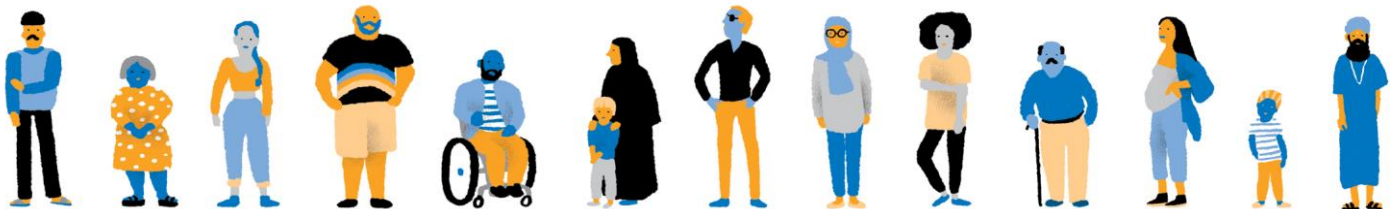


UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE



TRANSFORMING OVER 50,000 LIVES EVERY YEAR



For more than 40 years, the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture has been accompanying survivors on their 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. On average, the Fund aids over 50,000 people every year.

Extensive coverage

In every region of the world, the Fund's beneficiaries – including human rights defenders, persons deprived of liberty, people on the move, children and adolescents, indigenous people, survivors of enforced disappearances and of sexual and gender-based violence, and LGBTI persons – receive transformative services to rebuild their lives.

A flexible and reliable approach

The Fund awards annual grants to civil society organizations providing direct support to victims and to build the capacity of service-providers. It responds with agility to emerging crises by also disbursing emergency grants on a rolling basis.

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 torture.

Your contribution will make a difference

The Fund ensures that donations are put to effective use. 175 USD can provide a torture survivor with holistic support for one year, facilitating recovery and redress.

Donate now!



\$175

can help a torture survivor
for one year

Illustration by Véronique Colfin, photograph by Rescue Alternatives Liberia. * Name changed.



“ I had been going with this pain and trauma... But thanks to the services I received, my medical condition greatly improved, and the pain, trauma dissipated.

I am now contributing to the growth of my family and the community. ”

— Akeelah*

Received support from the Fund, through Rescue Alternatives Liberia, after experiencing sexual violence

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 for lack of sufficient resources. Due to a 3.4 million USD funding gap in donations last year, the Fund was unable to support projects that would have assisted 12,000 more torture survivors worldwide in 2024.

How some of our grantees are delivering results in 2024

Validity (Hungary) leads strategic litigation projects for torture survivors with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities.

CEPAD (Mexico) supports victims of torture and enforced disappearances, and their families, through legal and psychological aid.

Advocacy Forum (Nepal) supports survivors of sexual violence in a post-conflict context with legal, medical and psychosocial support.

International Medical Rehabilitation Center (Ukraine) provides medical and psychological services to people tortured in the context of war and their families.

Bienvenu Shelter (South Africa) provides safe accommodation and skills training to refugee women who experienced torture, and their children. Beneficiaries also receive healthcare, legal and psychosocial support, and education for the children.

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Key figures for 2024



\$10.5 M

in voluntary contributions and public donations



50,000+

survivors receiving support



183

direct assistance grants



7

capacity-building grants



93

countries



9

emergency grants in 2023



22

donor States and a Group of Friends



\$3.4 M

funding gap