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# UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY



# "I never dreamed someone would GIVE ME SHELTER"



**For 30 years, the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery has been accompanying survivors of slavery on their road to recovery.**

**The Fund channels voluntary contributions to civil society organizations that provide healthcare, shelter, food, legal representation, vocational training, education, income-generating activities and other support to slavery survivors. In 2023, the Fund is aiding over 7,000 people.**

## Reaching the most vulnerable

The Fund helps victims of frequently unaddressed kinds of slavery: forced and bonded labor; domestic servitude; traditional slavery; sexual slavery and trafficking for the purpose of sexual or labor exploitation; sale of children; commercial sexual exploitation of children and the use of children in armed conflict; early and forced marriage; and the worst forms of child labour.

## Empowering the most effective organizations

The Fund awards grants to civil society organizations providing transformative services to slavery survivors in locations few donors reach. The Fund's financial support often serves as seed funding for grassroots and victims' associations.

The Fund is managed by the United Nations Human Rights Office and advised by a Board of Trustees. It works with field presences to monitor projects on the ground and leverages impact through collaboration with other UN mechanisms combatting slavery.

## A small contribution will make a difference

The Fund ensures that donations are put to effective use. Just 115 USD can provide a slavery survivor with holistic support for one year, facilitating recovery, economic empowerment and social inclusion.

**Donate now!**



**\$115**

Helps a slavery survivor  
for one year



# TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE A WORLD FREE FROM SLAVERY BUT URGENT NEEDS ON THE GROUND STILL EXCEED THE FUND'S RESOURCES

Every year, the Fund must turn down dozens of applications for lack of available financial resources. Because of a 1.2 million USD funding gap in donations last year, the Fund was unable to support projects that would have assisted 12,000 more slavery survivors worldwide in 2023.

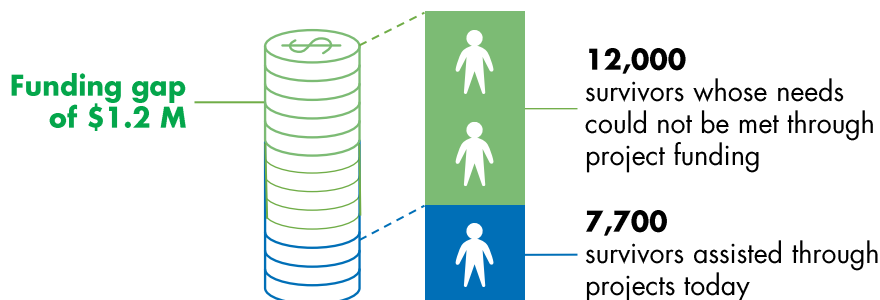


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## How our grantees work

**ASTRA** (Serbia) is assisting victims of trafficking and early and forced marriage, including through a hotline, which functions as an intake and prevention mechanism. Some 60 victims of trafficking are receiving legal, psychological and medical support in 2023.

**Centre Kekeli** (Togo) runs a shelter with the support of the Fund, providing 100 child victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, forced labour, and forced and early marriage with holistic assistance in 2023.

**Centro de Defensa de la Vida y los Derechos Humanos Carmen Bascarán** (Brazil) combats slavery in all its forms, including child labour, servitude and debt bondage. In 2023, 750 survivors, including refugees and indigenous peoples, are benefitting from social, legal and humanitarian assistance.

**FairWork** (Netherlands) combats human trafficking and forced labour, including 150 victims receiving legal and social services in 2023. After being informed about their rights, many actively assist others.

**Udan Women Empowerment Welfare Society** (India) is an innovative survivor-led and community-based organization. In 2023, 225 girls who survived caste-based commercial sexual exploitation are receiving holistic assistance. Some are trained to become advocates.

## Special Call for the Sahel region

In 2023, over 5,000 survivors of traditional and descent-based slavery are receiving holistic assistance from grassroots organizations in Mauritania, Niger, Mali and Chad that were awarded nine grants by the Fund through a Special Call for the Sahel Region.

## Article 4

"No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms."



DIGNITY, FREEDOM & JUSTICE FOR ALL

## Key figures for 2023



**\$760,000**

received in voluntary contributions and public donations



**7,700**

survivors assisted



**38**

direct assistance grants



**32**

countries

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