



United Nations Fund for Victims of Torture

Funding Opportunities with the UNVFVT

A Short Guide

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General Rules

- ▶ **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Only non-governmental entities with at least 2 years of experience in providing redress and rehabilitation to victims of torture and their family members, including NGOs, rehabilitation centres, foundations, association of victims, private and public hospitals, and legal clinics.
- ▶ **IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:** Grants requested from the Fund can cover an implementation period of up to 12 months.
- ▶ **NON-DISCRIMINATION:** Assistance should be provided to victims of torture and their family members without any kind of distinction, such as race, colour, gender, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, disability or other status.
- ▶ **GENDER PERSPECTIVE:** A gender perspective should be integrated in all stages of the project and should be reflected in the management of the project.
- ▶ **CO-FUNDING PRINCIPLE:** The requested amount should not exceed one third of the budget of the project. It should not exceed two thirds of the budget if the project is implemented in a priority region for the Fund. Organizations are encouraged to look for complementary sources of funding.

Annual grants for direct assistance

On an annual basis, the Fund supports projects that provide direct medical, psychological, social, economic, legal, educational or other forms of assistance to torture victims and members of their family.

Project applicants should demonstrate a strong victim-centred approach, organizational expertise in the provision of direct assistance services, as well as clear working methods and well-established project monitoring and evaluation processes.

Project applications must be submitted in English, French or Spanish, during the regular application cycle (from 15 January to 1 March each year), for implementation during the following calendar year (from 1 January to 31 December), using the online grants system of the Fund.

Grants to projects for direct assistance range between US\$30,000 and US\$100,000. Organizations applying for the first time to the Fund may request a first grant of a maximum of US\$50,000.

Emergency grants for direct assistance

The Fund may, on an exceptional basis, consider emergency requests for projects that provide direct medical, psychological, social, economic, legal, educational or other forms of assistance to torture victims and members of their family.

Emergency grants may be awarded to projects operating in exceptional circumstances such as a sudden increase in the number of victims of torture to be assisted due to human rights and/or humanitarian crisis, or other circumstances, which prompt the need for urgent assistance to victims of torture and their family members.

Emergency grants are subject to availability of funds and are awarded on a need basis to project applications submitted to the Fund at any time during the year.

Project applications must be submitted in English, French or Spanish, using the online grants system of the Fund.

The amount of an emergency grant is considered on a case by case basis, depending on the nature of the project and availability of funds, and should not exceed US\$100,000.

Training and Capacity Building Grants

Subject to availability of funds and on a competitive basis, the Fund also awards grants for projects seeking to organize training or capacity building activities for Organizations and other professionals that provide direct assistance to victims of torture.

These projects may take the form of trainings, workshops, seminars and conferences, peer to peer training or staff exchanges.

They are to be conducted primarily for the benefit of the professional staff of the applicant Organization.

Project applications must be submitted in English, French or Spanish, during the regular application cycle (from 15 January to 1 March each year), for implementation during the following calendar year (from 1 January to 31 December), using the online grants system of the Fund.

The amount awarded by the Fund for such projects will not exceed US\$30,000.



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