



25 NGOs Selected for Funding from UNVTF Third Call

The UN Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking (UNVTF) is proud to announce the results of its third grant cycle. In total, 25 projects that provide essential assistance and protection to trafficking survivors globally have been selected in 23 countries. The Trust Fund received an overwhelming response to the call: 183 proposals were submitted from 72 countries across the globe. Priority of the call focused on projects providing direct assistance to victims coming out of a context of armed conflict and those identified amongst large movements of refugees and migration flows. USD 2 million in grants will be awarded to selected NGOs.

The following NGOs have been selected for funding:



Centre for Women and Children Studies (Bangladesh) aims to provide direct services and assistance to 200 victims of trafficking in persons including rescue, repatriation, healthcare, psychosocial counselling, shelter, food, clothing, legal aid, family integration, skills training and job placement. The project will assist victims identified among large movements of migration flows from Bangladesh to India and refugees coming to Bangladesh due to armed conflicts in Myanmar.



Levántate Mujer Foundation (Bolivia) will assist young female victims that have been trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation through the provision of protection and shelter, essential medical assistance and psycho-social support. The UNVTF-funded project is focused specifically on constructing new life projects for girls in the Sartasim Kullakita Shelter that are survivors of human trafficking.



The Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (Cambodia) has been assisting victims of rights violations in Cambodia since 1991, strengthened by the presence of its provincial offices. Currently, ADHOC is working from 19 provincial offices across 21 provinces. This project will assist TiP victims arising from strong migration flows in Cambodia. Priority activities include repatriation, advice on victim's rights and access to claim remedies, assistance to obtain access to justice and other essential services.



Friends International (Cambodia/Thailand) The UNVTF-funded project will target child migrant victims trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced labour and forced begging that have been identified among large migration flows, namely the 200,000 undocumented Cambodian migrants in Thailand, and the high number of internal Thai migrants seeking better living conditions in Bangkok.



Corporación Espacios de Mujer (Colombia) is working on the prevention of trafficking in persons, with a focus on female victims of prostitution, Colombian migrants returning to their home country, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. CEM implements a methodology based on empowerment, from a gendered perspective and the protection of human rights. This project will focus on assistance to victims coming out of the Colombian internal armed conflict and victims of external trafficking.



Fundación Alas de Colibrí (Ecuador) will provide integral assistance to young victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, identified along the Ecuadorian migratory corridor and the communities affected by the Colombian armed conflict in the northern border of Ecuador. The project end-beneficiaries are female adolescents aged between 12 and 18 years.



Union of Ethiopian Women Charitable Association (Ethiopia) has experience in providing support for women and child victims of trafficking in collaboration with its members, serving more than 600 domestic servitude victims by providing rehabilitation and reintegration support services for 150 returnees who are socially, psychologically and economically abused.



Les Amis du bus des femmes (France) was established in Paris 1994 and assists 200-300 victims of trafficking per year including children. This project will provide direct assistance to Nigerian victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation identified among the large movements of refugees and migration flows entering Europe through the “Libyan road” between 2014 and 2018.



Rescue Foundation Mumbai (India) has been rescuing, rehabilitating and repatriating girls and women trafficked from different parts of India, and its neighbouring countries in Nepal since 2000. The UNVTF-funded project will focus on girls and women who are trafficked from rural, poor communities to urban cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, and Pune.



Coalition for Organ-Failure Solutions (India/Nepal) will provide and facilitate direct victim support for persons trafficked for the removal of organs in India, Nepal and other areas of the Middle East. The project aims to identify and link at least 275 trafficked persons with direct medical, livelihood, food and/or legal aid.



Al-Ghad Foundation for Human Investment (Iraq) will provide legal and social assistance to survivor women of trafficking sold by ISIS in the slave market and released. The project will establish a social and legal clinic in Mosul governorate to provide legal, psychological and social services to up to 1250 female victims, including the provision of assistance in obtaining identity documents and social reintegration.



Progetto Integrazione Accoglienza Migranti (Italy) has been working on human trafficking issues since 2000, with a focus on providing assistance and protection to victims of human trafficking, particularly women subjected to sexual exploitation. This project will target the mass of asylum seekers crossing the Mediterranean and provide integrated assistance to victims aged between 16-23 in the first 60 days upon arrival in Italy, or in the limbo period while waiting on the status of asylum applications.



CISS - Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud (Italy) will provide direct assistance to migrants and asylum seekers arriving at the Sicily harbour of the Mediterranean as a result of mass migration flows. The object of the UNVTF-funded project is to provide accommodation and legal, psychological and sanitary assistance to a total of 30 women and provide psychological and/or legal support to another 30 beneficiaries among female and male human trafficking victims.



Amel Association International (Lebanon) projects to support victims of human trafficking commenced in 2011 and have since developed into a six-pronged approach in providing direct services, assistance and support to vulnerable populations in Lebanon. This project will target female victims aged under 30 years from Africa and Asia who have been trafficked to Lebanon within mass labour migration flows.



Institute for Democracy (Moldova) is committed to protecting human rights and fighting trafficking and violence in all forms in the Republic of Moldova. This project will provide psycho-social and legal assistance to victims of trafficking in Gagauzia to up to 1500 victims through implementation of a support center and telephone hot-line where victims can be advised anonymously and for free.



Eden Myanmar (Myanmar) has been working with trafficked women and teenage girls in Asia for 15 years. In that time, programmes have been established in five major cities, and over 500 girls have been rescued. This project will focus on reaching and rescuing young female migrants and internally displaced persons from trafficking and sexual exploitation.



Raksha Nepal (Nepal) was established in 2004 and has worked to rehabilitate and reintegrate approximately 2000 trafficked girls and women into their families and communities. This project focuses on sustainable rehabilitation of Nepali Women through enterprise support and financial literacy training as well as the provision of psycho-social support to approximately 100 women and girls aged between 11-25 years.



Freedom Foundation for Social, Education and Health Reform (Nigeria) founded Genesis House - a female rehabilitation shelter - in 2006, to provide rehabilitation, education and empowerment to young women who have been sexually exploited and trafficked or are ex-commercial sex workers. The thematic focus of this project is on female victims who have been trafficked for the purposes of sexual exploitation and refugees who have been sexually exploited.



Database Center for North Korean Human Rights (ROK) will offer direct assistance to North Korean victims aged in their 30s and 40s who have arrived in South Korea to resettle in the country and are victims of prostitution and labour exploitation. Psychological counselling for human trafficking victims exposed to sexual violence and medical help for those who have suffered physical after-effects of acts of violence will also be delivered through the project.



NGO Atina Citizens' Association for Combat Trafficking in Human Beings and All Forms of Violence Against Women (Serbia) focuses on the provision of direct assistance to victims of human trafficking with respect to the Balkan route closure. Through its Comprehensive Social Inclusion Program, ATINA will provide victims of trafficking from migrant and refugee populations in Serbia with shelter, food, medical care, legal aid, access to justice, and psychosocial support.



Somaliland Youth Development and Voluntary Organization (SOYDAVO) (Somaliland) has extensive experience and knowledge addressing issues of human trafficking that occur throughout Somaliland, effectively supporting marginalized populations such as IDPs, minorities, women and children for 11 years. The project, “The Human Trafficking Victim Assistance and Travails Mitigation Project” (HTVATM) will address cases of sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, forced criminality and organ removal.



Doctors of the World Belgium (Tunisia) addresses foreign victims of trafficking (VOTs) within the Tunisian territory exploited in domestic servitude or slavery or forced labour (construction industry, gardening, cafés and restaurants, agriculture, industry). The project will focus on improving access to health care in the Great Tunis and in the South (Sfax to Medenine) for migrants who are victims of trafficking.



Uganda Youth Development Link (UYDEL) (Uganda) provides direct assistance to victims of human trafficking in Greater Kampala, Mukono and Wakiso districts. The UNVTF-funded project aims to rescue, rehabilitate and enhance socio-economic livelihood opportunities for 120 survivors of human trafficking in these regions by the end of 2019 as well as empower survivors with knowledge on their rights to project themselves and reintegrate with their families.



International Charitable Foundation "Caritas Ukraine" (Ukraine) has been working in the direction of human trafficking prevention and reintegration for the victims of trafficking since 2004. The main result of Caritas' activity is the assistance to more than 1000 victims. This project will provide social assistance for victims of human trafficking in war conflict areas of Ukraine including identification of victims among migrants and refugees.



Blue Dragon Children's Foundation (Viet Nam) has been providing direct support for child victims of labour exploitation since 2005 and victims of sex trafficking since 2010. To date, Blue Dragon has rescued up to 700 victims of human trafficking. This project will provide legal advice and support for 150 victims of trafficking to facilitate their repatriation to Viet Nam and their home communities ensuring access to justice for victims.

The Trust Fund awards multi-year grants of up to USD 60,000 to non-governmental organizations within the context of providing tangible support to victims of human trafficking. For more information, please consult our website: <https://www.unodc.org/humantraffickingfund>