

Welcome to the 2021 Spring Issue of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons (UNVTF) Newsletter. It has been a busy start to the year for the Trust Fund with many new developments and upcoming initiatives ahead.

- **CCPCJ Side Event**

The Trust Fund held a successful Side Event on the margins of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice entitled: *Front-line impact and innovation: grassroots responses to women and girl victims of human trafficking in transitioning beyond Covid-19*”.

Co-sponsored by the governments of Spain, Philippines and Australia, the Trust Fund presented the work of its front-line NGO grantees from Philippines, Colombia, Viet Nam and Kenya who shared innovative



approaches in responding to the changing needs of victims amid Covid-19 and beyond. A panel discussion followed with Member States on innovation and country-specific solutions to transition out of the pandemic, whilst minimizing the impact of COVID-19 on victims in the fight against this heinous crime.

## HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE:

- **Events: CCPCJ & World Crime Congress High-Level Side Event**
- **Webinar with Private Sector**
- **UNVTF 5th Call for Proposals**
- **HUMAN FACES – impact story**
- **Save the Date: 30 July World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**

- **World Crime Congress**

The Trust Fund delivered a high-level virtual Special Event at the 14<sup>th</sup> UN Crime Congress International on the International Women’s Day to commemorate its 10-year anniversary. The event highlighted the cooperation between UNODC and Member States in the provision of direct assistance to victims of human trafficking over the past decade as well as the collective achievements of the Fund.

Two Trust Fund NGO grantees – BOK Africa Concern and Project Rescue showcased good practices from Ghana and India respectively in providing direct assistance to survivors, with the aim of helping them rebuild their lives through the Trust Fund small grants programme.



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- **Webinar with Logistics Sector**

The Trust Fund participated in a training for Coyote Logistics on combating and preventing human trafficking with focus on the role of the transportation sector and supply chains as well as on how the private sector can contribute to end human trafficking.



- **The 5th Call for Proposals**

The Trust Fund launched its 5th Call for Proposals in the 20/21 winter. Priority of the call will focus on the provision of immediate and direct assistance to victims arising from large movements of migratory flows, armed conflict or from instability caused by a breakdown of law. The application window is now closed and the results of the call to be announced shortly.



Check out Website for more details on the launch of our next call for proposals in 2021.

## UNVTF Event Calendar

SAVE THE DATE

**30 July World Day Against Trafficking in Persons – More information to follow**

- **UNVTF Brochure**

The Trust Fund launched its brochure HUMAN FACES, presenting human impact stories and testimonials from its NGO grantees around the world.



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- **Human Faces Impact Story**

### Spotlight on NGO Espacios de Mujer

As the globe begins to emerge from COVID-19, it continues to have a major impact on the support provided to victims of human trafficking as services remain reduced, postponed and in some cases halted. But an organization in Medellin, Colombia is continuing to provide essential care to survivors by operating online through a project financed by the Trust Fund.

Espacios de Mujer is assisting 20 women and one man rescued from forced prostitution and labour in Colombia and abroad. Read [more](#) about the great work they are doing.

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