



# BASIC FACT & PROGRESS REPORT

## UNVTF AT A GLANCE

### USD 8 million received

Contributions received from a wide range of supporters so far, including Member States, private sector organizations and scores of individual donors. Belgium, Sweden, Italy, Qatar and France are the five largest Member State contributors.

### USD 4.9 million funded to over 100 NGOs Over 5,000 survivors a year

Grants to UNVTF-supported NGO projects offering essential assistance to trafficking survivors in over 50 countries through 5 Grant Cycles since 2011.

### 5th Grant Cycle: USD 1 million reserved

For the 2020/21 launch of the 5th Grant Cycle - providing 2 sub-programmes with multiple applying windows for emergency and comprehensive aid to most vulnerable victims.

### Victim-centred approach

Based on the “3P” paradigm of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Protection: Immediate humanitarian assistance for victims.

Prosecution: Access to justice, legal advice and assistance.

Prevention: Coordination across relevant actors and empowerment and support for victims' autonomy.

## MISSION

Administered by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the mandate of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons (UNVTF) is to provide humanitarian, legal and financial aid to victims of trafficking in persons through existing channels of assistance, including governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

In August 2010, Member States of the UN General Assembly established the Trust Fund as an integral component of a global effort to address trafficking in persons in accordance with Resolution 64/293.

## KEY FACTS

### What is human trafficking?

Under the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, trafficking in persons is defined as “the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of 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. Exploitation shall include, at the minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of other or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs”.



## What is the objective of the Trust Fund?

The Trust Fund supports actions by specialized NGOs around the world to ensure women, children and men exploited by human traffickers are identified, treated humanely as victims of a crime, and are provided with the necessary assistance, protection and support for their physical, psychological and social recovery and reintegration back into their communities. This includes emphasis on legal advice and prosecution assistance, as well as access to justice, remedies, compensation and similar aid packages. UNVTF seeks to prevent trafficking in persons, and to reduce the vulnerability of victims being discriminated, re-victimized and re-trafficked.

## How is the Trust Fund helping victims of human trafficking?

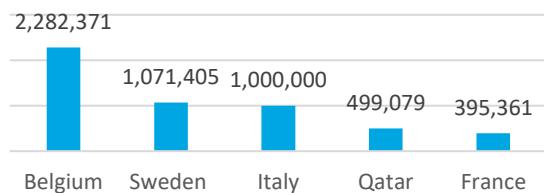
### SMALL GRANTS CYCLE:

In its first and second grant cycle (2011-2014, and 2014-2017), 34 NGOs from across the globe were selected and awarded grants for up to three years, totalling USD 750,000 and USD 1.25 million respectively. In the third grant cycle (2017-2020), up to USD 1.5 million in total has been disbursed to 29 NGOs in 24 countries. The priority of the third call focussed on victims arising from armed conflict and those identified among large migration flows.

The fourth Global Call for Proposals was launched in November 2019. It reiterates girls and women trafficked for sexual exploitation as the first priority and further revised the guidelines 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 offers two sub-programmes for which applicants can apply focusing on comprehensive support and emergent humanitarian aid to human trafficking victims, of which the latter provides multiple application windows a year for swift response to the needs of victims in or fleeing from imperative crisis.

Largest contribution to UNVTF (in USD)



## 2020-2023 Fourth Grant Cycle

In 2020, the Trust Fund awarded USD 1.1 million in grants under its fourth call for proposals. **32 NGO projects** in more than 20 countries were selected for funding: 16 NGO projects under sub-programme one, the emergency aid response window, and 16 NGO projects under sub-programme two, the comprehensive aid window providing medium-term assistance to victims.

## The Fifth Grants Cycle

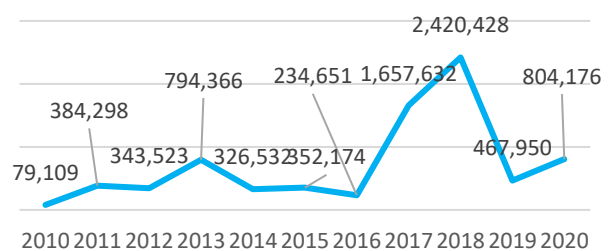
UNVTF launched its Fifth Call for Proposals on 1 December 2020 under sub-grant programme one of its small grants programme. 20 NGO projects from eighteen countries have been announced as recipients of the latest round of grants. The Fund launched its sub-grant programme two of its fifth grant cycle on 9 June 2021. The deadline for applicants is 9 July 2021 with an announcement to be made of selected projects in the fall.

## Who is contributing to the Trust Fund?

To date, the Trust Fund has received USD 7.9 million in contributions from a wide range of supporters. In 2020, UNVTF received 0.8 million dollars in donations, below the annual funding target of USD 1 million needed to ensure a sustainable and effective functioning of the Trust Fund.

The donor base of the Trust Fund continues to grow every year. With renewed Member State commitment to the replenishment of the Fund based on the growing demand in 2021, the Trust Fund can make a greater impact and reach even more victims in need of urgent support. With more focus on strengthening private sector partnerships this year, the Trust Fund will increase its engagement with the private sector to further diversify its donor base.

Contribution to UNVTF (in USD)



**UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND  
FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS  
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (in USD)**

<b>DONORS</b>	<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (in USD)</b>
I. Member States	7,091,031
II. Private Donors	956,371
<b>SUM TOTAL</b>	<b>8,047,402</b>

MEMBER STATES	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	MEMBER STATES	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED
Andorra	11,723	Malta	34,504
Australia	384,475	Myanmar	2,900
Austria	120,784	Pakistan	4,915
Azerbaijan	9,907	Philippines	59,853
Bangladesh	2,000	Portugal	57,620
Belarus	121,291	Qatar	499,079
Belgium	2,282,371	Thailand	49,625
Cyprus	41,882	Russian Federation	30,000
Denmark	168,584	Saudi Arabia	100,307
Ecuador	10,000	Singapore	43,000
France	395,361	Slovakia	17,776
Israel	15,640	Slovenia	13,793
Italy	1,000,000	Spain	59,737
Kazakhstan	10,000	Sri Lanka	10,000
Liechtenstein	125,284	Sweden	1,071,405
Luxembourg	77,428	Switzerland	80,000
Malaysia	5,062	United Arab Emirates	174,725

## UNVTF PUBLICATIONS



The Trust Fund regularly prepares and disseminates a variety of publications, including newsletter, “Human Faces” web stories, which highlight impact stories of UNVTF-supported projects and new lives of survivors, to Member States, private sector businesses, and individuals,

### [‘Human Faces’ Brochure](#)

UNVTF launched a new brochure for publication sharing the stories of some of the many, women and children who have gained a second change at life thanks to the effective and compassionate work of our NGO partners from around the world.

### [Annual reports](#)



The Trust Fund publishes its annual narrative and financial reports introducing developments and achievements, as well as performance of UNVTF-supported projects through our NGO partners.



### [“Human Faces” Web Stories - IMPACT STORIES ON THE FRONT-LINE](#)



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