

A young - Adult Radha (Name changed)

Radha Magar (name changed) migrated to Kathmandu from Butwal at the age of 15 when her father did suicide. The reason for suicide was debt of Bank. After demise of her father family faced financial difficulties for their daily livelihood. So being an eldest daughter she needs to look after her family. She just completed 8 grade and need to migrate in Kathmandu for the income.

She tried to search job in her own home town in Butwal for the job but due to lack of qualification and education she was not able to find any job. So, she decided to migrate in Kathmandu for the employment opportunities.

After migrating in Kathmandu, she contacted with Monica who used to work in Kathmandu at massage parlor. So, With the help of Monica she got a job in massage parlor.

She was unknown and unable to understand the job in massage parlor because she was just 15 when she joined the massage parlor. Since she does not have any alternatives to earn money because she needs to support her family, she started job in massage parlor. She was afraid and tried to leave job when first time she was engaged in sex work.



Radha says **“I was just 15 years old when I was sexually engaged with approximately 35 - 40 years man. Pain was unbearable and it was bleeding. I cried and requested to stop the sexual intercourse and he said aggressively that I have paid a lot of money for your boss so keep quiet and let me finish my job. After the first sex I was unable to walk for a week due to pain in private parts. So, I decided to leave job and started to search for other job for a month but I didn’t get any job so I was left with one option working again in massage parlor. I have cried so many times due to pain because I need to deal with 10 – 15 clients in a day. My owner started to send me in many places with client and I was paid 50 percent only. After working 2 years in massage parlor I made good contacts with client and able to know how much they paid for my service so I decided to open my own business with friends and now it has been 2 years I have been operating sex work from my own flat with 3 friends. Since we are 4 and client is limited, we started to search clients in Ratnapark and Lazimpat.”**

Radha's working location is Ratnapark and Lazimpat so she goes there after taking lunch. She provides the service from guest house and her own flat as per the requirement of clients. She charges 8000 to 12000/- for her service. So, Radha and her partners pays the cost of rent, food and room decoration for client from their income in sharing basis. Radha sends 35000/- of her earning every month to her mother back in Butwal.

During lockdown, her business is totally shut down and she couldn't send money back home to mother. First two months she survived with her saving and after 2 months she started to suffer from shortage of food and cash and no one supported for food relief items. After easy down house owner is pressurizing for the rent and family is also asking for the money but there is no any work in this situation and it is very dangerous to start sex work. So, when she heard of relief items which will last for 1 month, she was so happy that she don’t have to worry for a month. **“I am very thankful towards Lung-ta Project and JMMS, WYESHR for reaching us and supporting us.”**

“I am planting to leave sex work because I know this is good until I am beautiful, young charming and healthy. If I am old and not beautiful and suffering from any kind of diseases there will be no any clients so if I get any support from organization I will start small business to sustain my life.”

Our Findings

This is just an example of the situation of child sex worker There are more child sex worker who are going through same situation.