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ABOUT THE VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE

The Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, established in 1981 by the General Assembly, receives voluntary contributions for distribution to non-governmental organizations providing humanitarian assistance to victims of torture and their relatives. It also funds projects for training healthcare professionals specialized in the treatment of victims of torture.

The Fund is administered by the Secretary-General, who is advised by a Board of Trustees composed of five members representing the five regional groups. They are Krassimir Kanev (Bulgaria), Sonia Picado (Costa Rica), Savitri Goonesekere (Sri Lanka), Joseph Oloka-Onyango (Uganda) and Derrick Pounder (United Kingdom).

The Fund has received \$8,736,785 in total contributions in 2005, money which has funded 186 projects. Since its inception in 1982, some 500 projects have received funding.

For more information on the Fund and how to contribute to it, please visit:
<http://www.ohchr.org/english/about/funds/torture/>.

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