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## NEPAL: SUSHMA'S STORY

### VIDEO

KOLKATA CITY STREETS  
TRAFFIC

NEPALI COUNTRYSIDE  
FARMERS / WOMEN WORKING  
WOMAN SMOKING /  
MAN STANDING / LOOKING  
AROUND

### AUDIO

#### NARRATION

Kolkata, India. One of the most densely inhabited cities in the world and a magnet for people from the impoverished countryside. Among them are victims of human trafficking, including women from neighbouring Nepal. In the red light district here Nepali women are considered 'exotic' by Indian men. Most Nepali women are lured to Kolkata by false promises of jobs and better opportunities. (28")

Deputy Representative of the UN Population Fund in Nepal, Ugochi Daniels. (4.4")

UGOCHI DANIELS: (English) F

UGOCHI DANIELS ON CAMERA

*"Conservative estimates put it at about 7,000 girls a year but we feel that it's much higher."* (5")

NARRATION

SUSHMA  
BACK OF BUS ON ROAD  
“WELCOME TO INDIA” SIGN

This is what attracted 24-year-old Sushma from a remote village in Nepal. With four children to feed, she was abandoned by her husband, and says she had no choice but to go abroad looking for work. (12.75”)

SUSHMA INSIDE CAR

SUSHMA: (Nepali) **F**  
*“You have to do whatever you can to survive. You can’t just sit idle.” (3.25”)*

TRAFFIC IN INDIA/BUSY  
STREET

NARRATION

Sushma first went to Nepal’s capital, Kathmandu, to work in a rug factory but the prospect of better pay brought her to Kolkata. There she was sold for sexual slavery. Miraculously, she managed to escape. (13.7”)

SUSHMA ON CAMERA

SUSHMA: (Nepali) **F**  
*“I slipped out and got away...” (1.2”)*

CITY VIEW AT NIGHT

NARRATION

What is so unusual about Sushma’s story is that once free she set out to find her trafficker. (5.35”)

NIGHT/SUSHMA GETTING  
READY / CAR DRIVING  
TOWARDS A HOUSE

Back in Kathmandu, Sushma leads the police to the house where she met the people that took her to Kolkata. (6”)

SUSPECTS COMING OUT OF  
THE HOUSE / KALE DAMAI IN

The police find three suspects in the house and arrest them. (3.5”)

THE CAR  
+ OTHER SUSPECTS

POLICE STATION

KALE DAMAI ON CAMERA

SUSPECT DURING  
INTERROGATION

SUSHMA ON CAMERA

PRISON, KALE DAMAI / PRISON  
DOOR CLOSING BEHIND HIM /  
SUSPECT BEHIND BARS /  
SUSHMA PICKING UP PLASTIC  
BAG / SUSHMA AND  
SANGEETA IN THE CAR

SUSHMA AT HER HOUSE  
GIVING FOOD TO HER  
CHILDREN

This is the man Sushma says sold her to the brothel in Kolkata. At first, he only admits going with her to India. During the interrogation, he finally confesses. (10.35")

KALE DAMAI: (Nepali) **M**  
*"They said she wasn't very good-looking and they only gave me 10,000 rupees." (3.5")*

#### NARRATION

That's about 250 US dollars. Despite the confession, the case will not go forward unless Sushma makes a formal accusation. (8.5")

SUSHMA: (Nepali) **F**  
*"He said if the police ask any questions at the border I should stay quiet and say...I'm his wife." (5")*

#### NARRATION

Sushma did press charges and now the men who sold her are in jail, facing a possible 20 years in prison. (6.4")

Now it's time for Sushma to go home. (1.6")

After a 12-hour journey from Kathmandu, Sushma arrives at her village. (4.3")

Reunited with her children, the difficulty of providing for her family remains, but for now, Sushma is just happy to be home. (10")

SUSHMA: (Nepali) **F**

SUSHMA ON CAM

*"What can I say? We have to manage on what we've got here. I'll do my best for my children."* (5.5")

DAUGHTER EATING CANDY

NARRATION

UN LOGO

This report was prepared by Amanda Rudman and Sasa Gorisek for the United Nations. (4.5")