

UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED IN 2023

Every year, the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery helps to rebuild lives by providing humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery, since its establishment by the General Assembly in 1991.

In 2023, the Fund will channel \$881,500 to 38 projects implemented in 32 countries around the world. Through these grants, more than 7,000 survivors of contemporary forms of slavery will receive vital support and assistance.



AFRICAN GROUP

Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy

Cameroon

The Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy works with vulnerable women and children, including those belonging to minority communities, to promote gender equality, social justice, and peace. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide holistic support to 80 victims of contemporary slavery and trafficking in the Littoral region of Cameroon, with a focus on children previously involved with armed groups, and child victims of sexual exploitation. The organization places emphasis on education as a form of empowerment, and provides a family tracing service for children who no longer know where their families or caregivers are.

Centre D'Etudes Sur le Leadership et la Promotion des Droits Humains

Democratic Republic of Congo

Centre d'Etudes sur le Leadership et la Promotion des Droits Humains provides direct assistance to survivors of contemporary slavery, and conducts research and provides training on children's and women's rights. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide holistic support to 40 child survivors of sexual slavery and forced labour in Bukavu, South Kivu, with a focus on LGBTI victims. The project includes family reunification and reintegration, education and vocational training, and income generating activities for older children.

Good Samaritan Association

Ethiopia

The Good Samaritan Association, founded in 1996, focuses on the economic, social and medical rehabilitation of women from disadvantaged economic backgrounds, including women and girls who are victims of trafficking. The organization's project will provide support to women and girls who have been victims of domestic servitude, forced labour, and sexual slavery abroad. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, Good Samaritan Association will provide

rehabilitation and reintegration services, including medical, psychological, social and humanitarian assistance, to 240 women victims of slavery and members of their families.

Kenya Workers Rights and Harmonization Program

Kenya

The Kenya Workers Rights and Harmonization Program is an NGO which aims to create harmony between the Kenyan labour force, employers, and government. To do so, it tackles all forms of exploitation with a holistic approach, combining medical, psychological, social, and legal support for slavery survivors. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, 500 victims of forced labor and debt bondage, including children, will benefit from their assistance in 2023.

Beautiful Dream Society

Lesotho

Beautiful Dream Society is a humanitarian organization leading in the fight against human trafficking in Lesotho by working towards prevention, protection and rehabilitation for victims. With the grant from the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the project will help to sustain a shelter in Maseru and provide holistic assistance to 30 victims, primarily women, who suffered sexual exploitation, servitude or forced marriage. Providing a safe house and vocational training, this approach allows survivors to recover and look for brighter opportunities.

Her Voice Liberia

Liberia

Her Voice Liberia is an organization which aims at tackling the abuses suffered by women and girls in Liberia, especially as they remain at risk of trafficking for purposes of servitude and sexual exploitation. Victims are primarily trafficked from poor, rural areas who then find themselves in the capital in highly vulnerable circumstances. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the project will provide medical, psychosocial, legal, and educational services to 120 victims, including 103 women.

Pathfinders Justice Initiative

Nigeria

Pathfinders Justice Initiative is dedicated to the prevention of sexual slavery and other forms of sexual violence, along with the liberation of enslaved women and girls. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide medical support, including sexual and reproductive health care services and free medication, along with psychological assistance and vocational training to 40 survivors. The organization will also provide shelter and other forms of humanitarian support to survivors according to their needs, through customized rehabilitation treatment plans.

Women, infants and children care initiative (WICCI)

Nigeria

WICCI, founded in 2005, seeks to provide holistic assistance to 45 victims of trafficking for forced labour, servitude and slavery-like practices with their grant from the UN Slavery Trust Fund. The project, which will take place in Ogun State, aims at preventing re-trafficking among victims by improving their health and fostering their social integration. WICCI runs two shelters for victims and adopts a long-term recovery approach with ongoing over-the-phone assistance on business management for beneficiaries.

Amnesty International Sénégal

Senegal

Amnesty International Sénégal works in Dakar to assist Talibé children who suffer ill-treatment and are exploited by their Koranic teachers through forced begging. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide social, humanitarian, and medical support to 100 Talibé children. In addition, the project's legal assistance conducted by the organization's network of human rights lawyers has the potential to accelerate systemic change.

Centre Kekeli de l'association des Soeurs Carmélites de la Chartié Vedruna

Togo

Founded in 2006, the goal of Centre Kekeli is to contribute to the protection and improvement of the living conditions of children, in particular those who have experienced violence, sexual abuse and displacement, as well as child workers. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide holistic assistance to 100 victims by operating a shelter and designing customized personal plans. This includes making training available to enable survivors to work towards their own aspirations.

ASIA-PACIFIC-GROUP

Kinonia Karitas Kypros

Cyprus

Since 1986, Kinonia Karitas Kypros has responded to humanitarian needs on the island of Cyprus with the aim of providing compassionate care and support to the vulnerable. With the support of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will support 155 migrant victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking, among other forms of slavery, with temporary housing and transition assistance, support through litigation, translation, and psychosocial assistance. The project is especially important for vulnerable migrants who have little to no access to the support they need to recover and begin their integration process.

Prayas

India

Prayas (Endeavour) works towards the social, political and economic development of marginalized sections of society. The organization supports workers who have fallen into debt bondage in the construction, agriculture, brick kiln and cotton ginning industries. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, Prayas plans to rescue 225 victims and provide them with rehabilitation services and legal assistance. They also support the unionization of workers to defend their labour rights collectively,

allowing for systemic transformation and better working and living conditions in the future.

Udan Women Empowerment Welfare Society

India

Udan Women Empowerment Welfare Society is a survivor-led NGO based in Mandsaur working on the prevention of caste-based sexual slavery and the empowerment of women and girls. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide psychological, social, legal and financial assistance, as well as vocational training, to 200 girls belonging to the Dalit caste who are victims of caste-based, inter-generational sexual slavery in the Bedia and Bachchara ethnic communities.

Manav Sansadhan Evam Mahila Vikas Sansthan

India

Manav Sansadhan Evam Mahila Vikas Sansthan was established in 1990 with the mission to support initiatives that empower people and communities to escape bonded labour, striving towards inclusion, participation, harmony and justice. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, its project will provide holistic assistance to 200 indigenous victims of bonded labour, including by achieving redress through legal assistance. Through providing vocational training, coupled with microfinance, the project enables long-term economic recovery.

Aryyjan Karakol

Kyrgyzstan

Aryyjan Karakol, established in 2011, is a local organization run by women, for women, from the Issyk-Kul region of Kyrgyzstan. Its efforts are focused on providing education and aid to victims and potential victims of bride kidnapping, as well as of domestic abuse. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide shelter and holistic assistance to 50 victims of early and forced marriage and bride kidnapping. For 2023, they will host a human rights training programme for 100 children, in order to sustainably fight harmful

practices which are currently carried out as local traditions.

Amel Association International

Lebanon

Amel Association International was created by a group of doctors, journalists, and activists in response to the Lebanese civil war. Their work focuses on migrant workers, including domestic workers, trapped by the Kafala system. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, it will offer 15 beneficiaries medical and psychosocial support, as well as professional training and specific activities designed to empower women.

Women Forum for Women in Nepal (WOFOWON)

Nepal

WOFOWON, established by survivors in 2008, works to ensure the rights of women in the informal and entertainment sectors. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide holistic assistance to 50 women and girls who are victims of debt bondage, commercial sexual exploitation and the worst forms of child labour. In addition to medical, psychological, social, legal and humanitarian assistance, the project also has a human rights education component, training survivors on women's and children's rights.

Pourakhi

Nepal

Pourakhi, an organization of women migrant workers, fights for the rights of women migrant workers through the entire cycle of labour migration and raises awareness of labour rights and the risks of trafficking. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization aims to provide legal assistance, counselling, and temporary accommodation in an emergency shelter to 150 victims of forced and bonded labour, including those who are returning migrant workers. In addition, beneficiaries will attend an eight-day entrepreneurship course, where they will prepare business plans and be linked with financial institutions to request loans to start small businesses.

Preda Foundation

Philippines

Preda Foundation, established in 1974, provides shelter and protection, material aid, education, medical assistance, legal aid, and psychological and social services to victims of sexual exploitation. The organization prides itself on its "3P-3R" (Prevention, Prosecution, Protection – Recovery, Rehabilitation, Reintegration) model. It provides access to social, cultural and recreational activities, as well as trainings and therapeutic interventions intended to empower victims of slavery and help them rebuild their lives. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide holistic assistance to 30 girls who have been subjected to commercial sexual exploitation.

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

Association Medica Zenica

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Association Medica Zenica was founded in 1993 to provide psychosocial and medical support to women and children victims of trafficking. Its project seeks to provide tailor-made, needs-based, comprehensive support, including shelter, for victims of contemporary slavery and potential victims of trafficking who come from socially vulnerable families and marginalized groups in Bosnia and Herzegovina. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide holistic support to 50 survivors.

Novi Put

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Novi Put, established in 2010, provides assistance to child victims of trafficking through a 24/7 helpline for victims and the provision of holistic services in its Counselling Centre. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization aims to fill a gap by focusing specifically on Roma children, victims of early and forced marriage, forced begging, sexual exploitation and servitude in the Herzegovina region. Its project will provide psychological, social and legal assistance to 55 child victims, as well as

funding the organization's helpline and a 12-month literacy course for Roma children.

Center for Roma initiatives

Montenegro

Center for Roma Initiatives, founded in 2012, works to identify and provide support to victims of early and forced marriage in Roma and Balkan-Egyptian communities. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will assist 30 victims of early and forced marriage in reintegrating into the community through providing scholarships and vocational training to enable their continued education. The project will also provide psychological, social and legal support. The project ensures victims and their families receive follow-up assistance, ongoing guidance and psychological support.

International Centre La Strada

Republic of Moldova

The International Centre La Strada operates in a context of high levels of human trafficking, further exacerbated by the nearby war in Ukraine. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, they will assist victims of child trafficking, sexual exploitation and abuse. In 2023, they will provide psychological, social and legal assistance to 50 child victims. By using an online chat to reach victims who cannot physically attend the Center, they are able to reach a wide range of potential victims and ensure the most vulnerable are not left behind.

Civic Assistance Committee

Russian Federation

The Civic Assistance Committee was established in 1990 in Moscow to improve living conditions for all migrants including those submitted to exploitation amounting to contemporary slavery, through providing social and legal assistance. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide social, legal and humanitarian support to 20 victims of forced labour and sexual exploitation. The project also aims to assist survivors in obtaining personal documentation and reunite with their families.

Astra - Anti Trafficking Action

Serbia

Astra - Anti Trafficking Action, founded in 2000, operates the only specialized human trafficking SOS helpline in Serbia. It also runs a direct victim assistance program, deploying mobile teams throughout the country to provide holistic assistance to victims. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will continue its work through the helpline, and provide psychological assistance, legal assistance, educational or vocational skills training, SOS counselling, and medical and other urgent assistance to 60 survivors of human trafficking, with the objective of facilitating their reintegration and empowerment.

Charitable Foundation "Caritas Sambir-Drohobych Diocese of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church"

Ukraine

The Charitable Foundation "Caritas Sambir-Drohobych Diocese of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church" operates 20 assistance centres in 8 regions of Ukraine. It is the only NGO in Ukraine to provide social and psychological assistance onsite, also providing legal services, through its partners, to victims of contemporary forms of slavery. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide holistic assistance, including accommodation in the organization's shelter where necessary, to 15 survivors. This project includes the provision of addiction support to survivors who struggle with substance abuse issues because of their experiences.

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

Centro de Defensa de la Vida y los Derechos Humanos Carmen Bascarán

Brazil

Centro de Defensa de la Vida y los Derechos Humanos Carmen Bascarán has been combatting slave labour in all its forms, including child labour and human trafficking, for the last 25 years. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide social, legal and

humanitarian assistance to 750 survivors of forced labour in the agriculture sector in the state of Maranhão, including to a number of refugees from indigenous groups.

Centro de Apoio e pastoral do Migrante (CAMI)

Brazil

CAMI, founded in 2005, is an organization which provides direct support to, and conducts advocacy activities on behalf of, migrants who have been subjected to forced labour or trafficking in persons. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, its project will focus principally on Latin American migrants who are victims of forced labour, mainly in Brazil's textile industry. It will provide holistic support, including shelter, food, legal support, psychological support and Portuguese lessons, to 40 survivors.

Corporación ONG Raíces

Chile

Corporación ONG Raíces, based in Santiago, has been working to assist child and adolescent victims of sexual exploitation for more than 20 years. In addition to providing advice and financial support, its project will organize and finance vocational training and micro-entrepreneurship opportunities for young people to facilitate their integration into the labour market and promote their autonomy. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, it will support 20 victims of sexual exploitation who are former residents of their shelter and who, having turned 18 years old, can no longer benefit from the State's social assistance.

Fundación Alas de Colibrí

Ecuador

Fundación Alas de Colibrí has been providing support to survivors of sexual exploitation since 2012. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will operate its residential care facility and provide comprehensive assistance, including medical, psychological, social, legal and humanitarian assistance, to 35 adolescent girls who have been affected by human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The project adopts a strategy to promote the enforceability of

human rights, in which adolescents and their families are key actors in their own development.

CONDEG

Guatemala

CONDEG is a grassroots indigenous rights organization which focuses on documenting labour violations and providing legal advice on labour cases. It is the only organization active in the isolated region of Peten, and is committed to ending all forms of slavery in the palm oil sector. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide social and legal assistance to 740 indigenous Mayan Q'eqchi victims of trafficking for the purpose of forced labour in palm oil plantations.

Asociación Calidad de Vida

Honduras

Asociación Calidad de Vida was founded by three female women's rights defenders and addresses the specific needs of women victims of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The organization has three safe houses in Tegucigalpa where, with the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, it will offer holistic assistance to 46 women victims of sexual exploitation and their children. To do so, it will work in collaboration with justice operators and with a vast community-based network of women leaders.

WESTERN EUROPEAN & OTHERS GROUP

Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)

Australia

Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans is a faith-based organization specialized in combatting trafficking in human beings. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, its project will assist 130 victims of trafficking for the purposes of forced and early marriage, forced labour and sexual exploitation in their reintegration in Australia or in their return to their countries of origin. Beyond these services, the organization has also

developed an innovative companionship system to assist beneficiaries in establishing themselves in their new lives and navigating through social service providers.

Comité contre l'esclavage Moderne (CCEM)

France

Comité Contre L'Esclavage Moderne, founded in 1994, specializes in assisting victims of contemporary forms of slavery, particularly victims of domestic servitude and forced labour. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide psychological, social, medical, legal and humanitarian assistance to 100 survivors in France from Africa and Asia, many of whom may have also suffered exposure to exploitative practices in their countries of origin, or along the migration route. The strong litigation component also includes fighting landmark cases before the European Court of Human Rights.

Fenix LTD

Greece

Fenix LTD works at a crossroads of irregular migration routes which forces migrants into precarious situations, exacerbating their risk of exploitation by people smugglers. In Lesbos, they primarily provide holistic services to migrants and asylum seekers victims of slavery, including legal assistance. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, their project will provide holistic direct assistance to 30 victims of contemporary forms of slavery, along with their family members.

Kav LaOved - Worker's Hotline

Israel

Kav LaOved - Worker's Hotline was established in 1991 in Tel Aviv to assist victims of forced labour, with a focus on migrant domestic workers in debt bondage. The organization identifies victims, educates migrant domestic workers on their rights and empowers them to pursue justice. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide assistance to 1,700 migrant caregivers in Israel, many of whom are subject to extreme exploitation. It will run an information hotline in eight languages,

distribute materials on labour rights, and provide legal support to victims.

FairWork

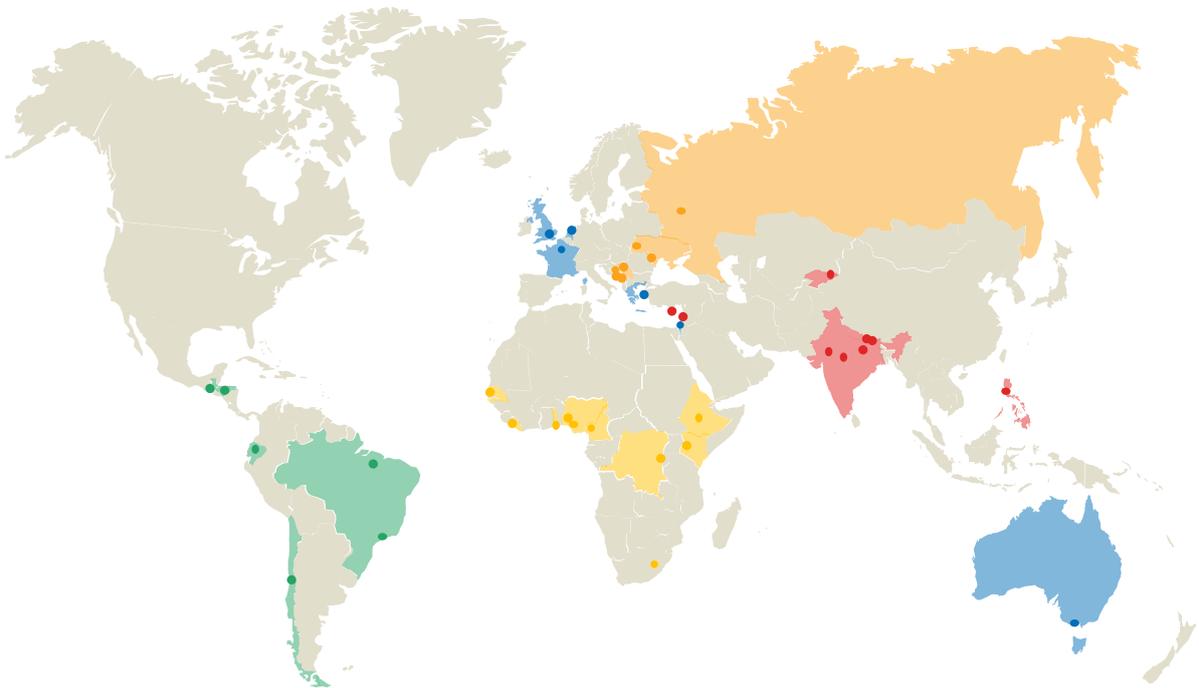
Netherlands

FairWork focuses on combatting human trafficking and forced labour. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide legal and social assistance to 150 victims of forced labour and trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation in the agriculture sector. Victims also have the option to receive training on the provision of social and legal assistance to join FairWork's team. By informing victims about their rights and legal options in the Netherlands, the organization aims to empower them and prevent their return to exploitative situations.

ECPAT

United Kingdom

The UK's first organization working solely on the issue of child trafficking, ECPAT UK has over 25 years' experience working to end child trafficking and support victims. With the grant of the UN Slavery Trust Fund, the organization will provide psychological, medical and humanitarian support, along with educational and vocational training to 60 children and youth victims of trafficking. These children also receive training and are supported to become advocates, if they choose, in order to make a difference in the lives of other child victims.



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Projects awarded in 2023