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## Report Lama Child: Joy

Age	17
Place of birth	San Marcelino in the province Zambales
Arrival at PREDA	21. of March 2021



### Brief Background of the Child and Her Family

Joy, now 17 years old, was born in Nagbunga, Castillejos, Zambales. She was the 6th child among 8 siblings. She was able to reach the 10th grade despite transferring from one school to the next because her parents had to move places because they have no place of their own due to their impoverished situation. Being informal settlers, wherever there is a farmland that needs a caretaker, they would move there. Her parents used to receive a meagre cash grant from the government for belonging to the poorest of the poor families. Despite their economic situation, Joy persevered in class and would always receive high grades, awards, and recognitions from winning school-based competitions.

When Joy was 16 years old, she started working as a house helper in a distant relatives' house so she can help augment their family's income. The mother of Joy also worked as part time house helper while her abuser-father worked as a construction worker, whenever there is an opportunity. He would sometimes work as tenant farmer planting and harvesting sweet potatoes.

How and when did the beneficiary come in touch with, or was referred to, the organization?

The child was rescued because of coordination between Preda social worker and the local social worker of San Marcelino, Zambales. Joy being a househelper eventually found the courage to report her ordeal to her employer. This employer sought the help of her other relatives, one of them, a teacher who then reported the incidents to the local social worker. The local social worker informed Preda Foundation and a rescue operation was initiated. Joy, together with her other sibling Marian was then brought to the safety and custody of the Preda Therapeutic Home. The two girls were subjected to a medico legal examination and found that the children suffered from severe multiple

sexual abuse and they even have sexually transmitted diseases. They were treated for this immediately and have already recovered. The legal case builds up ensued and the biological father and a brother was already charged in court for rape.

According to Joy, she was 6 years old when her father started sexually abusing her. The father would send the mother and other children away and he would then rape Joy. This happened



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many times that Joy cannot even recall how many times it happened exactly. In all incidents, the father threatened Joy that she will be killed if she will report about it to anyone. The father would then go on bragging about raping his daughter to his peers during their drinking sessions and this emboldened two of his peers to rape Joy also. One night, after a drinking session, one of the drinking buddies of his father went to the room of Joy and raped her. In another drinking spree, another friend of his father forced himself on Joy then told her to shut up or be killed.

The difficult ordeal of Joy did not end there because one of her brothers also took sexual advantage and raped her. Having been exposed to pornographic materials at home and probably aware that his father is doing it to Joy yet getting away with it, the brother also had the courage do the same. The brother told Joy that even if she reports about it, nobody will believe her anyways. So, Joy kept it to herself. Until she cannot hold back the trauma anymore. While working as househelper, her employer saw the sudden change in Joy's behavior when the employer talked to Joy about the important role that fathers play in a family. This mood change prompted the employer to ask Joy for more information about her own experience with her father. And finally, Joy started opening about her ordeal. Luckily, the female employer of Joy alerted her other relatives, and one of them, a teacher reported to the local social worker. This act of goodwill led to the rescue of Joy and her sister who is also a victim of rape and repeated sexual abuse. They are now safe and receiving healing at the Preda Home for Girls Assistance Provided

What type of assistance is provided to the beneficiary under the project (please include duration, frequency and exact activities undertaken)?

The child is currently receiving homelife services (maintaining homelike atmosphere and provision of material aid such as food, clothing, hygiene supplies), education (formal modular education and tutorial) medical and dental services, psychosocial services (life skills intervention, values and character building sessions, counseling and personality development sessions), psychological interventions(psychological assessment, emotional release therapy, psychological counseling's), productivity (dance, karate, baking and cooking, special trainings) and the services were given on a daily basis (homelife, education), bi-weekly basis per week (psycho-social, psychological, productivity) and as needed (medical/dental and legal services whenever there are court proceedings and the child's presence is needed). Joy is also enrolled in a formal school where she can receive modular education (due to COVID, this is the present educational arrangement).

What results or changes have been achieved for the beneficiary thus far under this project?



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Aside from providing her protective custody, Joy has improved a lot as regards her physical appearance (grooming and personal care) and well as her nutrition as she is now fed at least 5 times a day. Though she still requires dental services as her front teeth were mostly decayed because of years of neglect. She was also expressive of her feelings, and she disclosed all her pains of becoming a victim during her emotional release therapy sessions. This enabled her to be confident and empowered to go after her abusers in court.

It was also evidenced that Joy has gained a lot of confidence from being a very shy and aloof child during her first few weeks at the Preda Home, to a very confident and participative child, all thanks to the therapeutic interventions she has been receiving. She has become a very resilient child with positive dispositions in life. She values education very much and really looks forward to finishing a college course. She would like to become a medical doctor one day. She also displays a lot of leadership qualities in the Center. She has been assisting the staff a lot especially in welcoming the new girls who come in and making them feel comfortable and integrated. Joy is also a good public speaker and is now being trained as a child advocate of Preda.

What is the assistance still needed by the beneficiary, which will be addressed by this project?

Aside from continuously providing the existing service of the Preda Therapeutic Home for Girls to the child, Joy still requires legal assistance as she is determined to seek justice against all her abusers. Currently a legal case was already filed against her father and one brother. Joy and the Preda team now awaits the resolutions of the fiscal who will then file it in court. The other legal case for her other abuser is currently underway. Aside from this, the social worker of Joy, as part of case management, is currently exploring alternative family arrangement where she can continue her life after she received all the center-based services of Preda. She will then be assisted with aftercare assistance through monitoring, follow through case management and scholarship assistance. All this will happen after her legal case is finished and her safety is secured.



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## Bericht zu Lama Child: Marian

Alter	15
Geburtsort	San Marcelino in the province Zambales
Ankunft bei PREDA	21. of March 2021



### Brief Background of the Child and Her Family

Marian, the younger sister of Joy, now 15 years old, was born in Nagbunga, Castillejos, Zambales. When she was still a baby, she was given away by her mother to a maternal aunt who is barren. However, when the child was already 7 years old, her aunt separated from her husband and she can no longer support the needs of Marian. Thus, after 2 years, Marian had to be given back to the custody of her biological parents. This is where her ordeal started.

The parents of Marian had to move from one place to another because they have no place of their own due to their impoverished situation. Being informal settlers, wherever there is a farmland that needs a caretaker, they would move there. Her parents used to receive a meagre cash grant from the government for belonging to the poorest of the poor. Marian reached 9th Grade. Although she is not as smart as her older sister Joy, she would strive to finish every grade levels. While growing up with her own biological parents, she experienced punitive parenting. She would be beaten especially by her father most of the time for simple misdemeanours. She recalled that her father would use a belt or any hard object to hit her whenever the father is drunk. As a result, her confidence remained very low and she struggled to cope with her school requirements. But she kept going, nevertheless. She dreams of becoming a nurse some day and to help her sister Joy who would want to be a doctor in the future.

How and when did beneficiary got in touch, or was referred to, the organization?

The child was rescued because of coordination between Preda social worker and the local social worker of San Marcelino, Zambales. Marian's older sister, Joy reported her ordeal to her employer. This employer sought the help of her other relatives, one of them, a teacher who then reported the incidents to the local social worker. The local social worker informed Preda Foundation and a rescue operation was initiated.

Joy, together with her other sibling Marian were then brought to the safety and custody of the Preda Therapeutic Home. The two girls were subjected to a medico legal examination and found that the children suffered from severe multiple sexual abuse and they even have



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sexually transmitted diseases. They were treated for this immediately and have already recovered. As per the narration of Marian, she experienced sexual abuse when she was 8 years old until she was 15 years old. When Marian was 8 years old, her brother raped her. Maria had no courage to disclose her ordeal because she was threatened by her brother not to tell anyone. When she was 11 years old, she was sexually abused by a drinking buddy of her father. This happened after a drinking session where the child was dragged into another room and the abuser fondled her vagina.

Furthermore, when Marian was already 12 years old, her father sexually abused her too. According to Marian, her father was drunk at that time and she was already sleeping when she felt that someone was touching her vagina. When she opened her eyes, she saw her father's hands inside her underwear touching her vagina. Marian did not have the courage to call for help because her father threatened to harm her.

On another occasion, another brother of Marian sexually abused her after having a drinking session with his friends. As per Marian, she was the only girl in their house that night so her brother took this opportunity to rape her.

What type of assistance is provided to the beneficiary under the project (please include duration, frequency and exact activities undertaken)?

The child is currently receiving homelife services (maintaining homelike atmosphere and provision of material aid such as food, clothing, hygiene supplies), education (formal modular education and tutorial) medical and dental services, psychosocial services (life skills intervention, values and character building sessions, counselling and personality development sessions), psychological interventions (psychological assessment, emotional release therapy, psychological counselling's), productivity (dance, karate, baking and cooking, special trainings) and

The services were given daily (homelife, education), bi-weekly basis per week (psycho-social, psychological, productivity) and as needed (medical/dental and legal services whenever there are court proceedings and the child's presence are needed).

Marian is now enrolled in a formal school where she can continue her education through modular set up. (due to COVID, this is the present educational arrangement)

What results or changes have been achieved for the beneficiary thus far under this project?

Marian is very traumatized when she first arrived at Preda. She would not talk to anyone and would not mingle with other children. She is slowly gaining confidence but conversing with the child usually entails the staff had to lead the conversations. She is not that open to her



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feelings and emotions, perhaps as a result of years of trauma from the abuse she experienced.

Marian's physical appearance has improved greatly as she can now take care of herself with proper grooming and hygiene kits supplied to her weekly. However, it has not been a practice for her to brush her teeth previously so she has not lost most of her front teeth. When the situation improves, she will be assisted to get dentures. She has improved her weight as well.

Slowly, she has found new friends and is now well adopted to life in the center. Generally, she has been very helpful to the center and the other children and she does not need prodding to do household chores. She is willing to offer help to anyone who may need her assistance. She has maintained a good relationship with her co-clients and would always volunteer to assist clients who are sick, as she said she misses taking care of her younger siblings.

What is the assistance still needed by the beneficiary, which will be addressed by this project?

Aside from continuously providing the existing service of the Preda Therapeutic Home for Girls to the child, Marian still requires legal assistance to seek justice against all her abusers. At present, the case build up is still on-going where Maria n is being interviewed about the details of the abuse committed by her father, brothers and other neighbours. She is still traumatized when recalling the events that happened to her. She is still undergoing the emotional release therapy of Preda and is now beginning to recall the past events. When the child is ready, she will be assisted in every step of the way in filing the legal case and attaining justice. Aside from this, the social worker of Marian and Joy, as part of case management, is currently exploring alternative family arrangement where they can continue their lives after she received all the centre-based services of Preda. She will then be assisted with aftercare assistance through monitoring, follow through case management and scholarship assistance.

