29 NGOs Selected for Funding from UNVTF Third Grant Cycle

The Trust Fund is proud to announce that it has concluded the third Call for Proposals. In total, 28 projects that provide essential assistance and protection to trafficking survivors globally have been selected. The Trust Fund received an overwhelming response to the call: 183 proposals were submitted from 72 countries across the globe. Priority of the call focused on projects providing direct assistance to victims coming out of a context of armed conflict and those identified amongst large movements of refugees and migration flows. USD 2 million in grants will be awarded to selected NGOs from the third grant cycle.

The following NGOs have been selected for funding:

Centre for Women and Children Studies (Bangladesh) aims to provide direct services and assistance to 200 victims of trafficking in persons including rescue, repatriation, healthcare, psychosocial counselling, shelter, food, clothing, legal aid, family integration, skills training and job placement. The project will assist victims identified among large movements of migration flows from Bangladesh to India and refugees coming to Bangladesh due to armed conflicts in Myanmar.

Levántate Mujer Foundation (Bolivia) seeks to ensure that women, children, adolescents and families are empowered, restored to their dignity, provided with equal opportunities, free of violence and able to enjoy their basic human rights. The project is focused on constructing new life projects for girls in the Sartasim Kullakita Shelter that are survivors of human trafficking with a purpose of sexual exploitation.

The Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (Cambodia) has been assisting victims of rights violations in Cambodia since 1991, strengthened by the presence of its provincial offices. Currently, ADHOC is working from 19 provincial offices across 21 provinces. This project will assist TIP victims in the context of a strong migration flow from Cambodia. Priority activities include repatriation, advice on victim’s rights and to claim access to remedies, assistance to obtain access to justice and essential services.

Friends International (Cambodia/Thailand) This project will target child migrant victims trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced labour and forced begging that have been identified among large migration flows, namely the 200,000 undocumented Cambodian migrants in Thailand, and the high number of internal Thai migrants seeking better living conditions in Bangkok.

Corporación Espacios de Mujer (Colombia) is working on the prevention of trafficking in persons, with attention to female victims of prostitution, Colombian migrants returning to their home country, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. CEM implements processes of promotion and empowerment, from a gendered perspective and the protection of human rights. This project will focus on assistance to victims coming out of the Colombian internal armed conflict and victims of external trafficking.
Fundación Alas de Colibrí (Ecuador) will provide integral assistance to victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, aged between 12 and 18 years of age, identified along the Ecuadorian migratory corridor and the communities affected by the Colombian armed conflict in the northern border of Ecuador.

Union of Ethiopian Women Charitable Association (Ethiopia) has experience in providing support for victims of trafficking women/children in collaboration with its members, serving more than 600 vulnerable women/girls victims of trafficking deported from the Middle east countries. This project aims to address cross border trafficking issues related to domestic servitude by providing rehabilitation and reintegration support services for 150 returnees who are socially, psychologically and economically abused.

Les Amis du bus des femmes (France) was established in Paris 1994 and assists 200-300 victims of trafficking per year including children. This project will provide direct assistance to Nigerian victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation identified among the large movements of refugees and migration flows coming in Europe through the “Lybian road” between 2014 and 2018.

Rescue Foundation Mumbai (India) has been rescuing, rehabilitating and repatriating girls and women trafficked from different parts of India, and its neighbouring countries in Nepal since 2000. This project will focus on all girls and women who are trafficked from rural, poor communities to urban cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, and Pune.

Peace Trust (India) works in 40 communities in India to reduce young workers' vulnerability to trafficking in the context of high-risk jobs in the textile industry. The project will focus on prevention of human trafficking among victims of forced labour and will address both male and females victims in spinning mills brick kilns, hotel and restaurant sector from the south zone of India. Medical care, vocational skills training, helpline assistance and legal support will be provided to victims.

Waste Management Society (India) works to support children and women who are victims of trafficking, slavery and related human rights abuses. The organisation works with a variety of stakeholders including law enforcement agencies, governments and civil society organisations. This project will work with already identified children and women who have been rescued from trafficking - the majority of who are rescued from brothels and child labour camps.

Coalition for Organ-Failure Solutions (India/Nepal) will provide and facilitate direct victim support for persons trafficked for the removal of organs in India, Nepal, Egypt and other areas of the Middle East. The project aims to identify and link at least 275 trafficked persons with direct medical, livelihood, food and/or legal aid.

Al-Ghad Foundation for Investment in Human Investment (Iraq) will provide legal and social assistance to survivor women of trafficking sold by ISIS in the slave market and released. The project will establish a social and legal clinic in Mosul governorate to provide legal, psychological and social services to up to 1250 women victims, including the provision of help to obtaining identity documents and social reintegration.

Progetto Integrazione Accoglienza Migranti (Italy) has been working on human trafficking issues since 2000, with a focus on providing assistance and protection to victims of human trafficking, particularly women suffering sexual exploitation. This project will target the mass of asylum seekers crossing the Mediterranean and provide integrated assistance to victims aged between 16-23 in the first 60 days upon arrival in Italy, or in the limbo period while waiting on the status of asylum applications.
CISS- Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud (Italy) will provide direct assistance to migrants and asylum seekers arriving at the Sicily harbour of the Mediterranean as a result of mass migration flows. The object of the project is to provide accommodation and legal, psychological and sanitary assistance to a total of 30 women and provide psychological and/or legal support to another 30 beneficiaries among female and male human trafficking victims.

Amel Association International (Lebanon) programmes to support victims of human trafficking commenced in 2011 and has since developed into a six-pronged approach in providing direct services, assistance and support to these vulnerable populations in Lebanon. This project will target female victims aged under 30 from Africa and Asia who have been trafficked to Lebanon within mass labour migration flows.

Institute for Democracy (Moldova) is committed to protecting human rights and fighting trafficking and violence in all forms in the Republic of Moldova. This project will provide psycho-social and legal assistance to victims of trafficking in Gagauzia to up to 1500 victims through implementation of a support center and telephone hot-line where victims can be advised anonymously and for free.

Eden Myanmar (Myanmar) has been working with trafficked women and teenage girls in Asia for 15 years. In those 15 years, programmes have been established in five major cities, and over 500 girls have been rescued. This project will focus on reaching and rescuing young female migrants and internally displaced persons from trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Raksha Nepal (Nepal) was established in 2004 and has worked to rehabilitate and reintegrate 1866 trafficked girls and women into their families and communities. This project focuses on sustainable rehabilitation of Nepali Women through enterprise support and financial literacy training as well as psycho-social support to approximately 100 women and girls aged between 11-25 years of age.

Freedom Foundation for Social, Education and Health Reform (Nigeria) founded Genesis House - a female rehabilitation shelter - in 2006, to provide rehabilitation, education and empowerment to young women who have been sexually exploited and trafficked or are ex-commercial sex workers. The thematic focus of this project is on female victims who have been trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation and refugees who have been sexually exploited.

Database Centre for North Korean Human Rights (ROK) will offer direct assistance to North Korean victims in their 30s and 40s who have arrived in South Korea to resettle in the country and are victims of prostitution and labour exploitation. Psychological counselling for human trafficking victims who have been exposed to sexual violence and medical help for those who have suffered physical aftereffects of acts of violence will also be delivered through the project.
National Association of the Albinos of Senegal (Senegal) has has offered assistance to victims of human trafficking with albinism since 1997. This project will identify 28 people with albinism in human trafficking situation, provide with legal, medical and psychosocial assistance, and strengthening the capacity of families and communities to prevent abuse of albinos.

NGO Atina Citizens’ Association for Combat Trafficking In Human Beings and All Forms of Violence Against Women (Serbia) focuses on the provision of direct assistance to victims of human trafficking with respect to the Balkan route closure. Through its Comprehensive Social Inclusion Program, ATINA will provide victims of trafficking from migrant and refugee population in Serbia with shelter, food, medical care, legal aid, access to justice, and psychosocial support.

Somaliland Youth Development and Voluntary Organization (SOYDAVO) (Somaliland) has extensive experience and knowledge addressing issues of human trafficking that occur throughout Somaliland, effectively supporting marginalized populations such as IDPs, minorities, women and children for 11 years. The project, "The Human Trafficking Victim Assistance and Travails Mitigation Project" (HTVATM) will address cases of sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, forced criminality and organ removal.

Doctors of the World Belgium (Tunisia) addresses foreign VOTs within the Tunisian territory exploited in domestic servitude or slavery or forced labour (construction industry, gardening, cafés and restaurants, agriculture, industry). The project will focus on improving access to health care in the Great Tunis and in the South (Sfax- Medenine) for migrants who are victims of trafficking.

Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) (Uganda) provides direct assistance to victims of human trafficking in Greater Kampala, Mukono and Wakiso districts. This project aims to rescue, rehabilitate and enhance socio-economic livelihood opportunities for 120 survivors of human trafficking in these regions by the end of 2019 as well as empower survivors with knowledge on their rights to project themselves and reintegrate with their families.

Willow International (Uganda) has been providing direct assistance to victims of domestic and translational human trafficking since 2009. The project is to provide direct and effective aftercare services to 40 victims of sex and labour trafficking over 24 months. Services will begin at the identification stage and result in safety from re-victimization and safe, healthy reintegration into families, communities, and self-sufficiency.

International Charitable Foundation "Caritas Ukraine" (Ukraine) has been working in the direction of human trafficking prevention and reintegration for the victims of trafficking since 2004. The main result of Caritas’ activity is the assistance to more than 1000 victims. This project will provide social assistance for victims of human trafficking in war conflict areas of Ukraine including identification of victims among migrants and refugees.

Blue Dragon Children's Foundation (Vietnam) has been providing direct support for child victims of labour exploitation since 2005 and victims of sex trafficking since 2010. To date, Blue Dragon has rescued 688 victims of human trafficking. This project will provide legal
advice and support for 150 victims of trafficking to facilitate their repatriation to Vietnam and their home communities ensuring access to justice for victims.

The Trust Fund awards multi-year grants of up to USD 60,000 to non-governmental organizations within the context of providing tangible support to victims of human trafficking. For more information, please consult our website: https://www.unodc.org/humantraffickingfund