



The Women Speak:

A team member recalls the life experiences of a sex worker

When I was fifteen year old I was raped by a family member. I was devastated by this, I was told not to tell anyone in my family or else. This bothered me a lot and I wanted to get away from home so that I wouldn't be able to see this person on a daily basis. I was always afraid of him and what he would do to me. He began to trouble me a lot and I was determined to get away.

I got involved in a relationship since I could have a boyfriend to give me things. I got pregnant at 17 and went to live with him. Things didn't go well with him and we had a bad relationship, we fought and quarreled all the time. I decided to leave him because he was not looking after the child.

I started another relationship and I had another baby, it was more of the same bad experience, a lot of up and downs, I got tired because money was always a problem too so I left to find my own money

I now have two children and I need to get money for myself and my children. A friend introduced me to sex work she said it was a way to make money. I am now doing sex work for 7 years, it can be hard sometimes but at least I have my own money and don't depend on anybody.

I am just interested in getting my money and this works for me I don't see why I have to do anything else this is my hustle.

Due to my experiences with men I only have sex with them for business. I have a girlfriend.