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Call for Proposals
Guidelines for grant applicants

Fourth Cycle of the UNVTF Small Grants Programme

Deadline for receipt of applications
Sub-programme 1: 15 December 2019
Sub-programme 2: 20 January 2020
NOTE: A grant is defined as a small-scale, non-repayable, non-recurrent (one-off) award of funds to a recipient entity given based on a transparent, fair and competitive selection process for the purpose of undertaking activities that contribute to the achievement of the UN mandates.

NOTE: This Call for Proposals forms the basis for applying for UNOV/UNODC grants. It must neither be construed as a grant agreement, nor be regarded as a confirmation of a grant awarded by UNOV/UNODC to any entity. Consequently, UNOV/UNODC is not liable for any financial obligations, or otherwise, incurred by any entity in responding to this call for proposals. Such costs will not be considered as part of the grant budget in the event that a grant is awarded to an applicant.
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1. GRANTS PROGRAMME

1.1 Background

1.1.1 United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking (UNVTF)

UNVTF was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2010 as part of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons. The fund is victim-centred and aims to provide essential humanitarian, legal and financial aid to victims of trafficking in persons through established channels of assistance.

UNVTF is managed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and benefits from the strategic guidance and expertise of a five-member Board of Trustees, appointed by the UN Secretary-General for a three year term. Since its inception, UNVTF has awarded USD 3.4 million in grants to 62 projects in 40 countries.

1.1.2 Role of the UNVTF Board of Trustees

As per the UNVTF Terms of Reference, the Board of Trustees will be responsible for:

- provision of strategic guidance on the Fund;
- providing advice on criteria for technical review of proposed Projects;
- providing recommendations on proposed Projects, after a technical review undertaken by the Fund Manager;
- reviewing periodic progress reports submitted by the Fund Manager;
- taking note of the operating budget of the Fund;
- endorsing an annual report to the Secretary-General noting the status of funding as well as progress of project implementation;
- fund-raising as may be required by the needs of the Fund, including communication amongst Board Members and the Fund Manager about the status of fund-raising.

1.1.3 Trafficking in Persons

The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime defines human trafficking as “the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.”

Trafficking in persons is a global phenomenon which has an impact at international, regional and national levels. It is closely interlinked with issues such as human rights violations, forced labour, migration, gender imbalance, child labour, violence against women, poverty and social exclusion.

1.1.4 Evidence of need

UNODC’s Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2018 describes global trends in detections of victims of trafficking in persons and convictions for trafficking in persons as well as analysing the
profile of victims and forms of exploitation detected globally; the profile of offenders; major global trafficking flows; and national, legislative and criminal justice responses.

Key findings include:

- There has been a global increase in detection and reporting of victims; and in conviction of traffickers.
- There are still large areas where trafficking networks operate with a high degree of impunity.
- There has been an increase in detections of domestic victims.
- The richest countries are destinations for long-distance trafficking flows.
- Traffickers are mainly targeting women and girls.
- The most detected forms of exploitation continue to be sexual exploitation followed by forced labour.
- Detected forms of exploitation display some geographical variance.
- Armed conflict can increase vulnerabilities to trafficking in persons.

1.2 Objectives

This Call for Proposals takes into consideration the importance of harnessing all available resources towards the implementation of activities aimed at meeting the objectives of this Grants programme.

The main objectives of this Grants programme are:

- to provide direct assistance and protection to vulnerable victims of trafficking in persons.
- to improve health and well-being, facilitate social integration and prevent re-trafficking amongst vulnerable victims of trafficking in persons.

1.3 Thematic focus

This call for proposals seeks to provide funding support to not-for-profit organisations working in the area of trafficking in persons whose projects are aimed at providing direct assistance for vulnerable victims of trafficking in persons.

1.4 Priorities

Priority shall be given to projects that target the following populations:

- women and girls.
- persons identified among large movements of refugees and/or migrants, including internally displaced persons.
- persons identified in or fleeing from areas where armed conflict is taking place or has recently taken place; or where there is instability caused by a breakdown of law and order.

Projects targeting men and boys as well as persons of non-binary gender will also be considered.

Priority shall be given to projects that target the following forms of exploitation:

- sexual exploitation.
- forced labour.
- organ removal.
- forced begging.
- forced criminal activity.
• forced marriage
• production of pornographic material
• recruitment of children into armed groups

1.5 Location

This is a global call for proposals.

Projects to be implemented in origin, transit and destination countries will all be considered.

1.6 Fundamental principles

Grant applicants are expected to consider the following fundamental principles in designing their grant project proposals:

• Partnership/collaboration/cooperation with other stakeholders;
• Project design with the potential for replication;
• Sustainability of project activities;
• An approach that values diversity and considers the particular needs of girls, boys, women, men and persons of non-binary gender;

1.7 Structure

• This Call for Proposals invites applications under two sub-programmes:
• Sub-programme 1: Immediate and essential direct assistance for vulnerable victims of trafficking in persons
• Sub-programme 2: Medium term direct assistance for vulnerable victims of trafficking in persons
• Applicants may only apply for a grant under one sub-programme.

2 SUB-PROGRAMME 1: IMMEDIATE AND ESSENTIAL DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

2.1 Indicative activities

Indicative activities that will be given priority include:
• medical assistance
• material assistance in the form of food, clothing etc.
• immediate, safe and short-term shelter

2.2 Duration

All activities financed by this sub-programme must be implemented within 9 months.
2.3 Award amounts

Proposals with budgets ranging from USD 5,000 to USD 20,000 will be considered for award. Please note that value for money will be assessed as a part of the rating criteria.

Grant awards will not exceed the entity’s annual income for the previous fiscal year. Applicants’ financial management capacity will be assessed in this respect.

2.4 Application procedure

Applicants are to submit a full project proposal which will be reviewed by a technical evaluation team and UNOV/UNODC’s External Party Engagement Unit.

2.4.1 Application forms

Full project proposals must be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the full project proposal application form.

All applications must be in English or French. Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

Due care must be taken to complete the application form. Any error or major discrepancy related in the application form (e.g. the amounts mentioned in the budget are inconsistent with those mentioned in the application form) may lead to rejection of the application.

Clarifications will only be requested if information provided is unclear and prevents objective assessment of the application.

Please note that only the application form and the completed annexes will be evaluated. It is therefore of utmost importance that these documents contain ALL relevant information concerning the project.

2.4.2 Documents to be submitted for application

The following documents must be submitted as part of the application:

- Project proposal application form (template provided);
- Project budget (template provided);
- Registration certificate as evidence for legal credentials of the organisation;
- Audited organisational financial statements for the last fiscal year. In the absence of audited statements, other official documents, signed by an authorised representative and demonstrating annual income will be accepted;
- Proposals involving partner contributions must include evidence of secure funding
- Applications from previous UNVTF grantees must include a statement detailing:
  - lessons learnt from previous UNVTF funded project(s);
  - the difference between the proposed project and the previous project. At a minimum, it is expected that the proposal will include new activities, target group(s) and/or location(s)
Certification (template provided)

Documents will be checked for truthfulness and accuracy of representation through various means, including but not limited to internet searches, formally official confirmation from responsible offices, letters of recommendation, etc.

2.4.3 Where and how to send the application

Applications must be submitted by email to unodc-victimsfund@un.org titled Application for UNVTF Small Grants Programme Sub-programme 1

Applications sent by any other means (e.g. by fax or by regular mail) or to other addresses will not be considered under this Call for Proposals.

Incomplete applications will be rejected.

2.4.4 Deadline for submission of applications

The deadline for the submission of full project proposals is December 15th, 2019, 23:59, Central European Time as evidenced by the date of receipt of submission email. Any application submitted after the deadline will be automatically rejected.

2.5 Evaluation procedure

2.5.1 Eligibility assessment

All applications will be examined and evaluated by a technical evaluation team. In a first step the eligibility of the applications will be assessed as follows:

- Has the submission deadline been respected?
- Has the correct application form been duly filled?
- Are all requested documents attached to the application?
- Does the application meet all the eligibility criteria as detailed in section 4 below?

If the first assessment of the application reveals that any of the above questions are negative the application may be rejected solely on that basis and the application will not be evaluated further.

2.5.2 Technical assessment

The quality of the project proposals will be assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the evaluation grid below. Each subsection will be given a score in accordance with the following guidelines: Each subsection will be given a score in accordance with the following guidelines: 0 = information not provided/ does not meet the criteria; 1 = poorly meets the criteria; 2 = adequately meets the criteria; 3 = entirely meets the criteria.

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1.1 The organization has a proven track record of providing direct assistance to victims of trafficking in persons 20

2. Quality of the Project Proposal 60

2.1 The proposed project provides a clear and well-judged response to the objectives (see 1.2) and thematic focus (see 1.3) of this grants programme 10

2.2 The proposed project focuses on women and girls (see 1.4) 6

2.3 The proposed project focuses on other priority populations i.e. persons identified among large movements of refugees and/or migrants, including internally displaced persons; and/or persons identified in or fleeing from areas where armed conflict is taking place or has recently taken place, or where there is instability caused by a breakdown of law and order (see 1.4) 4

2.4 The proposed project focuses on sexual exploitation (see 1.4) 10

2.5 The proposed project focuses on other priority forms of exploitation i.e. forced labour, organ removal, forced begging, forced criminal activity, forced marriage, production of pornographic material and/or recruitment of children into armed groups (see 1.4) 5

2.5 The proposed project focuses on the priority activities of this sub-programme (see 2.1) 10

2.6 The proposed activities are clearly defined 5

2.7 The proposal demonstrates knowledge of current provision for victims of trafficking in persons in its location; and presents a viable approach to working in partnership with other entities, including governments. 10

3. Value for money 20

3.1 Economy – proposed costs are necessary and realistic; Efficiency - proposed costs are proportionate to proposed activities; and Effectiveness – proposed activities are likely to achieve positive results 20

Maximum total score 100

2.5.3 Provisional Selection

Eligible project proposals will be ranked according to the technical assessment scores awarded. A list of provisionally selected applications will be developed, taking into consideration the funding available and the geographical reach and balance.

2.6 Indicative timetable

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<td>Estimated start date /project implementation</td>
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3 SUB-PROGRAMME 2: MEDIUM TERM DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

3.1 Indicative activities

Indicative activities that will be given priority include:
- medical assistance
- material assistance in the form of food, clothing etc.
- shelter
- legal advice and representation aimed at securing legal status and/or remedies
- psychosocial assistance
- education and/or vocational training
- assistance with family reunification and/or repatriation with full consent of the victim

Advocacy campaigns aimed at preventing criminalisation and stigmatisation will also be considered.

3.2 Duration

All activities financed by this sub-programme must be implemented within 12 to 24 months.

3.3 Award amounts

Proposals with budgets ranging from USD 20,000 to USD 60,000 will be considered for award. Please note that value for money will be assessed as a part of the rating criteria.

Grant awards will not exceed the entity’s annual income for the previous fiscal year. Applicants’ financial management capacity will also be assessed in this respect.

3.4 Application procedure

This sub-programme takes a phased-approach. Applicants are to submit a concept note first which will be reviewed by a technical evaluation team and UNOV/UNODC’s External Party Engagement Unit. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by UNOV/UNODC with an invitation to submit a full project proposal.

Please note that the elements outlined in the concept note cannot be modified by the applicant in the full project proposal and the UNODC contribution may not vary from the initial estimate by more than 20%.

3.4.1 Application forms

Concept notes must be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the concept note application form annexed to this document.

Full project proposals must be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the full project proposal application form.

All applications must be in English or French.

Hand-written applications will not be accepted.
Due care must be taken to complete the application form. Any error or major discrepancy related in the application form (e.g. the amounts mentioned in the budget are inconsistent with those mentioned in the application form) may lead to rejection of the application.

Clarifications will only be requested if information provided is unclear and prevents objective assessment of the application.

Please note that only the application form and the completed annexes will be evaluated. It is therefore of utmost importance that these documents contain ALL relevant information concerning the project.

### 3.4.2 Documents to be submitted for application

The following documents must be submitted as part of the concept note application:

- Concept note application form (template provided);
- Registration certificate as evidence for legal credentials of the organisation;
- Audited organisational financial statements for the last two fiscal years. In the absence of audited statements, other official documents, signed by an authorised representative and demonstrating annual income will be accepted;

The following documents must be submitted as part of the full project proposal application by shortlisted applicants:

- Project proposal application form (template to be provided);
- Project budget (template to be provided);
- Proposals involving partner contributions must include evidence of secure funding;
- Applications from previous UNVTF grantees must include a statement detailing
  - lessons learnt from previous UNVTF funded project(s);
  - the difference between the proposed project and the previous project. At a minimum, it is expected that the proposal will include new activities, target group(s) and/or location(s)
- Certification (template provided)

Documents will be checked for truthfulness and accuracy of representation through various means, including but not limited to internet searches, formally official confirmation from responsible offices, letters of recommendation, etc.

### 3.4.3 Where and how to send the application

Applications must be submitted by email to unodc-victimsfund@un.org titled

*Application for UNVTF Small Grants Programme Sub-programme 2*

Applications sent by any other means (e.g. by fax or by regular mail) or to other addresses will not be considered under this Call for Proposals.
Incomplete applications will be rejected.

3.4.4 Deadline for submission of applications

The deadline for the submission of concept notes is January 20th, 23:59, Central European Time as evidenced by the date of receipt of submission email. Any application submitted after the deadline will be automatically rejected.

The deadline for the submission of full project proposals will be communicated to short-listed applicants.

3.5 Evaluation procedure

3.5.1 Eligibility assessment

All applications will be examined and evaluated by a technical evaluation team. In a first step the eligibility of the applications will be assessed as follows:

- Has the submission deadline been respected?
- Has the correct application form been duly filled?
- Are all requested documents attached to the application?
- Does the application meet all the eligibility criteria as mentioned in section 4 below?

If the first assessment of the application reveals that any of the above questions are negative the application may be rejected solely on that basis and the application will not be evaluated further.

3.5.2 Technical assessment of concept notes

The quality of the project proposals will be assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the evaluation grid below. Each subsection will be given a score in accordance with the following guidelines: 0 = information not provided/ does not meet the criteria; 1 = poorly meets the criteria; 2 = adequately meets the criteria; 3 = entirely meets the criteria.

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<td>2. Approach</td>
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2.5 The proposed project focuses on the priority activities of this sub-programme (see 3.1)

2.6 The project provides appropriate responses to the needs of the proposed target population(s).

2.7 The project is likely to achieve a positive and lasting impact on the target population.

3. Value for money

3.1 The ratio between the estimated costs and expected results is satisfactory.

Maximum total score

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<td>2.1 The budget is clear, sufficiently detailed and demonstrates project viability</td>
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Following the evaluation of eligible concept notes, the applications are ranked according to their scores and a shortlist is defined by the evaluation team. Shortlisted applications will then be contacted by UNOV/UNODC with the invitation for the submission of a full project proposal including a detailed budget.

3.5.3 Technical assessment of full project proposals

The quality of the project proposals will be assessed in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in the evaluation grid below. Each subsection will be given a score in accordance with the following guidelines: 0 = information not provided/ does not meet the criteria; 1 = poorly meets the criteria; 2 = adequately meets the criteria; 3 = entirely meets the criteria.
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<td>Information to applicants about the outcome of the evaluation of the concept note and invitations to submit full proposals</td>
<td>17 February, 2020</td>
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4 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Except where otherwise stated, the following eligibility criteria apply to BOTH sub-programmes.

4.1 Eligibility of applicants

In order to be eligible for a grant, applicants must:

- be a non-profit making organisation (CSOs including NGOs, CBOs) registered under the relevant Laws of the country where it is registered and in the country where it will be implementing the proposed project;
- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the project, i.e. not acting as an intermediary;
- have a bank account in the organisation’s name;
- take all appropriate measures to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse

Subprogramme 1

- have been registered for not less than one (1) year by 15 December 2019
- demonstrate prior experience of at least one (1) year implementing activities in the area of direct assistance to victims of trafficking in persons in line with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime or in providing other services to vulnerable populations including IDPs and forcibly displaced persons;
Subprogramme 2

- have been registered for not less than two (2) years by 20 January 2020
- demonstrate prior experience of at least two (2) years implementing activities in the area of direct assistance to victims of trafficking in persons in line with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime or in providing other services to vulnerable populations including IDPs and forcibly displaced persons;

4.2 Eligibility of projects

Only projects aimed at achieving the objectives, focusing on the priority issues and meeting all other requirements as outlined under section 1, 2 and 3 (as relevant) are eligible for funding under this Call for Proposals.

- Projects should be time-bound (have discernible start and end dates), and have a specific, finite objective that does not require further funding to sustain results over time. Costs, activities and beneficiaries of the proposed project must be distinguished from those relating to the applicant’s other operations.
- Applicants must only apply for a grant under one sub-programme.

The following types of project proposals are not eligible for funding:

- Project proposals which discriminate against individuals or groups of people on grounds of their gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or lack of them, or their ethnic origin;
- Projects focusing solely on campaigning or solely on awareness-raising;
- Projects designed solely to produce studies, publications or newsletters, or to conduct research;
- Activities that fall within the core mandate of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (e.g. legislative assistance, capacity building for criminal justice practitioners, establishment of institutional frameworks to combat trafficking in persons etc.), except victim protection and assistance;
- Project proposals concerned only or mainly with individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, congresses;
- Project proposals concerned only or mainly with individual scholarships for studies or training courses;
- Credit or loan schemes;
- Debts and provisions for losses or debts;
- Project proposals which consist exclusively or primarily of capital expenditure e.g. land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, etc;
- Scholarships, sponsorships and school fees;
- Cash donations;
- Political party and religious activities;
- Project proposals which provide funding for terrorist activities.

4.3 Eligibility of project costs

The categories of costs considered as eligible and non-eligible are indicated below. The project cost is both a cost estimate and a ceiling for “eligible costs”. Note that the eligible costs must be based on real costs based on supporting documents. Costs that do not appear realistic may be rejected.
It is therefore in the applicant's interest to provide a **realistic and cost-effective budget**.

**Eligible direct costs**

To be eligible under this Call for Proposals, costs must be directly verifiable and traceable to the activities being implemented.

**Eligible indirect costs (overheads)**

The programme support costs incurred in carrying out the project may be eligible for flat-rate funding fixed at not more than 10% of the total eligible direct costs. Such amount may be reviewed in the context of the overall input-based budget submitted with the proposal. It is possible that pre-selected proposals may be amended, at the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and External Engagement (CoGEE) at UNOV/UNODC Headquarters in Vienna, to exclude all indirect costs.

**Contributions in kind**

Contributions in kind are not considered actual expenditure and are not eligible costs for reimbursement.

**Ineligible costs**

The following costs are **not eligible**:

- Direct financial compensation to victims
- Debts and provisions for losses or debts;
- Interest owed;
- Salary top-ups and similar emoluments to government employees
- Items already financed in another framework, i.e. existing capacity should not be included in the budget;
- Purchases of land or buildings \(^1\);
- Currency exchange losses;
- Taxes, including VAT, unless the Beneficiary (or the Beneficiary’s partners) cannot reclaim them and the applicable regulations do not forbid coverage of taxes;
- Credit to third parties;

**5 APPROVAL AND AWARD**

The provisionally selected project proposals are reviewed by the UNOV/UNODC Committee on Grants and External Engagements based on which the approval will be granted.

Successful applicants are informed in writing of UNOV/UNODC’s decision.

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\(^1\) Except where necessary for the direct implementation of the project, in which case ownership belongs to UNOV/UNODC until it is transferred to the final beneficiaries. Any such transfer shall be done in accordance with the internal rules of UNOV/UNODC.
6 SUPPORT FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

Potential applicants are invited to submit any requests for clarification in writing to unodc-victimsfund@un.org by 27 November 2019, 23.59, Central European Time.

UNOV/UNODC will prepare written responses to timely clarification requests and will publish these for the information of all potential applicants at www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking-fund/2019-call-for-proposals--small-grants-facility.html by 5 December 2019. The sources of requests will not be included.