Global Grant Programme

- **Fifth Grant Cycle (2021-2023): USD 1 million awarded**

  The Fifth Grant Cycle provided 2 sub-grant programmes with multiple applying windows for emergency and comprehensive aid to most vulnerable victims. The Trust Fund has selected 30 projects in over 25 countries globally for awards, totaling approximately USD 1 million in grants, close to USD 0.4 million and USD 0.6 million for sub-grant programme 1 and 2 respectively, of which 20 NGOs were selected from 486 applications under sub-grant programme 1 for short-term emergency support, and 10 NGOs out of 377 applications received for funding under sub-grant programme 2 with a focus on the provision of comprehensive, medium-term assistance to victims of human trafficking.

- **Upcoming Sixth Grant Cycle**

  The Sixth Call for Proposals has been launched on 17 December 2021. It aims to provide direct assistance and protection to vulnerable victims of trafficking in persons, and to improve health and well-being, facilitate social integration and prevent re-trafficking amongst vulnerable victims of trafficking in persons.

  Priorities of this Call shall be given to women and girls and emerging and temporary crises scenarios in Africa as well as Central Asia and Corridor of South America to Central America and Mexico.

- **USD 5.8 million funded to 125 NGO projects, over 5,000 survivors a year**

  Grants amounting to USD 5.8 million have been awarded to 125 NGO projects offering essential and comprehensive assistance to trafficking survivors in over 55 countries through 5 Grant Cycles since 2011.
GRANT PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

1ST CYCLE (2011-2014): 220
2ND CYCLE (2014-2017): 113
3RD CYCLE (2017-2020): 183
4TH CYCLE (2020-2022): 261
5TH CYCLE (2021-2023, two windows): 377

NUMBER OF FUNDED PROJECTS

1ST CYCLE (2011-2014): 11
3RD CYCLE (2017-2020): 29
4TH CYCLE (2020-2022): 22
5TH CYCLE (2021-2023, two windows): 20
Donor contributions

Contributions in 2021

In the year 2021, the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons received approximately USD 0.9 million in paid contributions from Member States, the private sector and individuals, bringing the total since the creation of the Trust Fund to approx. USD 8.8 million. However, in order to the Trust Fund to continue to increase its reach and support to more victims through the grant calls for the proposals (3 per year), a minimum of between $1.5-2 million in contributions is required per year.

This year, the Trust Fund has further enlarged the donor base with Andorra and Pakistan contributing for the first time, and renewed the donation from Philippines and Qatar that had stopped contribution since 2017 and 2019 respectively.

During the UN General Assembly meeting on the appraisal of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Sweden announced SEK 5 million contribution to the Trust Fund. Contributions directly support survivors of human trafficking through global NGO partners.

Participation in the UN General Assembly meeting on the appraisal of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

Remarks of the Chair of the Board

The Chair of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund Dame Julie was invited to deliver remarks to participants from national representatives, human trafficking survivors and experts around the globe to present collective efforts and impact worldwide of the Trust Fund together with partners as well as call for continued support for the Trust Fund.

High-level Side Event

Dame Julie was also invited to participated in the high-level side event titled “#SEATS4SURVIVORS: Creating Pathways for Education for Survivors of Trafficking In Persons” organized by UNODC’s New York Liaison Office and The University Alliance on Human Trafficking, where she introduced the multi-faceted support provided by the Trust Fund through global NGO partners for survivors of trafficking, in particular educational opportunities as well as financial and psychological assistance as part of their recovery and reintegration process, to the participants of the event, including high-level officials, human trafficking survivors and activists as well as experts from academia.

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