



Report Lama Child: **Stella**

Age	15
Place of birth	Manila

The child stated that she suffered physical abuse from her mother when she was 12 years old. She ran away from home because she was looking for food. As a result, her mother inflicted physical harm on her. When Stella did not follow the orders of her eldest brother, he did beat her too. She continued to stay with them. When Stella was 13 years old, she started to work to support her family.

When she was 14 years old, she met a woman at work which asked her if she wanted to stay in their house in and work for them. She went to live with the woman's family and dropped out of school. They brainwashed her and told her that she owed them money for her board, lodging and food. They pressured and persuaded her to go with "foreign" boyfriends, introduce her to "customers" and told her she would earn a lot of money.

Sometime in October 2019 she was introduced to an American tourist. Besides or maybe because she was only 14 years old, he brought her to his hotel and sexually assaulted her. Afterwards he gave her 5000 Pesos hush-money. The sisters where she stayed, trafficked more children and persuaded and forced her to meet other men for money. As a result, she was abused and raped several more times and had no chance to escape this situation.

On November 15, 2020, the minor was meant to brought to a resort where she should spend the night with other young girls for rape trafficking reasons. The plan had been leaked PREDA Foundation's social workers which introduced the National Bureau of Investigation. They went to the resort, surrounded the building and the leader police officer in undercover capacity went inside. The police officer made a deal with marked money with the trafficking sisters for him and other foreigners to have sex with the girls.



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The signal was given, and other officers and social workers entered the resort. Inside they found a group of 18 girls including Stella ready to be sold like sex slaves. The 3 human traffickers were arrested. There were 4 minors and 15 adult women ages 18 to 22. Stella and other minors who were rescued were placed into the custody of PREDA home for Girls on Nov 18th, 2020.

They have settled into the community and are learning that there is a new life and chance for them to study, recover, learn and have therapy to overcome the trauma of their life of being abused, raped and trafficked.





Development report: **Stella** - State 05/2021

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Duration of resocialisation so far	6 month

Stella has been improving a lot with her hygiene and has already gained weight. It helped that Stella was introduced with former commercially sexually exploited children as they explained to her the life at the Girl's Home. They also helped Stella gain positive dispositions in life and to value her dignity and self-worth. Stella now values her education and is determined to complete her modules every week. She was able to re-establish her relationship with her mother and brother who maltreated her as a child and they too visited PREDA for family reconciliation and to receive rights-based parenting input.

Stella was able to release all her pent-up emotions during emotional release therapy and she is now determined to pursue justice against her other abusers, particularly a retired US serviceman who forced her to do rough sexual intercourse and treated her as a sex slave in the past. He dominated her life and made her like a sex-slave. She is now overcoming that with the new life as a Lama child and is around of it and has filed her case with the office of the investigating prosecutor. As soon as there is a resolution by the prosecutor, the case will be elevated to the court. She continues to grow and develop her self-worth and leave behind her previous life as a trafficked sexually exploited child and look forward to a new life.

