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Report of developement for Lama Child: Joanna

As of 04 March 2022

Duration of stay at Preda From December 15 to the present

Upon arrival at Preda, Joana was brought to a doctor for medical check-up. There, it was confirmed that she needs to continue to her treatment for syphilis, which she stopped before admission to Preda. She has slowly recovered her health and has since gained weight.

Preda arranged for her mother and baby to visit her at Preda last December 2021, which they did, and the reunion, though tearful, made Joana happy. This 2022, Joana also visited her mother and baby in the town where she's from.

The pimp is still detained until now. She has been arraigned already and Joana is set to testify in court on April 7, 2022.





Context of Exploitation and rescue

Born on 5 September 2005, Joana is the second among seven siblings. However, when Joana was eight years old, her older sibling died. With parents unable to look after their children, Joana was given the responsibility to look after her younger siblings. As a result, she topped schooling. At a very young age, Joana was exposed to drug abuse. Two uncles who lived with them in the same house were notorious drug pushers and users. Joana witnessed several times how her uncles used meth and marijuana because their house served as a drug den. Joana also saw how her uncles were arrested, interrogated, and threatened by police. When they consequently became sick, Joana cared for them until their death.

When she was 14 years, Joana met her boyfriend named Steven. Without access to reproductive health care, Joana soon became pregnant. She gave birth last September 7, 2020. Upon giving birth, the attending doctor found out Joana is positive for syphilis, a venereal disease. She and her baby also were positive for hepatitis. She asked for financial support from her boyfriend, but he was only able to give her Php 200. The baby is not cured but Joana is still under-going treatment.

As soon as she has recovered from childbirth, Joana worked in the market as a vendor. She also repacked salt and flour, which she sold. In December 2021, a friend named Aira invited her to a Christmas party and promised to give her Php2,500 if she attended the party where there will be guests. Joana waited for the van that would pick her up in front of a college in the town. When the van arrived, Joana boarded it and was shocked when the woman inside the van introduced herself as a policewoman and said it was an undercover operation by the police.

Joana was brought to the drop-in center where she stayed for two weeks. Throughout this time, she worried so much about her child who was left to her mother. Then, she was referred and brought to Preda last December 15, 2021.

