



Welcome to the 2019 Spring Edition of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking (UNVTF) Newsletter. It has been a busy start to the year for the Trust Fund with many exciting events and upcoming initiatives ahead! We are proud to announce the 25 NGO grantees selected for our third grant cycle of funding, with special thanks to Belgium for its generous contribution to the Trust Fund! We are also excited to share our latest developments and details on how you can join us!

**Donor Contribution
BELGIUM**



UNVTF would like to convey its sincerest gratitude to the Government of Belgium for its contribution of USD 2.3 million.

This contribution will go towards the provision of essential services and direct assistance to victims of trafficking in persons worldwide. The Trust Fund is grateful for Member Support that enables us to strengthen the networks that provide tailored humanitarian, legal and financial assistance to thousands of victims across the globe.

UNVTF would also like to thank the following Member States for their recent contributions to the Trust Fund: Austria, Portugal, Singapore & Qatar.

In addition, we recognise our private sector donors and individual supporters who generously donated.

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25 NGOs Selected for Funding in Third Call USD 2 Million to be Awarded in Grants

The Trust Fund successfully concluded its third call for proposals, receiving an overwhelming response from NGOs: 183 proposals were submitted from 72 countries across the globe.

A total of 25 projects that provide essential assistance and protection to trafficking survivors globally have been selected for funding in 23 countries, thus far.

Priority of the call focused on projects providing direct assistance to victims arising from armed conflict and those identified among large movements of refugees and migration flows. USD 2 million in grants will be awarded to the NGOs as part of its third grant cycle.

MAP OF CURRENT PROJECTS



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:



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THE FOLLOWING NGOS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR FUNDING FOR THE UNVTF THIRD GRANT CYCLE

	Centre for Women and Children Studies	Bangladesh		Institute for Democracy	Moldova
	Levántate Mujer Foundation	Bolivia		Eden Myanmar	Myanmar
	The Cambodian Human Rights and Development Association (ADHOC)	Cambodia		Raksha Nepal	Nepal
	Friends International	Cambodia/ Thailand		Freedom Foundation for Social, Education and Health Reform	Nigeria
	Corporación Espacios de Mujer	Colombia		Database Center for North Korean Human Rights	ROK
	Fundación Alas de Colibrí	Ecuador		NGO Atina Citizens' Association for Combat Trafficking in Human	Serbia
	Union of Ethiopian Women Charitable Association	Ethiopia		Somaliland Youth Development and Voluntary Organization	Somaliland
	Les Amis du bus des femmes	France		Doctors of the World Belgium	Tunisia
	Rescue Foundation Mumbai	India		Uganda Youth Development Link	Uganda
	Coalition for Organ-Failure Solutions	India/ Nepal		International Charitable Foundation "Caritas Ukraine"	Ukraine
	Al-Ghad Foundation for Human Investment	Iraq		Blue Dragon Children's Foundation	Viet Nam
	Progetto Integrazione Accoglienza Migranti	Italy			
	CISS- Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud	Italy			
	Amel Association International	Lebanon			

The Trust Fund provides Member States, the private sector and individuals with an opportunity to show their solidarity with the victims of human trafficking in a concrete way.

NGO PIAM – Success Story

Italian NGO, Progetto Integrazione Accoglienza Migranti has been working on human trafficking issues since 2000, with a focus on providing assistance and protection to female victims of sexual exploitation.

The UNVTF-funded project, *Asti Contro La Tratta – Asti against Trafficking (A.C.T)*, targets mass asylum seekers crossing the Mediterranean. The project provides integrated assistance to victims of trafficking aged between 16-23 years in the first 60 days upon their arrival in Italy, or in the limbo period while awaiting the status of asylum applications. Basic necessities are provided to beneficiaries including legal and medical assistance, cultural services, sex education and parenting courses. Female beneficiaries are provided with a stipend to autonomously purchase necessities for their personal hygiene.



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PIAM inauguration party of mother-child community project

28th Crime Commission Side Event Save the Date: 20-24th May

We would like to highlight the upcoming UNVTF side event at the 28th Session of the CCPCJ scheduled for 20 May 2019, entitled: *Assisting Women & Girl Victims of Human Trafficking arising from Armed Conflict & Mixed Migration Flows – Advocacy Initiatives of the Blue Heart Campaign & Good Practices from the Field*, co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of France. We would encourage all Member States to attend and participate in the panel discussion including through the announcement of pledges. Keep an eye on our website for more details to follow.



Join Us – Get Involved

With your help, we can give back to victims what human traffickers have stolen from them:

DIGNITY!

Your donation will provide invaluable assistance including shelter, food, medical care, legal aid, access to justice, and psychosocial support.



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