



Report Lama Child: **Jeselin**

Age 12
Place of birth Greater area Manila

The first traumatic suffering of Jeselin was when she was abandoned by her biological Parents by the age of 4 years. They brought her to the home of an unmarried, childless couple in the same village. When she was 12 years old a neighbour went into the house when she was alone at home and forced her into the toilet and raped her there. He came back an hour later and did it again. He warned Jeselin not to tell anyone or he would kill her, so she hid the rape. Since then, Jeselin was living in constant fear with the secret. At the age of 15 years, she was brought to the house of her adoptive cousins. Jeselin was there for a year until 2019 as a house-help. They treated her really bad and abused her physically and mentally but she couldn't leave because she was financially dependent on them. The cousins ran a pimping and human trafficking gang and pimped other children. They also sold Jeselin multiple times to foreigners and "sex-tourists" and let them abuse, rape and sexually abuse her. She was forced to participate in "sex-parties" where multiple minors where abused and raped for days. The dimension of Jeselin's experiences is unbelievable.

In September 2020 she finally managed to escape and found shelter in the house of her second adoptive mother. From there PREDA got to know her case and brought here to PREDA's home. Jeselin can now start to recover from all her cruel experiences. PREDA's social workers are working on finding out the women that led the prostitution and human trafficking ring to them to trial





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Duration of resocialisation so far	7 month

Aside from providing her protection and daily needs, Jeselin has improved a lot regarding her physical appearance (grooming and personal care) and as well her nutrition. She was undernourished and weak when she came into PREDA and is now eating 5 times a day. Confused, inarticulate and unable to even tell her story of many years as a trafficked and exploited child, she is now doing pretty good. When she first arrived at PREDA, she could not read nor write. But now Jeselin has learned quickly, made friends, became articulate and was able to tell her stories of being abused. Now she can also read and write. This is because of the efforts of PREDA staff who took turns in teaching her basic literacy. She can now read with confidence and even write basic sentences on her own. She is currently doing her educational lessons in Modules which are provided by the department of Education. It was also evidenced that Jeselin has gained a lot of self-confidence.

From at first being a very shy, nervous, not speaking, fearful, closed and nervous child, she has blossomed to be a very confident and participative child, all thanks to the therapeutic interventions she has been receiving.

She really arrived at PREDA and now feels accepted ,affirmed ,supported and encouraged with friendship. She has become a very resilient child with positive dispositions in life. She is also determined to pursue justice against the family of pimps who prostituted her and against the American national who sexually abused her and who continuously prey on minors. The three human traffickers have been arrested because of the information shared by Jeselin and are in jail awaiting trial. Jeselin is strong and ready to testify in court against them and against the US national who abused her too.

