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## The UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons: Looking Ahead

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# Introduction: Governance

General Assembly Resolution 64/293, Article 38 (**UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons**):

*“Establish the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, **to provide humanitarian, legal and financial aid to victims of trafficking in persons** through established channels of assistance, such as governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,*

*which shall operate as a subsidiary fund of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund **managed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**, and shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and other relevant provisions,*

***with the advice of a board of trustees composed of five persons** with relevant experience in the field of trafficking in persons who shall be appointed with due regard to equitable geographical distribution by the Secretary-General in consultation with Member States and the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.”*



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## Contributions to the UNVTF

November 2010 to May 2015 (amounts in USD)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	AMOUNT DEPOSITED
<b>I. MEMBER STATES</b>							
<b>Austria</b>	13,089	13,333		13,037	13,587		53,046
<b>Australia</b>			195,281		70,000		265,281
<b>Azerbaijan</b>				9,907			9,907
<b>Bangladesh</b>			2,000				2,000
<b>Belarus</b>	20,797			50,494			71,291
<b>Ecuador</b>		5,000	5,000				10,000
<b>France</b>		24,217	33,200	130,378			187,795
<b>Israel</b>				15,000			15,000
<b>Luxembourg</b>	40,161		37,267				77,428
<b>Malaysia</b>	5,062						5,062
<b>Philippines</b>		10,000					10,000
<b>Qatar</b>		99,156		99,923		100,000	299,079
<b>Thailand</b>		24,625				25,000	49,625
<b>Russian Federation</b>			30,000				30,000
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>				100,307			100,307
<b>Singapore</b>				3,000	5,000	5,000	13,000
<b>Slovenia</b>					13,793		13,793
<b>Sweden</b>				106,270			106,270
<b>United Arab Emirates</b>				175,000			175,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79,108</b>	<b>176,331</b>	<b>302,748</b>	<b>703,316</b>	<b>102,380</b>	<b>130,000</b>	<b>1,493,884</b>
<b>II. PRIVATE DONORS</b>							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207,967</b>	<b>40,318</b>	<b>90,881</b>	<b>224,512</b>	<b>134,461</b>	<b>698,139</b>
<b>SUM TOTAL</b>	<b><u>79,109</u></b>	<b><u>384,298</u></b>	<b><u>343,066</u></b>	<b><u>794,197</u></b>	<b><u>326,892</u></b>	<b><u>264,461</u></b>	<b><u>2,192,023</u></b>



# Expenditure of the UNVTF as of 15 May 2015 (Actual and Planned)

Description	<2014	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total Actual and Planned Expenditure
<b>Travel</b>	7,129	23,326	8,106			38,561
<b>Short-term Consultants</b>	7,300	24,000	47,408			78,708
<b>Grants to Institutions</b>	659,828	64,996	380,400	280,000	276,000	1,661,224
<b>General Operating Expenses</b>	446	1,325	1,856			3,627
<b>Evaluation Costs</b>		19,664			21,000	40,664
<b>PSC to UNODC</b>	87,711	17,330	49,023	36,400	35,880	226,344
<b>Gain (Loss) on exchange</b>	4,511					4,511
<b>TOTAL</b>	766,925	150,641	486,793	316,400	332,880	<b>2,053,639</b>



# 2011 Grant Recipients of the UNVTF





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## Video- Message from Partner NGO Different & Equal, Albania





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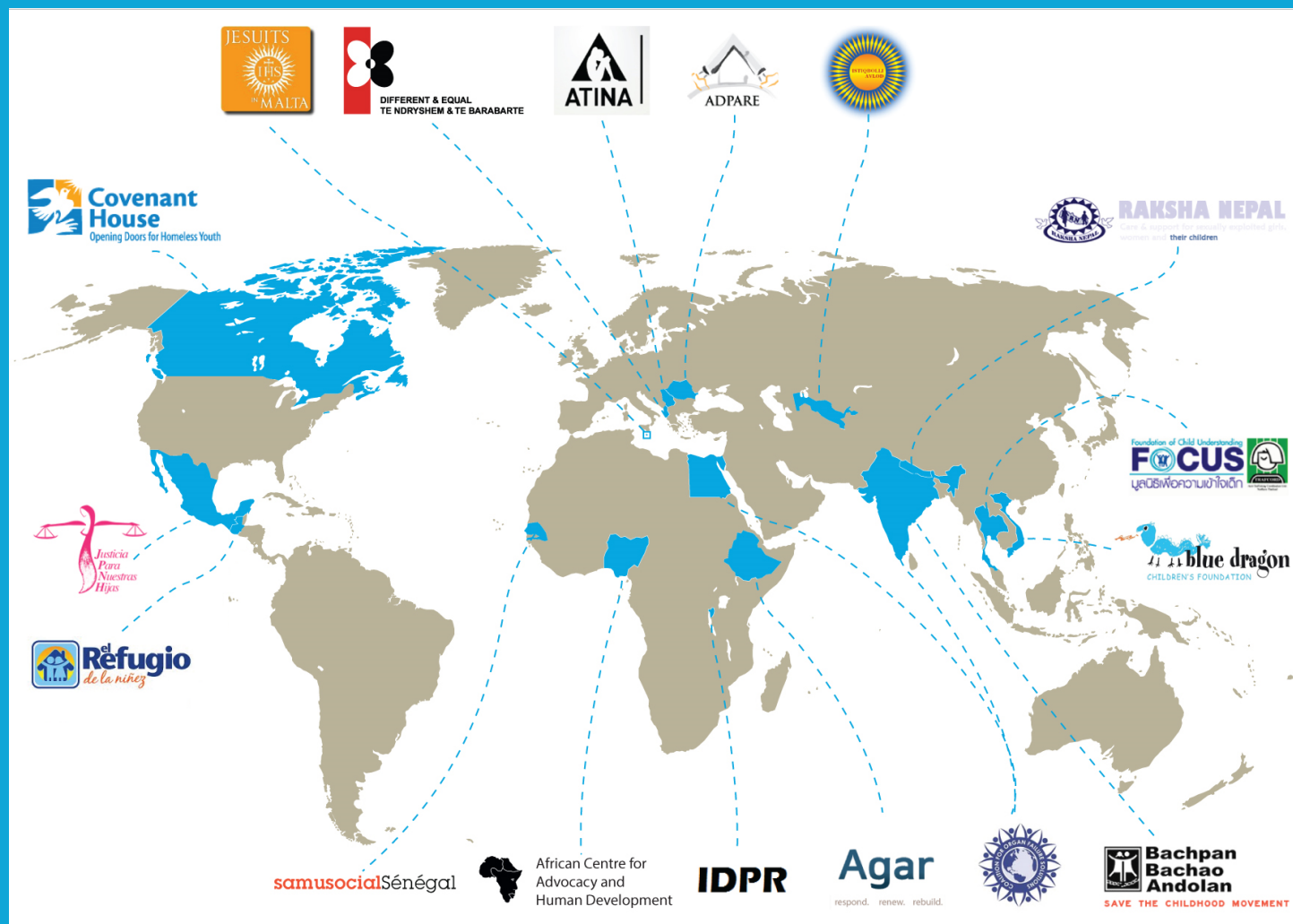
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## 2014 Grant Recipients of the UNVTF





## Selected Projects of the 2014 Call for Proposals



**ALBANIA - Different & Equal** The project will support at least 160 victims through comprehensive reintegration services from the initial stages when victims are newly liberated, to their full reintegration back into the community. Some beneficiaries will be supported in developing small businesses.



**BURUNDI - Initiative pour le Développement de la Population en Milieu Rural (IDPR)** The project will provide reintegration and schooling support for 15 female victims of trafficking who were unable to finish school due to being trafficked.



**CANADA - Covenant House** The project expects to serve more than 60 victims by providing youth-focused services and support to victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.



**EGYPT & INDIA - Coalition for Organ-Failure Solutions (COFS)** The project aims to identify at least 250 trafficked persons with both medical and legal assistance, and provide or facilitate direct victim support for persons trafficked for the removal of organs in Egypt and India.



**ETHIOPIA - Agar Ethiopia Charitable Society** The project will provide shelter, medical, psychiatric treatment and psychological care, and skills training to 180 female victims. AGAR is the only non-government organization in Ethiopia working on human trafficking.



**GUATEMALA - El Refugio de la Niñez** The project will provide legal support in cases of exploitation and human trafficking to 150 girls. The project seeks to provide the victims with specialised services, and to help restore their human rights.



## Selected Projects of the 2014 Call for Proposals



**INDIA - Association for Voluntary Action, Bachpan Bachao Andolan (AVA/BBA)** The project will assist 450 child victims with direct intervention through rescue and rehabilitation of victims, and indirect intervention by seeking significant changes to policies and laws related to protection of victims, capacity building of law enforcement agencies and facilitating the prosecution of exploiters.



**MALTA - Jesuit Refugee Service JRS Malta** will assist around 90 victims through access to legal remedies and to obtain the protection, care and support they require, including, but not limited to counselling, legal services, psychosocial support and limited material assistance.



**MEXICO - Justicia para Nuestras Hijas (JPNH)** There are 24 victims who will directly benefit, and 12 of the victims mothers, will be provided with legal and psychological support. The project will support deceased victims and their families, with legal assistance and support public prosecutors when investigating trafficking crimes.



**NEPAL - Raksha Nepal** seeks to provide direct support to 400 victims, such as rescue, safe home, counselling, medication, vocational training and a link with the 'Raksha' saving and credit cooperative for the start-up of small businesses in Nepal.




**NIGERIA - African Centre for Advocacy and Human Development (ACAHD)** The project will support an additional 60 victims with access to vocational training and professional opportunities in order to create small businesses or become part of a cooperative of former victims by the end of its three-year implementation.



**ROMANIA - Association for Developing Alternative Practices for Reintegration and Education (ADPARE)** The project aims to provide a full range of services to at least 30 victims of trafficking in persons, by improving their quality of life, improving their physical wellbeing, emotional health and economic sustainability.



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 **SENEGAL - Samusocial (SSN)** About 2,500 to 3,000 child victims of trafficking in Dakar will benefit from services based on human rights. SSN organises a wide framework of activities, from medical, psychological and social care in the streets, and accommodation.



**SERBIA - NGO ATINA** The project will assist over 150 victims. ATINA has extensive experience in providing direct support to female, male and child victims of trafficking in persons. The organization focuses on assisting victims short-, mid- and long-term through a Transition House, a Reintegration Centre and community based networks.



**THAILAND - FOCUS (Foundation for Child Understanding)** The project will assist about 150 victims, mainly girls and boys ages 14 to 17, including locals, migrant workers, ethnic minorities, stateless people and marginalized persons. The project will operate in northern regions of Thailand, where support is much needed.



**UZBEKISTAN - Istiqbolli Avlod Tashkent** seeks to provide direct, effective and sustainable remedies for 50-60 victims of labour exploitation and trafficking, with an emphasis on assistance delivery by grassroots organizations, with legal aid, access to justice, psychosocial support and medical care.



**VIETNAM - Blue Dragon Children's Foundation** will provide psycho-social support to at least 15 child victims of sex trafficking immediately after their rescue from China, in order to ensure continuing support for a three year period to assist their reintegration into the community and recovery from trauma.





## Findings of the 2014 Independent Evaluation

- The UNVTF addresses a clear need for assistance to victims of trafficking in persons.
- The Small Grants Programme is an appropriate and efficient mechanism for disbursement of UNVTF funds.
- Grantees consider UNVTF processes to be efficient and, in comparison with other funding sources, “user friendly”.
- Stakeholders, on balance, consider that the UNVTF should continue to focus exclusively on support for NGOs at the present time.



## Findings of the 2014 Independent Evaluation

- The UNVTF has not been provided with the resources necessary to fulfil mandate as per GA Resolution.
- The UNVTF has not clearly defined its comparative advantage or distinguishing features from other funds supporting victims of trafficking, particularly the UN Slavery Fund.
- Unresolved issues include: defining the value added of the UNVTF, financing operational costs, and the targeting of fundraising efforts.
- Monitoring of projects is recognized by stakeholders to be limited and hindered by lack of resources.



## Recommendations of the Independent Evaluation

- Determine and articulate the value added of the UNVTF and use this to guide UNVTF decision-making.
- Consider whether UNODC's recognized role as the guardian of the TIP Protocol provides an opportunity for the UNVTF to establish a niche as identifying and promoting good practice in the area of victim support.
- Require all grantees to institute an appropriate and ethical system for soliciting victim feedback.



## Recommendations of the Independent Evaluation

- Continue current efforts to identify and cost the staffing levels and skills needed to meet the basic requirements of UNVTF operation and monitoring.
- Consider presenting Member States with scenarios for the future of the UNVTF. These scenarios may set out the basic resource requirements for the UNVTF to function in line with Article 38. If funding levels remain too low, consider merging the remaining UNVTF resources with the UN Slavery Fund.



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# Achievements Made

- Support to 28 NGO projects
- with grants worth USD 1.7 million,
- to directly assist thousands of victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, (at least 2,000 victims every year)
- in 26 countries around the world.

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# Conclusions

- Work on articulating the comparative advantage and added value of the Trust Fund, based on success stories and lessons learned so far.
- Support to NGO projects is the most appropriate and effective way forward to provide direct assistance to victims.
- **A yearly contribution level of USD 1 million** is required to cover basic operational and monitoring costs (10%) and have sufficient grant funding to make an impact.



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