

UN VOLUNTARY
TRUST FUND ON
CONTEMPORARY
FORMS OF SLAVERY
30 ANNI
ROAD TO
RECOVERY.



For 30 years, the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Contemporary Forms of Slavery has helped hundreds of thousands of victims to recover from slavery and rebuild their lives. Since its establishment, the Fund has channelled more 8.8 million dollars to more than 800 projects.

Beneficiaries include victims of forced and bonded labour; domestic servitude; traditional slavery; sexual slavery, and trafficking for the purpose of sexual or labour exploitation; sale of children, commercial sexual exploitation of children, and the use of children in armed conflict; early and forced marriage; and the worst forms of child labour.

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"Slavery is not simply a matter of history. Today, more than 40 million people are still victims of contemporary slavery... We cannot accept these violations in the 21st century." – **United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres**

ANNUAL GRANTS: VICTIM-CENTRED & RELIABLE SUPPORT

37

grants awarded in 2021

Grants awarded for a
cycle of

5

consecutive years

(subject to funding availability)

Benefiting more than

18,000

victims of slavery in

30

countries

IMPACT ON THE GROUND

The Fund channels voluntary contributions to civil society organizations, including grassroots and victims' associations, assisting slavery survivors. Services include health care, shelter and food, legal representation, vocational training, education, and income-generating support. This operational approach complements the work of other United Nations mechanisms combating slavery. In 2020, the Fund received **\$848 419** from 9 Member States.

ACCOUNTABLE MANAGEMENT

- » Managed by the United Nations Human Rights Office
- » Grants awarded on the advice of an independent board of trustees
- » Projects evaluated and monitored on the ground by field presences

HOW OUR GRANTEES WORK

- » In Brazil, the Centro de Defesa de la Vida y los Derechos Humanos Carmen Bascarán rescues, and provides food and medical care to 100 victims of trafficking and forced labour in agriculture.
- » In Bosnia and Herzegovina, Novi Put has a 24-hour hotline, and provides counselling, legal and reintegration services to 30 Roma children victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, forced marriage, forced begging and domestic servitude.
- » The Preda Foundation rescues, houses and represents in court 30 children victims of commercial sexual exploitation in the Philippines.

These are just a few examples.

Read a selection of impact stories.



Most organizations applying for grants have long waiting lists

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**