

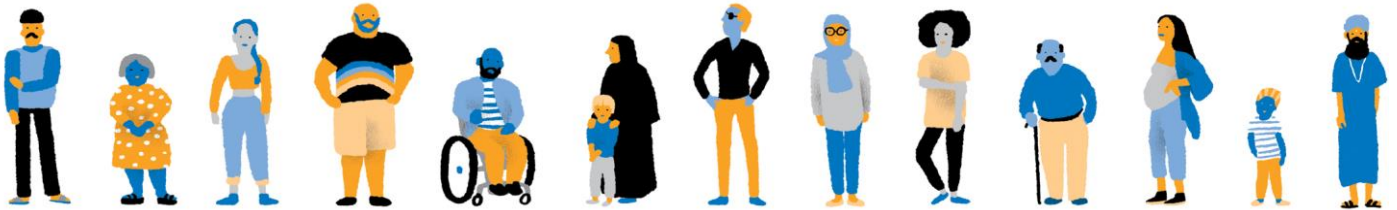
2023

UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE



53,000

LIVES TRANSFORMED IN 2023



For 40 years, the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture has been accompanying survivors on their road to redress.

The Fund channels voluntary contributions to civil society organizations that provide social, psychological, medical, legal and humanitarian services to torture survivors and their families. In 2023, the Fund is aiding over 53,000 people.

Extensive coverage

In every region of the world, the Fund's beneficiaries – including human rights defenders, persons deprived of liberty, people on the move, children and adolescents, indigenous people, survivors of enforced disappearances, and of sexual and gender-based violence, and LGBTI persons – receive transformative services to rebuild their lives.

A flexible and reliable approach

The Fund awards annual grants to civil society organizations providing direct assistance to victims and to build the capacity of service-providers. It responds with agility to emerging crises by also disbursing emergency grants on a rolling-basis.

The Fund is managed by the United Nations Human Rights Office and advised by a Board of Trustees. It works with field presences to monitor projects on the ground and leverages impact through collaboration with other UN mechanisms combatting torture.

Your contribution will make a difference

The Fund ensures that donations are put to effective use. 175 USD can provide a torture survivor with holistic support for one year, facilitating recovery and redress.

Donate now!



\$175

helps a torture survivor
for one year



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Article 5

“No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.”

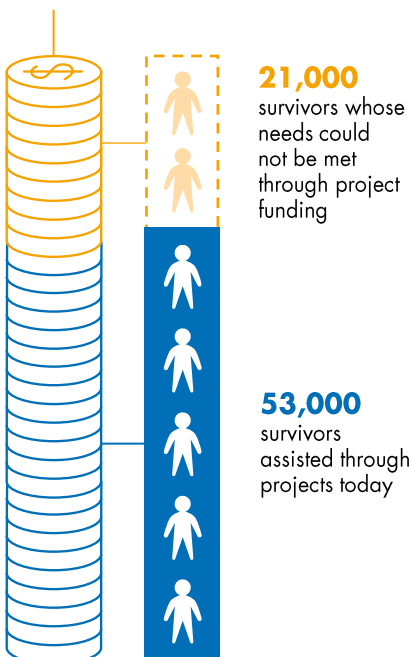


DIGNITY, FREEDOM & JUSTICE FOR ALL

TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE LIFE-CHANGING SERVICES REACH TORTURE SURVIVORS BUT URGENT NEEDS ON THE GROUND STILL EXCEED THE FUND'S RESOURCES

Every year, the Fund must turn down dozens of applications for lack of sufficient resources. Due to a 5 million USD funding gap in donations last year, the Fund was unable to support projects that would have assisted 21,000 more torture survivors.

Funding gap of \$5 M



How our grantees work

Allamin Foundation for Peace and Development (Nigeria) runs a women-led project in conflict zones to provide therapy to survivors, and trains them on small business ownership. It also files strategic litigation cases on their behalf.


Blue Bird (Ukraine) provides victims of torture and their families with trauma-informed aid, delivering crucial humanitarian, medical, psychological and legal assistance.

Children's Defense Center of Ceará (Brazil) pursues accountability for State agents when they commit acts of torture against incarcerated youth. The Center also proposes improvements to the socio-educational system to rehabilitate adolescents.


The Human Rights Foundation (Türkiye) ensures that torture survivors receive medical, psychological and forensic examination services at its five rehabilitation centers that continue to operate after the earthquake.

Key figures for 2023

 **\$9.9 million** received in voluntary contributions and public donations


 **53,000** survivors assisted

 **184** direct assistance grants

 **6** capacity-building grants

 **90** countries

 **5** emergency grants in 2022

 **22** donor States and a Group of Friends