



**HAGAR**

Restoring *life and dignity*

**2023**  
Midterm  
**Report**

# Healing is possible, I've seen it.

I'll never forget the day I met Maria\* while volunteering with Hagar Cambodia a decade ago.

She and her brother were referred to Hagar after suffering tremendous abuse at the hands of their own family.

*Maria was so shy and reserved she wouldn't make eye contact or speak in groups.*

Over the next few months, I got to know Maria and Hagar's frontline team of counselors and case workers dedicated to her healing journey.

## **What I witnessed was nothing short of miraculous.**

Maria transformed from a scared and traumatized girl into a confident young woman.

As Hagar encouraged her to pursue her dreams, she discovered her talent and passion for photography. After many months of care and support, Maria confidently displayed her photos to a full audience at a local art gallery.

## **This is the power of Hagar.**

It's a commitment to each individual's healing journey - *whatever it takes for as long as it takes*. It's not giving up until each woman and child is free, healed, and flourishing with dignity.

## **This mission motivates me every day. And it's never been more important.**

Human trafficking, slavery, and abuse are the *worst they have ever been*. And millions of women and children like Maria do not get the care they need to heal and rebuild their lives. *But working together, we can change this.*

Today, Maria continues to thrive and help others along the way. **Her story is possible because people like you invested in her healing journey.**

As you read our 2023 Midterm Report, *I hope you'll be inspired by the impact you're making*. And I look forward to partnering with you this year and beyond to help more survivors heal and rebuild their lives.

*Catherine Kirkendall*

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Executive Director  
Hagar USA



# About Us

Imagine a world where every woman and child is *free*  
to dream, thrive, and *flourish...*

Hagar is an international non-profit organization on a mission to restore life and dignity for survivors and prevent exploitation and abuse.

The trauma of trafficking and slavery can have a profound and lasting impact. But when a survivor receives professional help, loving support, and a community of care, transformation happens.

*Together with you, Hagar does whatever it takes for as long as it takes to help women and children who have survived the unimaginable to heal and rebuild their lives.*

# Our Work



## Survivor Care

Hagar's safe homes and community-based care programs provide individualized support to women and children who have suffered human trafficking, slavery and abuse.



## Prevention

We equip survivors and their families and communities to stop human trafficking and exploitation before it starts.



## Systemic Change

Through partnership with survivor leaders, local communities, and national governments, we work to transform the systems that fuel exploitation.

# Where We Work

Hagar's programs are led by local leaders in Afghanistan, Cambodia, and Vietnam. Our Whole Journey survivor care program is implemented by partner organizations in Myanmar and the Solomon Islands. Hagar's Support Offices raise awareness and funds for our frontline work.



 **Program Office**

Afghanistan  
Cambodia  
Singapore  
Thailand (2023)  
Vietnam

 **Support Office**

Australia  
Hong Kong  
New Zealand  
Singapore  
United States  
United Kingdom

 **Implementing Partner**

YKWBA, Myanmar  
HOPE Trust, Solomon Islands

# Impact This Year

Your support this year has transformed the lives of women and children around the world. Together, we can continue to make a lasting impact, empowering survivors and their communities to heal and thrive and stop exploitation before it starts.

## January-June 2023



**1,516**

women and children supported in residential and community-based care



**39**

criminal convictions through Hagar's legal support work with survivors



**199**

partners supporting survivors with Hagar's Trauma-Informed Care program



**12,159**

individuals at-risk for trafficking reached with prevention messages



**618**

survivors leading and advocating for change in their communities



**925**

community leaders trained to identify and prevent human trafficking

## Bopha bravely shares her story to keep others safe



“My hope is by sharing my story, others can be educated and empowered to prevent this heinous crime from happening to more innocent individuals.”

*Bopha*

When Bopha met a stranger on Facebook who promised a high-paying job in China, her parents encouraged her to take it. It would change her life for the better.

But instead of a new job, Bopha was forced to marry a local man who abused her for years. When she could stand it no longer, Bopha escaped to the police, who helped her return to Cambodia and referred her to Hagar.

With counseling, medical care, and entrepreneurship training, Bopha successfully reintegrated back into her community.

Today, Bopha has remarried and runs a small business with her husband. She bravely shares her story at Hagar prevention events to raise awareness about human trafficking and migration, and to keep other young women safe.

# LIFT Joins Hagar to Accelerate Freedom Through Justice

In April 2023, LIFT International united with Hagar in a unique non-profit merger.

LIFT, formerly known as NVADER, was founded by Daniel Walker, the author of 'God in a Brothel' which features the stories of Hagar clients.

This integration accelerates access to justice, holistic care, and lasting freedom for survivors around the world.

*Jeff Buterbaugh*  
Board Chair, Hagar USA

Since 2011, LIFT International has worked in Thailand where it investigates cases, prosecutes perpetrators, and prevents human trafficking by strengthening justice systems.



As LIFT joins the Hagar family, we are positioned to expand our holistic survivor care and community prevention work in Thailand and apply LIFT's investigation and prosecution expertise across our programs in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Vietnam.

LIFT's projects will roll into Hagar's program portfolio throughout 2023-2024. While LIFT retains its name and visual brand identity, it is part of the Hagar family.

By uniting together, Hagar and LIFT will expand critical anti-trafficking programming across the Asia Pacific region. **With your ongoing support, we will reach more survivors with the care and support they need to flourish in freedom.**

Learn more about the merger:



Or visit  
[hagarusa.org/hagar-lift](https://hagarusa.org/hagar-lift)

# Join Us

As a non-profit charity, our work depends *entirely* on the compassion and action of generous people like you who believe in this mission. When you get involved, your time, energy, and resources help women and children who've suffered the unimaginable heal and rebuild their lives.

## Fund a Project



From recovery shelters to creating child-friendly spaces, Hagar seeks funding partners ranging from \$10,000-\$50,000 for critical projects.

**Contact Catherine for more information:**

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## Donate Monthly



Whether you give \$50 or \$500 a month, your dedicated recurring gift provides professional aftercare for survivors and empowers communities to prevent exploitation and abuse.

**Join today:**

[hagarusa.org/empower-partner](https://hagarusa.org/empower-partner)

## Volunteer



Hagar USA is a small (but mighty) team of 2.5! We are looking for volunteers keen to invest their time and talents in this mission.

**Contact Amie for opportunities:**

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