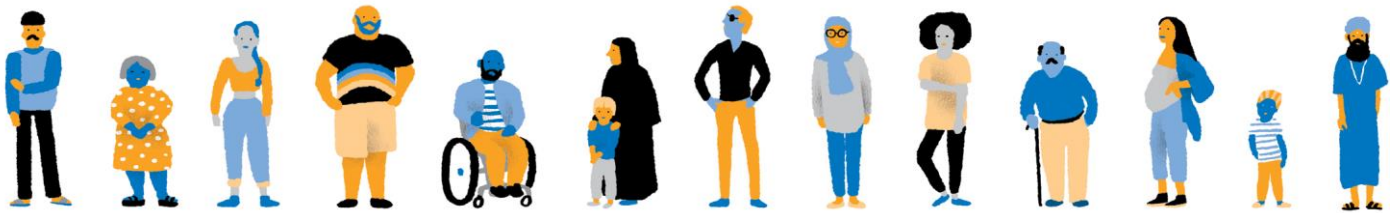


UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING TORTURE SURVIVORS



For over 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.

On average, the Fund aids 50,000 people every year.

KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants

- non-governmental entities (e.g. NGOs, rehabilitation centers, foundations, associations of victims, hospitals, legal clinics) which have:
- experience in providing redress and rehabilitation to victims of torture and their family members
- been in operation for at least one year
- legal registration and a bank account matching the organization's name

Methodology

- a demonstrable victim-centered approach
- a gender perspective integrated in all project stages
- support is provided to beneficiaries without discrimination based on race, colour, gender, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability or other status.
- not covered: advocacy, awareness raising or research activities

Co-funding

- Requested amount should not exceed two thirds of the budget of the project*

* *Exceptions may apply provided a satisfactory justification.*

What is torture?

The Fund draws on the definition in [Article 1](#) of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

ANNUAL GRANTS

Application period

15 January to 1 March every year

Implementation period

1 January to 31 December of the following calendar year

DIRECT ASSISTANCE



Grant amount

Up to US\$50,000 for first-time applicants and US\$100,000 for on-going grantees

Eligible projects

Social, psychological, medical, legal and humanitarian or other forms of direct services

Eligible beneficiaries

Torture victims and members of their family

CAPACITY-BUILDING



Grant amount

Maximum US\$50,000

Eligible projects

Capacity-building training that strengthen the provision of direct support to torture victims

Eligible beneficiaries

Training must be provided to individuals, organizations or specialized networks that provide direct support to victims of torture. Both organizations that provide ("trainer") and receive ("trainee") capacity-building services are eligible for funding



EMERGENCY GRANTS

Application period

Under exceptional circumstances throughout the year

Implementation period

Up to 12 months

Grant amount

Maximum US\$100,000

Eligible projects

Social, psychological, medical, legal and humanitarian or other forms of direct services

Eligible beneficiaries

Torture victims and members of their family

Emergency criteria

- (1) sudden change in circumstances (e.g., human rights or humanitarian crisis);
- (2) causing extraordinary increase in the number and/or needs of torture survivors;
- (3) requiring an immediate response.

All applications must be submitted in either **English, French or Spanish** through the OHCHR e-Grants Online System. For more detailed information on the application process, see "*How to apply for an annual grant*" and other sections on:

www.ohchr.org/TortureFund