

## Dream of young mother

Manila (Name changed) is 20 years old single mother who left her home Bojpur and migrated in Kathmandu with lover five years ago. In Kathmandu, she was happy with her husband so she became mother at the age of 16. When she gave birth to girl her husband started domestic violence daily by drinking alcohol so to protect herself and just born daughter, she ran away to mother's house at Bojpur for the shelter.

She stayed for a year in mother's house at Bojpur but there is no any update from husband so she left her a 1 year child in mother's house and again came back to Kathmandu in search of husband but there was no husband in room he left the room when she went to mother's house. When she did inquiry with houseowner they said that went to Malaysia for the employment.

**“I tried to search many job in Kathmandu to sustain my life but due to lack of education and experience I didn't get any job and I was waiting public transportation and crying at Ratnapark and one women approached to me asked what happened and I shared my all stories with her and she offered me sex work in Ratnapark. In beginning I was surprised and said no but time passed I dint get any job so slowly I started to go in Ratnapark and I searched that women and I started to work as sex worker.”**



She has been working as sex worker from last 3 years and taking care of 4 years old daughter. she says that it is difficult to work as a sex worker because police do harassment with us and take in custody and use very abusive words and shows very rude behavior.

She says that **“ I am FSW ( Female Sex Worker) and I provide service to the client so I get paid of service but some time clients are aggressive and beating us and taking our money and if society identifies FSW they abuse us every chance they get so my request is we are also human being and please treat us like human being not like animal.”**

**“House owner is asking for a room rent and due to COVID-19 there is no any work and top of that every social media and press are saying that FSW are source of COVID-19 which made our living worse. I am mentally depressed due to lock down because I don't have any cash to feed my daughter, eat and pay rent of room due to lock down I feel like we may die due to hunger. I am very thankful to Lung-ta project and Japanese people for your support that now my daughter I can survive for a month we don't need to die from hunger.”**

She mentioned that she wishes to switch to another profession if there are any opportunities because she doesn't want to make her daughter to be part of this work. She wants to give proper education to children so that in future her daughter can be a good human being and sustain her life from prestigious profession.

### **Findings**

This is just an example that how young mother are feeding their children by being FSW (Female Sex Worker). This shows that if mother doesn't change the profession daughter is prone of abuse and engaging in sex work in early age.

Organization need to create an opportunity for the child sex worker and single mother sex worker so that children are safe and away from sexual abuse and sex work.