



Dear Friend,

Welcome to the Hope's Cry community! We're grateful to have you join our work in Karamoja, Uganda.



I still remember the day we found out we were working mere steps away from one of the biggest trafficking hotspots in all of East Africa.

We had been providing humanitarian aid and education since 2012 and had just opened our operations center. But after learning about the hundreds of girls being exploited every week, we knew our focus needed to expand.

In that moment, we decided **Hope's Cry would support survivors and prevent future exploitation** by empowering communities to remove the threat of trafficking. And that's exactly what we've been doing since 2019.

The results have been overwhelmingly positive, **and the work is only beginning.**

I look forward to sharing more about Hope's Cry with a few more emails in the coming weeks. Thank you once again for joining us.

Until all are free,

Michelle Allen

Co-Founder and Executive Director

Dear Friend,

More than 70% of all trafficking in Uganda happens in Karamoja, near the Hope's Cry headquarters. The people of this region have experienced decades of racial discrimination leading to extreme poverty and limited access to education. Traffickers prey on these vulnerabilities.



We are fighting to keep the Karamojong people free.

Since 2019, we have supported survivors of trafficking and prevented future exploitation through:

Aftercare

When sent to safe homes in the city, many Karamojong survivors have difficulty adapting to the surroundings. **The Hope Center is the first locally based shelter serving the region.** Because it is designed to feel like their home, the facility has been proven to reduce the risk that survivors will leave the program early and be exploited again.



**38+ people
have been
rescued**



**Hundreds
of students
receive meals
daily**

Education

In Uganda, many children are taken out of school to support their families through high-risk jobs. We partner with local schools to teach awareness, provide meals to students, and educate the community. These initiatives have helped keep kids school—**tripling attendance and reducing the risk of trafficking.**



**Dozens of
girls are in
business
training**

Opportunity

Vocational training equips survivors with tools they need to build a life free from exploitation. **Local partners help us teach skills in hospitality, tourism, and business ownership.** Some program graduates are now working as Hope Center staff.

Thank you for your support, which makes all of this possible—creating a meaningful impact for generations to come.

With unending hope,

Caleb Allen
Director of Marketing

Nina's Story



Friend,

I would like to share a story with you about Nina*, **a Karamojong girl who was first trafficked at four years old.**

Her family sold her to work as a nanny until they realized they weren't receiving the money that was promised. She was sold again at age nine to a cousin under false pretenses. Instead of a nanny job, they took Nina to the capital city of Kampala and forced her to beg on the streets. **If she didn't collect any money, her cousin would beat and starve her, often for days at a time.**

Nina's brother eventually took her back home because she was being mistreated, but she was still unprotected. While out collecting water with her friends one day, a man sexually assaulted her. She went to the police who arrested the man and referred Nina to an aftercare facility.

She was finally safe, but the unfamiliar environment made it hard for her to adapt. She became aggressive toward other children and refused to participate in the programs.

After she was referred to the Hope Center—closer to her home—Nina began to acclimate more easily. **She was very happy to meet people who spoke her language.**



The Hope Center

Now Nina is 13 years old. She confidently writes her name, speaks some English, reads, and is learning numbers. As she slowly works through her trauma with our skilled counselors, **she has also found community here.**



We recently visited Nina's home village. They were so happy to see her and know that she is learning skills to support her future.

The transformation we have seen in Nina has been nothing short of a miracle. It's because of **your support** that she has found lasting freedom.

Thank you for being here,

Michelle Allen
Co-Founder and Executive Director

**Name and photos changed for privacy.*



Dear Friend,

Since 2019, [Hope's Cry International](#) has been dedicated to helping survivors of trafficking rebuild their lives while preventing future exploitation. As the need for our life-changing services grows, **we invite you to join us in this important work.**

With you at our side, we can make a larger impact by expanding the Hope Center residence, opening an emergency care center, and offering prevention programs in more schools.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. Together, we can keep them free.

Michelle Allen

Co-Founder and Executive Director

How to Get Involved

Your support, however you choose to give it, will create lasting change.

- Make a one-time gift
- Join **Team Hope** with a monthly gift of \$20
- Invite others to learn more about Hope's Cry



Join Us Today!