

# TESTIMONIES - Case studies

I want to go to school because this is the only way to make my dream come true. *Daughter of a women involved in prostitution.*

I don't want to work as a prostitute anymore. ....I'm 16 years old ....I'm too young.

I feel able to talk to my friends on Facebook about Sexuality now, we share stories about kids lack of knowledge about this information. *A school student.*



I don't want to prostitute myself anymore.  
I don't want to harm myself anymore.

**What AAT did in such a short time is amazing.**  
*The UK Embassy.*



**The cooperation activities with AAT was entirely consistent with the policies of the government and adapted to the needs of the society bring real long term benefits for the beneficiaries.**

*Ministry of Labour - Invalids and Social Affairs of Vietnam.*

*My husband brought prostitutes home and forced our 3 children to watch! I'm afraid, he used to beat me all the time. One day, he planted a knife in my hand and I ran away with my 3 children aged of 7, 10 and 13 years old. AAT welcomed us and gave us full protection and accommodation for six months pending our return to the USA, while they received no funding or assistance from external agencies for our support! My sibling and I want to express our deepest gratitude for everything AAT have done for us. I can never repay for what AAT have done for us. (The mother.)*

My cousin introduced me to a job in Malaysia. When I arrived, she trains me in a place with dozens of other young Vietnamese and tells me that now I have to have sex with clients to pay off her debt. I saw myself die here. I chose to throw myself off of the fourth floor of the building. Because of my injuries, people called the ambulance. I was saved, now I am back in Vietnam. *(Xuan).*

I have received condoms, a medical examination and have had prevention training on practicing safe sex. This means that I do not worry about my health so much anymore, and I feel safer.

At 5 years old, my father took me to live with an unknown family in HCMC. They immediately scolded and punished me. In the ward I was a rape victim of men around until I turned 15 years old. A friend brought me later on to the Little Rose center. After that, the center introduced me to AAT organization. I'm now I have a stable life and have a good job.

My mother and my grand mother brought me to Cambodia to sale my virginity for \$700. I ran away but was recruited to go in Malaysia where I was forced to prostitution until AAT rescued me.

## 90% of Vietnamese women and girls involved in sex slavery, exploitation and trafficking were sexually abused during their childhood

if we had been informed by a program like those of AAT, we are sure that we would never have become victims (*8 girls trafficked for sex slavery in Malaysia*)



My parent and I lived in district 4. At 13, I left school for a job to help my family. I got a job in a coffee shop in district 7, where I progressively prostituted myself to make more money on the night. I was arrested and was sent to HCMC's reeducational camp for prostitutes during 2 years. After the camp, AAT help me to retrieve my live. I became a cooking chef and I worked for « Le Jardin » and the Sheraton Hotel.



At 13, I was raped by our neighbor. He threatened to kill all my family if I told anything to anyone. Because I was traumatized, I wanted to quit school to stay at home, but I felt unsecure everyday. In my area, there were many prostitutes. Men tried to seduce my mother to rent me to have sex with them. Finally, my mother found AAT. They provided me education and protection until my 18 years old. I now have a job and a secure live.

I was sent to Malaysia by my mother to reimburse her debt. I traveled with 2 other Vietnamese girls. The owner of the brothel told me that I can only leave after having sex with a minimum of 450 clients. However, I couldn't continue because of my pregnancy and my sickness. The pimp arranged me and nine other girls a bus to go in Thailand. When we crossed the border, we were arrested and jailed for 9 months, until AAT Thailand 's social workers found us and repatriated us to Vietnam.



I was recruited as a waitress in Malaysia. The crime Syndicate in Vietnam made me a fake passport under a fake name for my travel. When I arrived, I had to serve 15 men per day, not food nor drink, but sex as a prostitute. After some months, the owner sent me to Thailand where I was arrested and jailed for 18 months in Songkhla prison. AAT's social workers found me and repatriated me to Vietnam. When got back, the Syndicate continued to hound me with death treats. In order to help other women, I want to work with AAT to spread my story as an exemple. However, one time I left Vietnam to go in Singapore for a few days, where I found death.

My mother forced me to work as prostitute since I was 10 years old. At 15, the police arrested me and discovered a child prostitution ring under my mother. My mother was jailed. I was supported and protected by AAT during many years. (Story published in the press)



At 12 years old, my cousin brought me to China where I was immediatly involved in prostitution. The first time I ran away, I went to the police station, but they brought me back to the brothel. I was put in a cage and I was beaten averyday during one month. After some time, I ran away again and I was helped by a woman who helped me to reach the Vietnamese border where AAT waited for me and repatriated me back home. They offered me protection and help.



I have 7 years old. I live alone with my mother and I never went to school. My mother works as a prostitute. We have a very small house with only one room. When my mother is with men, I go outside to wait. Since 2018, a journalist of the newspaper « Phap Luat » introduced me to AAT to join the other girls like me, in a group called Where Dreams Bloom. I am now a child under the protection of AAT. In September of 2018, I will be a schooled student for the first time. I am very happy.