

UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE

Emergency Grants



The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture awards emergency grants to civil society organizations directly assisting torture survivors to access legal, medical, psychological and social services under exceptional circumstances.

Emergency grants can be awarded for:

- up to 12 months
- a maximum of \$100,000
- with no possibility of renewal or extension

The Fund considers emergency grant applications only if they respond to the following criteria:

- Sudden change in circumstances that has caused an
- extraordinary increase in the needs of torture victims for assistance, requiring an
- immediate response

EMERGENCY GRANTS RESPOND TO, FOR EXAMPLE:



Human rights crisis:

- political strife or uprising
- landmark trial
- detrimental policy or institutional change in places of deprivation of liberty



Humanitarian crisis:

- armed conflict
- sudden influx of refugees and asylum seekers



Individual situation:

- urgent need of assistance for individual victims of torture (the application must be submitted by an organization on behalf of, and with the consent of, the victim)

EMERGENCY GRANTS DO NOT RESPOND TO, FOR EXAMPLE:

- existing and systemic patterns of torture
- cash flow difficulties of the organization

QUESTIONS FOR PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

1

Sudden change in circumstances

- What is the current crisis/situation?
- How is it different than before?

2

Extraordinary increase in needs

- What impact has this situation had on the practice of torture and on the needs of victims for assistance?
- What is the estimated number of torture victims in need of assistance?

3

Immediate response

- Why does this situation/crisis require an immediate response?
- What are the existing gaps to assist torture victims and how is your organization currently responding?

4

Institutional capacity and specialized expertise

- What is the organization's experience with identifying victims of torture and providing tailored assistance to them?
- In what ways is the existing financial and staff capacity of the organization insufficient to respond to the emergency?

Please send a brief written response (maximum 2 pages) to the above questions to the Fund's Secretariat:

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After a preliminary assessment, the Secretariat may invite the organization to submit a full emergency grant application.

**HOW
TO APPLY**