

MISSION STATEMENT

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (26 November 2015)

The UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery:

1. Has a universal and victim-centred mandate stipulated in United Nations General Assembly resolution 46/122;
2. Supports projects that are implemented by civil society actors for the protection of the human rights of children and adults whose rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery;
3. Provides specialized assistance to victims, aimed at redress, rehabilitation and broader remedies and future prevention; assistance may include medical, psycho-social, legal and humanitarian aid, and education or vocational training;
4. Forms partnerships with both grass-roots initiatives and well-established organizations providing specialized assistance to victims, by awarding annual grants of up to USD 30,000 for a maximum of 5 consecutive years;
5. Is managed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
6. Contributes to meeting Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal #8.7 to “[t]ake immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking”;
7. Works in synergy with all relevant United Nations programmes and mechanisms so as to enhance the collective response to slavery worldwide, and aspires to work in a complementary manner with relevant public-private initiatives;
8. Achieves its goals thanks to contributions from United Nations Members States, as well as private individual and corporate donors.

In the period 2016-19, the Fund will prioritize project applications that provide specialized assistance to victims of slave labour and slavery-like practices, especially women and children, in particular as a consequence of conflict and humanitarian crises.