of such overwhelming numbers and misery?

WE GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO GET OUT.

OUR WHAT

RECOVERY NEEDS

Women exiting situations of sexual exploitation & trafficking have the most barriers to success of any population as psychologists assess them as having the same level of trauma as a soldier returning from war.

Sexual exploitation has a harrowing effect on the mental, emotional and physical well-being of the women and girls ensnared in its web. Beyond the physical abuse, trafficked women suffer extreme emotional stress, including shame, grief, fear, distrust and suicidal thoughts. Victims

often experience post-traumatic stress disorder, and with that, acute anxiety, depression and insomnia. Many victims turn to drugs and alcohol to numb the pain.

Sex trafficking promotes societal breakdown by removing women and girls from their families and communities.

In addition, these women often have low levels of education, few (if any) job skills, language barriers, very few living skills and minimal parenting skills. The SA Program is uniquely designed to meet each of these areas.

OUR PROGRAM MODEL

The SA program model encompasses the following programs to assist young women, with or without children, to exit sexual exploitation and to heal and rebuild their lives:

REFUGE — homes where women can find healing and build community

RESTORE — building for the future and healing from the past through the day program

REINTEGRATE — gaining skills and re-entering society

REWRITTEN — building leadership skills and rewriting their story

REPLICATE — changing the future for their children and replicating all they've learned

The program provides support and services for up to 7 years to ensure that our program participants have every opportunity to build a new life for themselves and their children.

OUR HOW

The SA Foundation is a global non-profit organization that provides long-term recovery & development programs for women & children who have been affected by human trafficking & sexual exploitation.

Under the direction of a volunteer Board of Trustees, the SA Foundation initiates the development of programs and services for young women between the ages of 16 and 29, who have been or are at risk of becoming, sexually exploited and/or trafficked.

The SA Foundation is one of few organizations internationally that offers a comprehensive and uniquely designed long-term recovery program for these young women, including those that are pregnant and/or have children. The SA Foundation works in partnership with organizations internationally to plant their transferrable and culturally adaptable program model in cities across the world.

The SA program model was designed and developed from 1989 to 2000 in Calgary, Canada. Since that time the SA Foundation has expanded its reach and 14 organizations (to date) have been planted and/or mentored internationally utilizing this unique and effective program model.

During this fiscal year, leaders at the Foundation’s World Services Division, who are responsible for overseeing and developing programs internationally, have put much of their training courses into an online learning format. This new system allows them to disseminate and train leaders on a much broader scale, and also facilitates training of each organization’s support teams. Courses provided include topics such as:

1. Governance and legal structures of a non-profit organization
2. Operational management (Accounting, human resources, government reporting, etc.)
3. Program Delivery & Management (intake, managing a frontline house, delivering recovery programs, dealing with trauma, behavioural management, skill development, etc.)
4. Community development and mentorship (fund development, awareness raising, mentoring staff and participants, etc.)

Each team in a new program plant undergoes an extensive screening, assessment and training process to prepare them for the realities of starting a non-profit and assisting women to recover from sexual exploitation. Once they start up their program site, the World Services Division leaders commit to a minimum of 3 years of ongoing mentorship as they learn to navigate the complex issues that arise when starting such a ministry. New sites are then evaluated yearly for compliance to the SA core values and program model and receive a logo for their website if they pass compliance, linking them to SA programs internationally.

OUR WHERE

CANADA



Population: 36,991,981

GDP Per Capita: \$57,812.00

Country Overview:

Canada is a country in North America. Its ten provinces and three territories extend from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean and northward into the Arctic Ocean, covering over 9.98 million square kilometres (3.85 million square miles), making it the world's second-largest

country by total area. Its southern and western border with the United States, stretching 8,891 kilometres (5,525 mi), is the world's longest bi-national land border. Canada's capital is Ottawa, and its three largest metropolitan areas are Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver. A highly developed country, Canada has the 24th highest nominal per-capita income globally and the sixteenth-highest ranking in the Human Development Index. Its advanced economy is the eighth-largest in the world, relying chiefly upon its abundant natural resources and well-developed international trade networks.

The Problem:

Although the exact number of people trafficked in Canada is unknown, there is growing evidence of the widespread occurrence of both international and domestic trafficking.

In Canada, information from community members and police investigations suggest that those who are most likely to be trafficked are Canadian girls and women exploited for sexual purposes.

From Canada's National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, we know that:

"In Canada, human trafficking often takes place in large urban centres, and also occurs in smaller cities and communities, largely for the purpose of sexual exploitation. We know that men, women and children fall victim to this crime, although women represent the majority of victims in Canada to date. More generally, those who are likely to be at-risk include persons who are socially or economically disadvantaged, such as some Aboriginal women, youth and children, migrants and new immigrants, teenaged runaways, children who are in protection, as well as girls and women, who may be lured to large urban centres or who move or migrate there voluntarily.

Human trafficking has become a significant legal and political issue in the country, and Canadian legislators have been criticized for having failed to deal with the problem in a more systematic way.

The Response:

The SA Foundation has been working in the Canadian context for more than 30 years; first opening a recovery program in Calgary, Alberta in 1989 and then expanding to provide training and mentoring to new program sites internationally.

Locally, in Vancouver, BC, the Foundation operates its model providing long-term recovery programming and residential services to young women who have escaped situations of sexual exploitation and trafficking.

USA



Population: 329.5 Million

GDP Per Capita: \$57,812.00

Country Overview:

The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swath of North America, with Alaska in the northwest and Hawaii extending the nation's presence into the Pacific Ocean. Major Atlantic Coast cities are New York, a global finance and culture center, and capital Washington, DC. Midwestern metropolis Chicago is known for influential architecture and on the west coast, Los Angeles' Hollywood is famed for filmmaking.

The Problem:

In 2020, 10,583 situations of human trafficking were reported to the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline involving 16,658 individual victims. Shocking as these numbers are, they are likely only a fraction of the actual problem

It has been estimated that two-thirds of trafficking victims in the United States are US citizens. Most victims who are foreign-born come into the US legally, on various visas. The US [State Department](#) estimated that between 15,000 and 50,000 women and girls are trafficked each year into the United States.

The Response:

Over the past 20 years, since the SA Foundation began its dissemination of programs internationally, 3 programs offering the SA recovery program have been planted in the US (New York, Atlanta and San Diego). These programs continue to thrive and provide much needed services to young women fleeing sexual exploitation and trafficking situations.

GERMANY



Population: **83,240,525**

GDP per capita: \$45,723.64 USD

Country Overview:

One of [Europe's](#) largest countries, Germany [encompasses](#) a wide variety of landscapes: the tall, sheer mountains of the south; the sandy, rolling plains of the north; the forested hills of the urbanized west; and the plains of the agricultural east. At the spiritual heart of the country is the magnificent east-central city of [Berlin](#), which rose phoenixlike from the ashes of [World War II](#) and now, after decades of partition, is the capital of a reunified Germany.

The Problem:

Due to prostitution being legalized, sex trafficking in Germany is at an all-time high, with more than 200,000 women being sold in brothels and on the streets across the country.

The majority of victims of human trafficking in Germany underwent trafficking for [the purpose of sexual exploitation](#). Furthermore, sex trafficking in Germany disproportionately affects young women, including minors. Victims of sex trafficking in Germany are most likely to originate from Romania, Bulgaria, Nigeria or Germany itself, meaning that traffickers [tend to target immigrants](#). This is likely due to the fact that immigrants in Germany are far more likely to live in poverty than German citizens. Illegal immigrants are even more at risk, as coming forward could result in their own prosecution.

The Response:

Since 2015 two amazing organizations who adopted the SA program model have been providing exemplary services to assist these victims to exit, heal and rebuild their lives! One program is in Berlin and another in the southern part, in Karlsruhe. The program in Berlin was recently gifted with land and a farm outside of the city, which was a godsend! The women they assist are highly traumatized and have connections to criminal networks, and so they need to not be found. This was becoming increasingly difficult in Berlin and the Lord answered by gifting them this farm that they spent most of the Covid lockdown renovating and getting it ready for living. We are so grateful for them!

Karlsruhe has experienced a high number of African women needing assistance and so they modified the program to include a large outreach program that meets the women right where

they are at, providing them assistance with their visa issues, health care needs and permits to work in the country. This program is a bridge into the residential program, where they can continue their care.

GREECE



Population: 10.72 Million

GDP Per Capita: \$17,676.19 (US)

Country Overview:

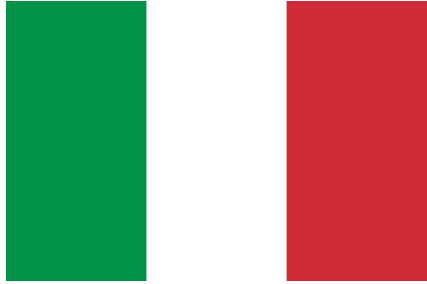
Greece is a country in southeastern Europe with thousands of islands throughout the Aegean and Ionian seas. Influential in ancient times, it's often called the cradle of Western civilization. Athens, its capital, retains landmarks including the 5th-century B.C. Acropolis citadel with the Parthenon temple. Greece is also known for its beaches, from the black sands of Santorini to the party resorts of Mykonos.

The Problem: Human trafficking in Greece has become the country's top crime over the years for many reasons. For starters, trafficking data has significantly increased due to standardized data collection and reporting. Also, Greece has the [11th longest coastline globally](#), making it popular for organized crime groups. The coast borders many parts of Europe, Asia and Africa and is a fitting transit and destination location. In 2018, the organization A21 estimated that there were [89,000 victims](#) of human trafficking in Greece and over half were [victims in the sex trade](#).

The majority of [traffickers in Greece are Greek](#). Meanwhile, most sex trafficking victims are women and children, and labor victims are men and children. The most trafficked victims in Greece are migrants and asylum-seekers who depend on smuggling and forced labor.

The Response: In 2015 an amazing group of people in Athens took a stand against sex trafficking and approached the SA Foundation to adopt their program model in their city! After a time of mentoring and training, the team opened up their program and they have grown exponentially over the past 7 years. Today they offer 3 levels of housing (triage, first stage and long-term), a full day program, a daycare service and job shadowing & training. The primary population that they serve come from different parts of Africa, however they have had women come from South America, Syria, Spain, Bulgaria, Romania, France and other parts of Europe.

ITALY



Population: 59.55 Million

GDP Per Capita: 31,676.20 (US)

Country Overview:

Italy, a European country with a long Mediterranean coastline, has left a powerful mark on Western culture and cuisine. Its capital, Rome, is home to the Vatican as well as landmark art and ancient ruins. Other major cities include Florence, with Renaissance masterpieces such as Michelangelo's "David" and Brunelleschi's Duomo; Venice, the city of canals; and Milan, Italy's fashion capital.

The Problem:

While Italy is an iconic country renowned for its ancient ruins, artistic masterpieces, and culinary creations, it is also becoming known as a top destination in the world for commercial sex trafficking. Prostitution has been legal in Italy for over 50 years and traffickers have developed an extensive network that is alive and well today.

Some estimate that 120 thousand victims of trafficking are trapped in the commercial sex industry of Italy today, which generates 3.9 billion euros annually. The root of the problem is the demand from the 3 million buyers each year and the results are devastating for the women, men, and children who are treated like disposable objects in this deplorable "marketplace".

The Response:

A network of concerned, called and motivated individuals in Italy was formed with the sole objective of reaching out to women caught in the sex trade across Italy. Task forces in 6 cities were formed and from them, 2 sites began adopting the SA Foundation's recovery program to offer exit and recovery to young women. The first organization in Northern Italy opened their doors early this year and the second site in Bologna is in their training and mentoring phase, with a goal of being operational in early 2023. The two organizations intend to primarily serve women coming from Nigeria as this is a huge population in Italy.

HUNGARY



Population: 9.75 Million

GDP Per Capita: \$15,899.15 (US)

Country Overview:

Hungary is a landlocked country in Central Europe. Its capital, Budapest, is bisected by the Danube River. Its cityscape is studded with architectural landmarks from Buda's medieval Castle Hill and grand neoclassical buildings along Pest's Andrassy Avenue to the 19th-century Chain Bridge. Turkish and Roman influence on Hungarian culture includes the popularity of mineral spas, including at thermal Lake Hévíz.

The Problem:

Hungary is a source, transit, and destination country for women and girls subjected to trafficking in persons, specifically forced prostitution. Vulnerable groups include Hungarians in extreme poverty, undereducated young adults, Roma women, single mothers, asylum-seekers, and unaccompanied minors.

Hungary is a major source country, which means it provides a supply of traffic victims. Traffickers then transport these victims to other countries, typically located in Western Europe. One [out of every five](#) human trafficking victims in Europe is Hungarian

The Response:

The SA Foundation's program model was implemented by a very committed team of people in 2012. They had searched the world to find an organization that could train them to provide recovery options to their young women and once they found out that the SA Foundation had the ability to train and equip them for this work, they were quick to undertake a development.

From 2012 until 2021, the program thrived under the leadership of their founder. They welcomed Roma women, Bulgarian women and Hungarian women returning from being sold in Western Europe. With great sadness, their founder passed away suddenly in 2021 from an aggressive form of cancer. She left behind volunteers and a board of director, but was without any qualified

or trained staff. The Board contacted the SA Foundation for guidance on how to rebuild the program and they are currently undergoing intensive training and mentorship, with the goal of re-opening the program in the Fall of this year. Please pray for this committed team as they stand in the gap for these young women!

NEPAL



Population: 29.14 Million

GDP Per Capita: 1155.14 (US)

Country Overview:

Officially the **Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal** is a landlocked country in South Asia. It is mainly situated in the Himalayas, but also includes parts of the Indo-Gangetic Plain, bordering Tibet of China to the north, and India in the south, east, and west, while it is narrowly separated from Bangladesh by the Siliguri Corridor, and from Bhutan by the Indian state of Sikkim. Nepal has a diverse geography, including fertile plains, subalpine forested hills, and eight of the world's ten tallest mountains, including Mount Everest, the highest point on Earth. Nepal is a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, multi-religious and multi-cultural state, with Nepali as the official language. Kathmandu is the nation's capital and the largest city.

The Problem:

Nepal is a very poor country, with a large part of the population earning less than \$1.00/day. Human traffickers prey on this poverty and use Nepal's open border with India to transport Nepali women and children to India for sex trafficking. Human trafficking in Nepal is diverse, internal and transnational. The latest report on Trafficking in Persons from Nepal's Human Rights Commission estimates that around 35,000 people, including 15,000 women and 5,000 girls, were victims of this crime in 2018.

The Response:

In the year 2000, two brothers approached the SA Foundation to see how they could adopt the program model in their country. Both men had been raised in a Christian home that took in sexually exploited women, many of whom were in the last stages of dying from HIV/AIDS. Their

desire was to reach the women at the border of India and prevent them from being trafficked, and to rescue the ones who were able to escape after being sold. A new border monitoring program was formed, along with prevention programs that provided job skills and start-up funds to women in high-risk communities. The first SA pig and goat farms were launched, along with kitchen gardening and tailoring!

Fast forward 22 years, and today this program continues to grow and thrive under the team's leadership! Known nationally as a top provider of care, they regularly house 20+ women and their children and provide high quality recovery programming, housing, and job training. Many of the women have gone on to graduate from college.

OUR VISION

Our Vision for this coming year will be to continue on our path of CAPACITY BUILDING. The online training system is now developed and will continue to be added to and refined.

In addition to being trained on this system, our leaders greatly benefit from onsite internships so that they can be immersed in the culture of delivering programs to our young women prior to starting their organization. Until this year, the Foundation's program in Vancouver, Canada was the only site able to do this. Our goal this year is to train and prepare our sites in Greece and Nepal to become internship centres, which will add to our vision of capacity building. [The more people that can do the work of training and dissemination means the more new sites that can be developed!](#)

OUR RESOURCES

[Audited financial report](#)

OUR GRATITUDE

This report started by acknowledging that we have a BIG GOD who has BIG plans for us! This is evidenced each and every day at the SA Foundation as this organization has always felt like "mission impossible" since its inception. We have faced so many struggles, hurdles and opposition because we are taking young women out of the 'enemy camp' and bringing them to God's side of the street. Our enemy doesn't sit idly by and let us work without constant interference and personal hardship. But the cost is worth it. Seeing lives redeemed from such unimaginable horror is worth every sacrifice. And there are so many that sacrifice alongside us: financial supporters who give even when their own finances take a hit; volunteers who give of

their time tirelessly; new leaders who step forward and dedicate themselves to standing in the gap for these young women; and the young women themselves: they are the true heroes! To escape that life and have the courage to rebuild is nothing short of heroic. Let us continue to be their support and give them the chance that nobody ever gave them before.

The SA Foundation and its World Services Division receives support from many different sectors: churches, individuals, foundations, small businesses and our own fundraisers. We recognize it takes a multi-pronged approach to develop a financially sustainable organization.

We thank you, our generous donors, for believing in our young women involved in the many national and international SA projects that you are supporting. By financially partnering with the SA Foundation in providing them with the freedom and opportunities that we both enjoy, you not only bless them, but also bless the generations after them, as moms and children represent 75% of our intakes.

Thank you for joining us in this life-saving work!

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