



Report for Lama Child: Jackie

Age	14 years old
Place of birth	Meycauayan, Bulacan
Date of arrival at preda	15 December 2021

family relations and growing up

Jackie is a 14-year-old victim-survivor of commercial sexual exploitation from Meycauayan, Bulacan. The second child of his parents, she grew up without knowing anything about her father because he abandoned her and the family when Jackie was born. Later on, Josielyn her mother found another partner with whom she had three more children but their relationship also did not last long as she became a victim of domestic violence one again. Josielyn is illiterate so she was not able to guide Jackie and her four other siblings in their formal studies. At 14, Jackie is still in fifth grade. Being the eldest sister, Jackie took care of her younger siblings when her mother went to work.

Jackie and her siblings found support from their maternal grandfather. However, this grandfather passed away three years ago when Jackie was only 11 years old. Jackie was devastated and life became more difficult. Her mother entered into a same sex relationship and she was not able to neglected her children all the more.

At 11 years old, Jackie began working in the market, repacking and selling charcoal and cooking oil. She also sold vegetables. She stopped schooling. She gave all that she earned to her mother who did not even bother to ask where she got the money. Months after, Jackie spent more time in the market with peers than at home and she learned to smoke and drink.



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Context of Exploitation and rescue

One day, Rachelle one of her friends told her that if she wanted to earn quick cash, she should come with Rachalle and meet with her “guests.” Not knowing what Rachelle meant, Jackie went with Rachelle and Rachelle introduced Jackie to an old guy who had sex with her. The old guy gave Rachelle three thousand pesos. Rachelle gave Jackie one thousand pesos. Transactions such as these became more frequent. Jackie would always give money to her mother so she can pay rent and utilities and buy the needs of the family.

On November 25, 2021, another friend “Aira” told Jackie that she’s been booked for guests on December 2. On that day, Jackie went to the agreed-upon meeting place and boarded a van. Inside the van, there were other girls and a few minutes later a lady in civilian clothes introduced herself as a police woman and told the girls that they were being rescued. Aira was arrested and then detained. They were brought to the police station, where they gave statements, and then later to the drop-in center of Meycauayan. Jackie and three other girls were brought to Preda on 15 December 2021.

Since their referral at Preda, there had been only one court hearing.

