Welcome to the latest edition of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking (UNVTF) Newsletter. We dearly invite you to our funding opportunities, exciting events, success story and upcoming initiatives ahead!

UNVTF Grants Programme

UN Voluntary Trust Fund
2019 Call for Proposals is open

Click here for the guidelines and application documents

The fourth Call for Proposals of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons (UNVTF) has been launched on 5 November 2019. Applications from global NGOs that have experience in providing support to victims of human trafficking are all welcome.

Every year, more than 20,000 human trafficking victims have been reported, of whom most are women and children. In the wake of the critical situation inflicted on them, especially those trafficked in scenarios of armed conflict and mass migration flow in recent years, and in the light of direct engagement with grass-root NGOs over the past nine years, UNVTF has revised guidelines to

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  Save the date: 21 April 2020

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aiming to reach as many victims as possible through the NGOs that operate on the front lines via a more agile and flexible approach. The new Grant Cycle provides applicants two sub-programmes (rather than one) focusing on comprehensive support and emergent humanitarian aid to human trafficking victims respectively, of which the latter gives multiple application windows a year for swift response to the needs of victims in or fleeing from imperative crisis. The guidelines and all application documents related to this call for proposals can be found on this website.

Sweden has announced SEK 3 million contribution to UN Voluntary Trust Fund at the bilateral meeting with UNODC, making it one of the top 3 donors to date.

H.E. Mr. Per-Anders Sunesson, Ambassador at Large for Combating Trafficking in Persons of Sweden stated “thrilled that Sweden, a member of the Blue Heart Campaign, tripled its contribution to UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons”.

Fundraisers with supporters from private sector and civil society

Thanks to our enthusiastic supporters around the world, UNVTF has facilitated two fundraisers organized by Marriott International in London and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Media Lab in Cambridge respectively. All contributions will be deployed to provide direct tangible assistance to victims of human trafficking through NGO partners around the world.

Posters displayed in “Reimagine This Place”, an art-based benefit fundraiser supported by UNVTF and organized in MIT Media Lab.

At the event, attendees created poster designs epitomizing the support for victims trafficked in the form of sexual exploitation. Posters created have been distributed around campus as a way of raising public awareness against this heinous crime. Proceeds from the event, as well as from the sale of posters created, will benefit the support to victims of human trafficking through UNVTF.

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NGO “Levantate Mujer Foundation” has been working on human trafficking issues since 2013.

The ongoing UNVTF-supported project in Bolivia provides protection and multidisciplinary assistance to girl survivors in the safe and stimulating environment of Sartasim Kullakita shelter. This project also offers an intervention model “A Journey towards Life” that helps survivors to overcome the aftermath of the experienced traumas with different therapies and capacity building.

We would like to highlight the upcoming UNVTF high-level event at the 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice scheduled on 21 April 2020. We encourage all Member States private sector businesses and individuals to participate in this event. Please contact us by email should you need further information.