

Case study - 1. Name: - Sonia, Age:- 25 years, Home district:- Narayanganj.

Parents are alive. I studied up to class eight. Nobody behaves well with me rather only misbehaves & quarrel. I don't like this. In fact, I want quite and calm environment. So one day, I fled away from my house. I walk here and there in the streets of Dhaka city. I got acquainted with a girl. She took me to garments. I work there about one year and stay with that girl. One day a woman came to me and told me to leave the job of garments and persuaded me to go with her. She offered me more money. In fact that woman loved me very much and I can't to forbid her to take me away for her affection. I came with her in a flat. The flat was very fine. Later I came to know that the monthly rent of this flat is BDT 15000 (Euro 130). She kept me there as a captive one. There stayed with another 8 girls. They cared me a lot but did not allow me to go out. Every day they sent clients to me but didn't give me any money. One day with another girl I fled away from that captivity. From that day I'm working here in the area of the Narayanganj. I stay with that girl in a rented house. A half of my earning money is my own- another half is of that girl. I don't pay the rent of the house and expenditure of meals; all these are bared by that girl. She knows me as a good girl.

Police have caught me several times. One day they sent me to the vagabond shelter center. I was there for a year. For gratis I have to informed my father and father came to rescued me from that foul place. Then straightly i have to go to my village but after one month I came back to Narayanganj again secretly.

I didn't know much before about HIV/ AIDS but I know without condom this sex work shouldn't be done. But now I know a lot about Sex diseases from ASARR madam. Every body has said that if you do that you'll fell sick. But all don't like to take condom, someone rebukes, some body takes. My devotee Sub-Inspector (SI) never takes condoms. I have tested my blood for several times but no negative result. I don't take birth control pill.

If I tell the younger boys (clients) to use condoms they reply, fie, fie, we are still bachelors. I've come to you to enjoy. Why should we use condoms? Most of them are the students of higher class. Besides them business men, shopkeepers and all types of people of the society come here.

I monthly send about BDT 3000 (Euro 26) to my parents as my parents know that I work in a garments at present. I send this amount through a person of my locality.

I'll be well. I feel pain in my heart but can't leave this work. Ok, if I get a job or any chance to start a small business I'll give up this work. I'll never do this again.

Yes, I wish I could marry and had a family. (Saying this she burst in tears.)

One day, I have obtained that golden opportunity as one of our sex workers told me about ASARR and with that girl I directly went to ASARR office in Narayanganj. They behave me well. Even when we introduce ourselves again they behave well and propose us to change the profession if we want. Then we take time and go their Office again after one week. They asked me to start a business and even then I endeavor to change my life taking training on Handicrafts and Tailoring. And with their active support and guideline, I open a tailoring shop in front of Bandar Market. Now I get a lot of order of cloth making for difference parties and I try my best with some other helping hand to complete the orders accordingly and timely.

Now I enjoy my life with freedom and beauty. I wise to take another big loan from ASARR and expand my business. ASARR supervisors visit my shop in regular basis; even they give us proper suggestions while I face any problem. I have heard that this loan basically given us a Netherlands donor's agency in Pilot basis, but for our betterment and for other girls like us the loan should continue. I already have left my previous social rejected profession. Thanks ASARR for give me a new life with sense of freedom, values and humanity.