Manifesto by Survivors of Human Trafficking, Exploitation, Violence and Slavery

#STOPCHILDSEXUALEXPLOITATION
#STOPHUMANTRAFFICKING
#ENDSLAVERY
Break the Silence. Break the Chain

Bandhanmukti is a movement of victims of sex trafficking and various forms of slavery. We have been victimized, sold of as child, experienced the hell in brothels and various places, some of us have been rescued by Police, NGOs, some of us could escape from there, we have been in shelter homes, have been deprived of our right, education, faced stigma, poverty, ostracism. But we fought back. Now we are not only becoming instrument of delivering justice but also contributing in the prevention work to save vulnerable girls of West Bengal from the organized network of human trafficking. Bandhanmukti is a collective of survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and other sexual violence, we all came together in the year 2011.

Bandhanmukti works in the high crime zone of South & North 24 Parganas and other districts of West Bengal, and has rescue operations in four major destinations in India and across the borders of in co-ordination with various NGOs, organizations, law enforcement, government and community people.
From the research of BandhanMukti Survivors’ Collective

Maximum violations experienced and expressed needs

- Stigma & shame: 84
- Physical health: 86
- Social relationships: 89
- Work & Income: 93
- Mental/emotional health: 96
- Welfare services: 100

Bar chart showing the frequency of needs experienced.
We Want this crime to stop

We appeal to all political parties, all political leaders and the aspiring Prime Ministers to commit combating Human Trafficking, Sexual Violence against any Human being in our country. Trafficking does not happen only for commercial sexual exploitation, there are also many peers of us who have been trafficked for forced marriage, agricultural bonded labor, organ trafficking, bangle making, construction work, stone quarry, dancing/orchestra and sexual exploitation, brick kiln, textile industry, domestic work and so on.
Our Demand

1. Listen to us
2. Take strong action to combat Violence against children and women and human trafficking
3. Proper implementation of laws and smooth process of victim compensation
4. Close the brothels where the exploitation happen all over the country
5. Safe Migration so that people don’t get trafficked
6. Stop drop out of children and child labour
7. Stringent punishment of offenders
8. Education of children from the level of schools on issues of Gender Based Violence
9. Survivors should not be stigmatized from any sphere of life and offenders should not be supported
10. Accountability and equity from the part of the duty bearers
Thank You