

SHE LEADS

Empowering trafficked women in Nigeria to lead
change in their lives and in their communities



Project summary

SHE LEADS prepares survivors of trafficked for a life after safehouses, where they can provide for themselves and their loved ones through training of three basic skills by local teachers

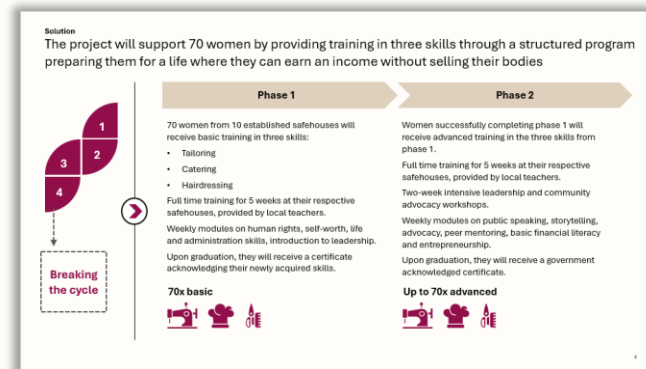
Addressing the problem

As a result of extreme poverty, **half a million of Nigerians are trafficked into sexual exploitation every year**, and although safehouses are working to help trafficked women, **too many exit into poverty**



Breaking a bad cycle

The project will support 70 women in **breaking the cycle by providing training in three skills** through a structured program that prepares them for a life where **they can earn an income without selling their bodies**



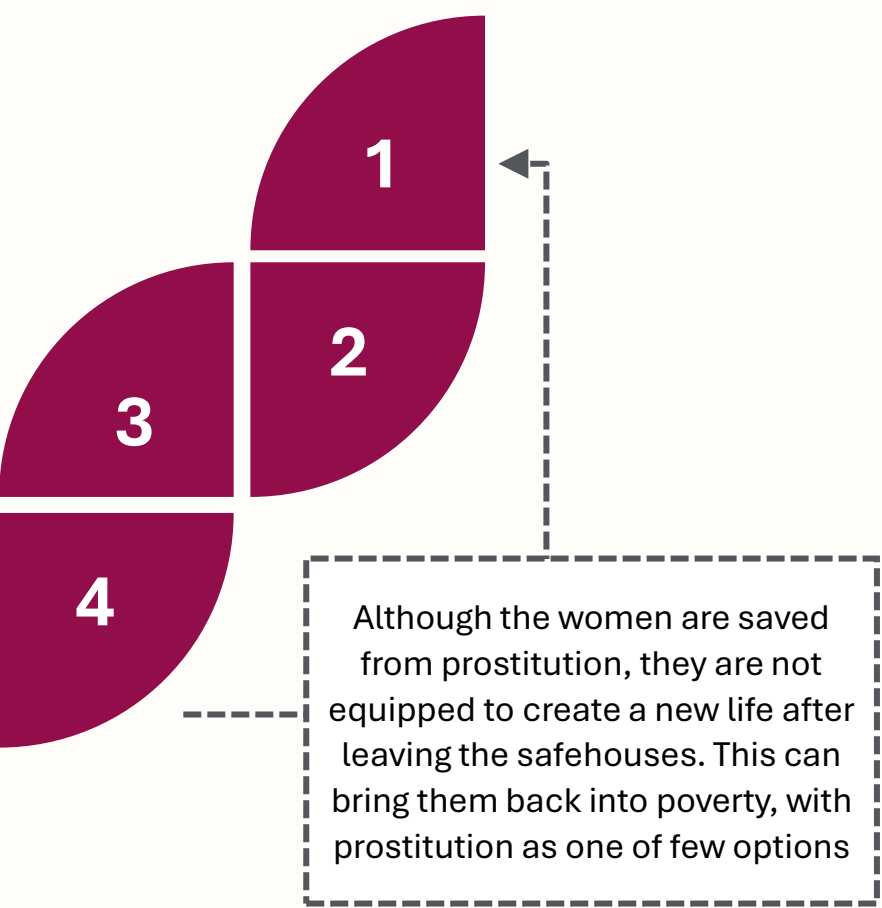
Providing impact for many

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Challenge

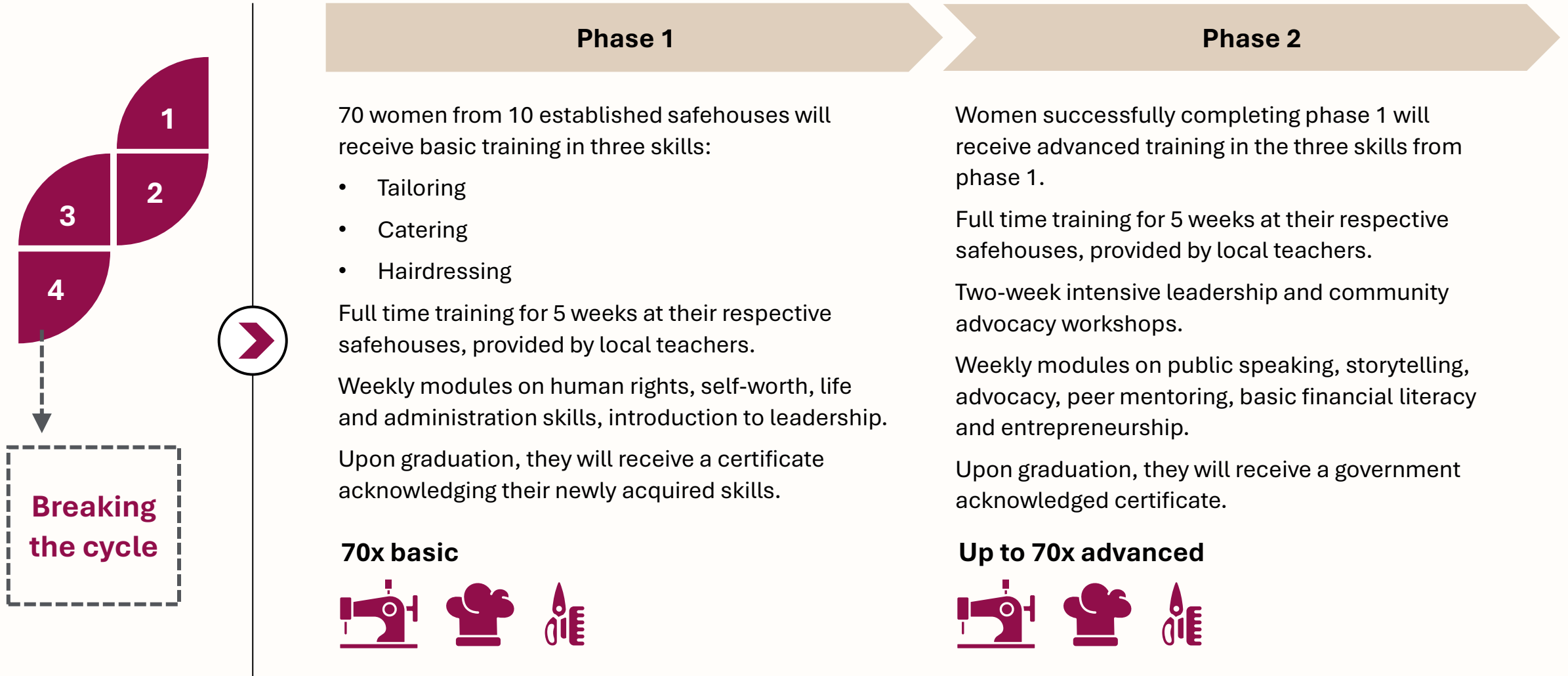
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1	Poverty 88 million Nigerians are living in extreme poverty, which is 39% of the total population ^{1,2} .
2	Human trafficking 1 million Nigerians are trafficked every year, where many remain within the country, trafficked to other regions ³ .
3	Prostitution Nearly half of all trafficked Nigerians are forced into sexual exploitation, prostitution, or pornography ⁴ , of these, one of three are younger than 25 years old ⁵ .
4	Saved by safehouses Multiple safehouses in Nigeria are working to help women to exit forced prostitution by hosting them and offering basic school education such as reading and calculus. The 10 safe houses part of SHE LEADS have had 250 women live with them over the past 2 years ⁶ .

Solution

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Impact

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70 women have received training in key skills, and are now equipped to open their own business to make money, take care of their loved ones, contribute to their local community, and be role-models for other women in prostitution and safehouses



30 local teachers have been employed through the project, receiving a fair salary to provide for themselves and their families



Safe-houses have **released capacity to save additional women** from human trafficking



Budget

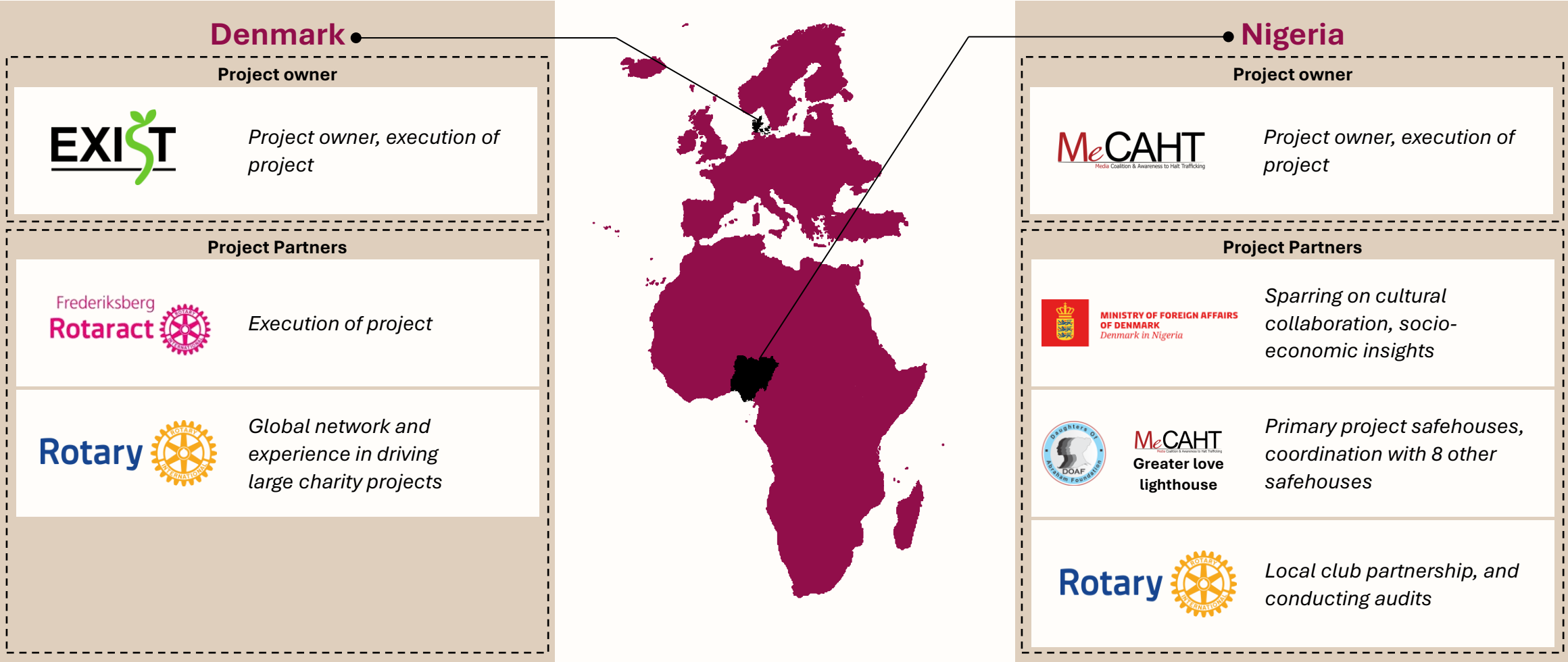
The total project is budgeted at 360k DKK, with two-thirds of budget allocated for the execution of phases while one-third are planning and admin costs¹

Activity	DKK	Nigerian Naira ²
Execution: phase 1	125.950	29.988.095
Execution: phase 2	101.250	24.107.043
Total execution	227.200	54.095.238
Local monitoring visits	7.600	1.809.524
Local partner staff	55.350	13.178.571
Local partner administration	15.700	3.738.095
DK partner activities and project monitoring	37.750	8.988.095
Total admin	116.400	27.714.286
Budget margin ³	17.000	4.047.619
Total costs	360.600	85.857.143

Notes: ¹ Detailed budget can be shared upon request, ² Exchange rate : 1 DKK = ₦ 220, ³ Budget margins in place to cover potential volatility in currency exchange rate

Stakeholder landscape

The project is executed in close collaboration with organisations in both Denmark and Nigeria, ensuring that impacts are reached to the fullest extend



Core working groups

The project consists of two core working groups, one in Denmark and one in Nigeria, with diligent governance in place to aid a smooth collaboration



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Governance & Collaboration



Danish working group meetings
Bi-weekly



Cross-country meetings
Bi-weekly



Nigerian working group meetings
Ad-hoc



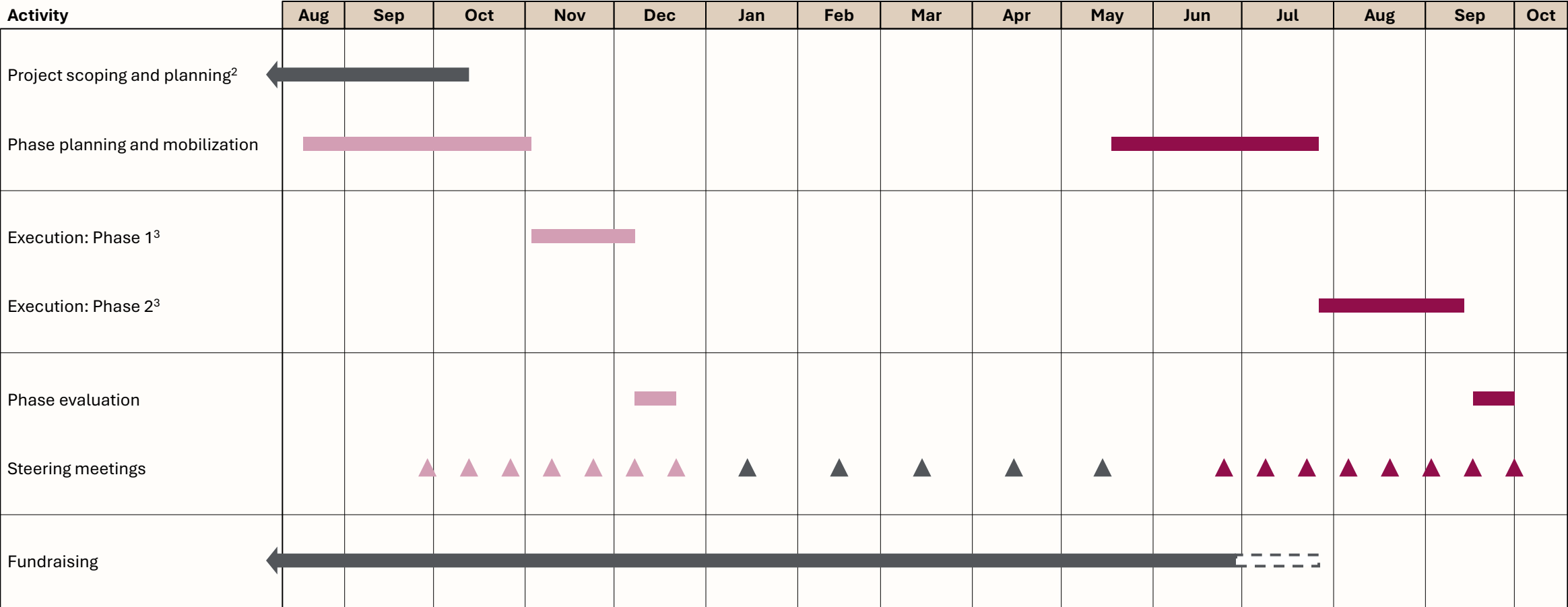
Steering Meetings
*Bi-weekly during execution,
with representation from all
partner organizations*



DK visits to Nigeria
Quarterly

Milestone plan

The first phase will be executed in November and December 2025, and the second phase in summer 2026, aligning with other school activities of women



Notes: ¹ Detailed phase-specific project plans available upon request, ² The project scoping and planning initiated in June 2024, ³ Phase executions will depend on sufficient funding and school calendars of women in safehouses

Impact evaluation

The impact is measured short-term during and after each phase execution with completion targets in place, and long-term with a focus on continued contact and a sustained work-situation

Phase evaluation

Short-term impact measured after each phase execution



Impact is **monitored during execution** through bi-weekly cross-site meetings, and escalated to steering committee



Each phase is closed with an **assessment survey** shared with participating women and staff



Concluding the phase, an **evaluation meeting** is hosted for working group and steering committee determining lessons learned for future phases



Targeting a **drop-out rate** of <15%



Targeting 95% of completing women to **obtain certificates** through passed exams

Impact evaluation

Long-term impact measured one year after acquiring certificate



Targeting that safehouses are in **continuous contact** with >90% of women who completed training



Targeting <5% of women completing training **return to work in prostitution**



Targeting >75% of women completing training **use their acquired skills professionally**

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