

## **Proud to be an empowered Girl**

I am a girl aged 18 hailed from broken family  
My childhood was under the risk of trafficking  
I did have not access for education and good health  
I had undergone gender violence of being a girl  
My father deserted me and died  
My Mom cared for four children of having snacks shop  
Many girls of my age were trafficked  
Many girls of my age involved in entertainment sector  
To render sexual service to earn money  
Some got married below the age of 18  
I hail from very poor family live in tin sheeted house  
No sanitation no water facility and no protection for girl child  
I live in an area where I cannot move alone anywhere  
I am lucky that I approached NGOs for help  
Opportunity Village Nepal supported me for my education  
I am doing Bachelor of Business Study  
I got opportunity to work as well as to earn the living  
I support my family and continue my study  
I work as Youth Motivator to motivate other youth  
In the future I aim to empower other young girls and bring change in the Society.  
Girls are like torch light in the society and empowerment is like energy  
I shine and continue to shine to stop violence against woman  
I want to see the next generation of having access to better health education  
I dream toward better education and career which brings change.

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