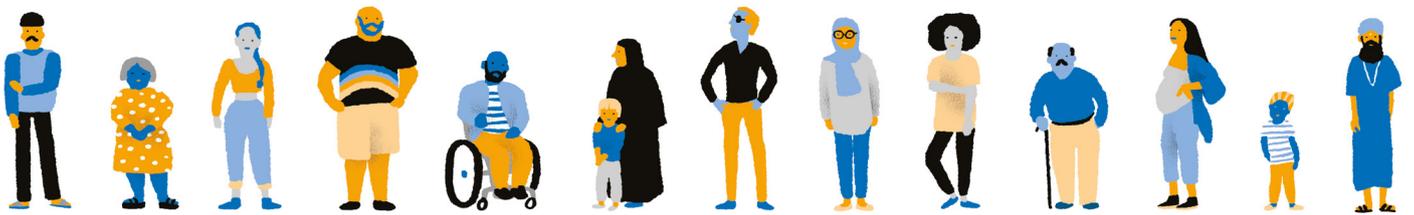


# UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE



# 46,000

## LIVES TRANSFORMED IN 2022



**For 40 years, the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture has been accompanying survivors on the 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, aiding 46,000 people in 2022.**

### **Extensive coverage**

In every region of the world, the Fund's grantees provide transformative services to human rights defenders, persons deprived of liberty, children and adolescents, people on the move, enforced disappearance survivors, indigenous people, sexual and gender-based violence survivors, and LGBTI persons.

### **A flexible and reliable approach**

The Fund awards annual grants for direct assistance and to build capacity. It also responds with agility to emerging crises by disbursing emergency grants on a rolling-basis.

The Fund is managed by the United Nations Human Rights Office, advised by a Board of Trustees, and with field presences monitoring projects on the ground.

### **Your contribution can make a difference**

The Fund ensures that donations are put to effective use. 200 USD can provide a torture survivor with legal assistance, medical aid, shelter, vocational training and psychological support for one year.



**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 because of a lack of sufficient resources. Due to a 2.8 million USD shortfall in donations last year, the Fund was unable to support projects that would have assisted 12,000 more torture survivors and their families.

**How our grantees work**

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

**Bir Diuno** (Kyrgyzstan) offers legal assistance to more than 200 torture survivors, including ethnic and religious minorities, leading to a successful litigation case before the Supreme Court last year.

**The Human Rights Foundation** (Turkey) ensures that at least 115 torture survivors receive medical, psychological and forensic examination services at its five rehabilitation centres.

After obtaining a landmark crimes against humanity verdict under universal jurisdiction in January 2022, the **European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights** (Germany/Syria) continues to lead a strategic litigation initiative on behalf of 60 Syrian torture survivors.

Applications to assist over **12,000** survivors turned down

**Shortfall of 2.8 million USD**

**46,000** survivors receiving assistance today

**10.5 million USD received**

**Key figures for 2022**



**\$10.5 million**

received in voluntary contributions and public donations



**46,000** survivors assisted



**179**

direct assistance grants



**7**

capacity - building grants



**92**

countries



**9**

emergency grants in 2021



**19**

donor States and a Group of Friends