



Thanna

Thanna was 8-years-old when she was raped by her step-father. She did not dare tell anyone about what happened as he threatened to hurt her if she did. When she was 16-years-old, he raped her again. Scared and confused, Thanna ran away and went to live with a neighbor. A friend then offered to take her to Phnom Penh where she lived with an aunt. During this time Thanna married and became pregnant. She was only two months pregnant when she discovered her husband had a mistress. He then abandoned Thanna.

After Thanna had her baby, she heard about Hagar Shelter from a taxi driver. At Hagar Shelter, she lived with women from backgrounds similar to hers, Thanna was enrolled in literacy classes and received counselling and vocational training in sewing. Once she completed her training she was offered a job at Hagar Design.

Today, life is full of hope for Thanna. She is able to support herself; she has enough money to pay the rent, buy food and look after her baby.



All names have been changed to protect the privacy and security of the beneficiary concerned.