

# Journey to Freedom



HOW YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT PEOPLE  
EXPERIENCING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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**“I can hardly describe the relief of having her home with me at last.”**



## **REUNITED: APORNA SARKAR'S STORY**

**My name is Pabitra Chandra Sarkar.**

Some time ago, I went to work in Siliguri's tea plantation. When I came home, I discovered that my daughter Aporna Bala Sarkar was missing.

I was in complete shock and searched for her everywhere I could think of. Nobody could help me find out where she had gone. It was devastating.

After a few days, I finally had a call from her. I was shocked when she told me that she had been taken a long way away by traffickers but had bravely managed to call me in secret.

As we spoke, she was weeping out of fear. She told me that the man who had kidnapped her beat her

mercilessly. As I listened, I felt so powerless to help her.

There was a landlord at the house where the man had taken my daughter. He saw my daughter's condition and was petrified as he heard her screaming and resisting as her trafficker tried to force her to leave. As soon as he had the opportunity, the landlord spoke to my daughter and was able to get my contact details.

The landlord called me and asked me to come as soon as possible to rescue my daughter. The Anti Human Trafficking staff in the Diocese of Durgapur helped me lodge a police complaint, and then we left for Punjab to bring my daughter back home.

# FREED FROM MY ABUSERS: SHARADA'S\* STORY

**It all happened when I was 16 years old and was about to sit my secondary school examinations.**

My family and I didn't have much money while I was growing up. My aunt on my mother's side said she knew a way I could make quick and easy money, but I'd have to leave my studies and my home. Even though I was just 16, she knew I wanted to help financially support my family however I could.

It was such a difficult decision, but I

trusted my aunt. I decided to go with her.

It wasn't long before I realised that I'd been tricked. I was asked to dance and sing in front of a group of men there and I instantly knew I'd been brought to a really bad place. I was desperate to leave but had no idea how I could escape.

Thankfully, back in my home village, my parents had approached the Anti-Human Trafficking programme to help find me. Finally, with the help of the police and law, I was rescued.

**\*Name has been changed to keep Sharada safe.**



**“I am so grateful to be free from the people that had captured me. Now I have the freedom to look forward to a positive future.”**

## GIVE A GIFT TOWARDS THIS LIFE-CHANGING PROGRAMME THROUGH OUR JOURNEY TO FREEDOM APPEAL.



Your donations will help run rescue missions to free those who have experienced trafficking while making the journey across the border between Bangladesh and India.

The amazing Anti-Human Trafficking programme also helps build a network of local government and law officials and organises teaching from human trafficking experts, helping them spot cases of trafficking so they can protect people.

**Please join the Diocese of Durgapur in supporting survivors of human trafficking.**

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