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About Us

Hagar is an international non-profit organisation that supports the restoration, empowerment, and community reintegration of survivors of human trafficking and extreme abuse. Our programmes are led by skilled national teams in seven Asia Pacific countries. Through survivor care, prevention, and systems strengthening, we do whatever it takes for as long as it takes to restore life, dignity, and freedom for vulnerable women and children.

Our Vision

Communities free and healed from the trauma of human trafficking, slavery, and abuse.

Our Mission

We walk the whole journey of restoration with each survivor, we empower communities to prevent exploitation, and we strengthen systems to protect the vulnerable.



A Year in Review

Dear Hagar supporters, stakeholders, and partners,

I am delighted to share the impact Hagar had in Cambodia in 2024. Over the past three decades, your support has helped more than 5,500 survivors of human trafficking, slavery, and abuse to heal and rebuild their lives.

Our **Whole Journey approach** empowers survivors to become resilient members of society. Through survivor care, prevention, and systems strengthening, individuals who were once abused, exploited, and excluded, are now leading lives of impact in their communities.

Because of the generosity of Hagar's community of donors, in 2024 we supported 359 survivors on their healing journeys. We extend heartfelt gratitude to you, our global supporters, and our government and NGO partners for investing in and believing in this work.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to our frontline team in Cambodia. Their dedication, passion and professionalism are transforming lives every day in our country.

Yours sincerely,



Sreyana Sam

Country Director

Hagar International Cambodia

2024 Impact



359

survivors received comprehensive support services through community-based care



80%

of survivors in Hagar's care programs reported improved resilience and decreased anxiety



2,342

government officials and community leaders trained to prevent human trafficking and keep families safe



17,769

at risk children and adults educated to know the signs of exploitation and to avoid human trafficking



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survivor leadership groups formed and advocated nationally

Survivor Care

Hagar's survivor care programme in Cambodia supports individuals who have been exploited, trafficked and abused. Our community-based care model empowers local families to provide high-quality foster care for victims. Through our community-based programme, survivors receive holistic, individualized, and wraparound care from Hagar's professional team, all in the safety and warmth of a family setting.

2024 Impact



359 Survivors supported through survivor care programmes



738 counselling sessions delivered



109 survivors found good jobs or started their own businesses



104 survivors received legal aid



153 survivors safely reintegrated to community



151 survivor cases were closed



Turning Pain Into Possibility

At 15, Sreyneang's life was filled with hardship. Born into poverty in rural Cambodia, her family's mounting debt forced her to leave school and work in a restaurant.

It was there that her life changed forever. She endured horrific abuse, including trafficking and violence, which left her broken and helpless.

When Srey Neang bravely escaped and told her parents the truth, they sought justice, only to face threats and rejection from local authorities.

Overwhelmed and desperate, her family lived in fear and isolation until a local organisation referred them to Hagar. Hagar's team stepped in immediately to care for Sreyneang, providing medical aid, trauma counselling, legal support, and other essential resources. Sreyneang's lawyer helped her win compensation from her trafficker in court.

With time and care, Sreyneang and her family began to heal. No longer consumed by fear, Sreyneang discovered that she loves hairdressing. She now works at a salon, building skills and dreaming of opening her own shop one day.

"Hagar gave me my life back. I feel happy and strong. My family is safe, and my future is bright."

- Sreyneang



Prevention

Hagar's prevention programme in Cambodia educates and equips families and communities to stop exploitation before it starts. Through community events and training workshops, our team scales prevention efforts to reduce human trafficking, slavery and abuse.

2024 Impact



1,239 community members trained on child protection, human trafficking, safe migration, and gender-based violence.



516 student council leaders trained to prevent human trafficking with their peers



Three primary schools partnered with Hagar to equip children and teachers with the skills to protect vulnerable people and awareness about human trafficking.

A community youth group in rural Cambodia learns about the changing tactics traffickers use to lure victims online.



Becoming an Agent of Change

Nineteen-year-old Roum Tola (pictured right) loves her community and wants to protect her peers and neighbours from human trafficking, exploitation and abuse.

She joined Hagar as a youth prevention leader to keep her community safe. With Hagar, Tola organises community prevention events, trains her peers and local leaders, and raises awareness about the tactics traffickers use to exploit people.

By educating local community leaders and youth on the dangers of illegal migration, and the power of economic empowerment in reducing exploitation, Tola works to equip her village and surrounding area to be safe from abuse.

“One of the best ways to prevent children and youth from experiencing abuse is to empower families economically.”

- Tola



Systems Strengthening

Hagar's systems strengthening programmes in Cambodia equip local communities and national leaders to influence change. We do this through capacity-building, advancing survivor leadership, and partnerships with the government, NGO and for-profit sectors.

2024 Impact



34 Hagar alumni advocated for child rights and for the needs of survivors.



349 NGO, government and church leaders trained by Hagar to deliver psychological first aid and trauma-informed care



2,558 people reached with art-therapy and self-care activities through Hagar's partnership with the Royal University of Phnom Penh on World Mental Health Day

Hagar's Northwest Project Leader (centre-left) with government officials from Banteay Meanchey province.



Building Strong Communities that Protect Women and Children

Traffickers often target impoverished rural communities, coercing and manipulating women and children into exploitation and abuse.

To strengthen Cambodian communities to protect women and children, Hagar works with Cambodian government departments, NGO partners, community groups, and church leaders.

Hagar's teams train these partners to become advocates for safety and resilience, and to bring critical prevention messages to their communities. Workshops, training, and educational campaigns equip partners with knowledge on counter-trafficking, trauma-informed survivor care, and building strong communities.

“To combat human trafficking and exploitation, we need effective collaboration with all sectors, including NGOs. Hagar has been a strong support combatting human trafficking in our province and has built the capacity of local authorities and community people.”

Her Excellency Nhek Sokun
Chair, Battambang Provincial Women & Children Consultative Committee

