THE UN VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY 2017
“Combating slavery not only means its direct prohibition in law but also fighting its root causes, increasing access to justice for victims through effective enforcement of legal provisions, and better provisions for rehabilitation. The broader Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda calls us to accelerate our efforts to achieve such aims.”

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
2 December 2016
THE UN SLAVERY FUND

• Was established by General Assembly resolution 46/122 in 1991 to extend humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery;

• Assists victims in the form of humanitarian, medical, psychological, legal, financial aid and educational/vocational training;

• Awards annual grants to NGOs, rehabilitation centres, victim associations and family members, private and public hospitals, legal clinics and public interest law firms.
MISSION STATEMENT

The UN Slavery Fund:

• Has a universal and victim-centred mandate;

• Provides specialized assistance to victims, aimed at redress, rehabilitation and broader remedies;

• Forms partnerships with civil society initiatives, both grass-root and well-established organizations;

• Awards annual grants of up to USD 30,000 for a maximum of 5 consecutive years;

• 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”;

• Works in synergy with UN slavery-related programmes and mechanisms and aspires to work in a complementary manner with relevant public-private initiatives.
Contemporary Forms of Slavery
assisted by the Fund include:

- Traditional Slavery
- Worst Forms of Child Labour
- Trafficking for sexual exploitation and forced labour
- Bonded Labour
- Forced Labour
- Early and Forced Marriage
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Sexual Slavery
- Widow inheritance
- Serfdom
- Sale of wives
- Other emerging contemporary forms of slavery
PRIORITIES FOR 2016-2019

• Applications that show an activity that spans over a number of years (not ad hoc activities);

• Projects providing specialized assistance to victims of forced labour and slavery-like practices;

• Projects assisting women and children;

• Projects operating in conflict and humanitarian crises scenarios.
Since 1991 the Fund has awarded **over 450 organizations worldwide** assisting victims of slavery.

In 2017, the Fund awarded grants to **33 projects** for a total of **US$ 553,000**.

In 2017, **42 %** of the projects supported by the Fund will provide assistance to victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation and for forced labour; **23%** of forced and bonded labour; **13%** of worst forms of child labour; **3 %** of traditional slavery, **12 %** of sexual slavery and sexual exploitation; and **7%** to forced and early marriage. Nevertheless, reality shows that victims are often trapped in multiple forms of slavery.
Challenging Heights, awarded US$20,000 for 2017, provides psychological, social and educational assistance to former child slaves in Ghana.
MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The Fund is:

• Subject to UN Rules and Regulations;

• Managed by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General, with the advice of a Board of Trustees;

• The Board of Trustees is composed of five experts from all regions with wide experience in human rights, acting in their personal capacity.
ACCOUNTABILITY

The Fund Secretariat applies a rights-based and well-established monitoring and evaluation methodology to ensure accountability in the use of grants:

• As a rule, first-time applicants are visited in order to verify admissibility and feasibility of the project;

• Awarded grantees are visited by OHCHR staff and the Fund’s Board trustees;

• Grantees are required to provide yearly narrative and financial reports on the use of the grants.
Centro Carmen Bascaran Brazil, awarded US$20,000 in 2017, rescues victims of bonded labour and supports their re-integration into society.
FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE FUND
Contributions 2002-2016 in USD
Slavery practices remain prevalent worldwide;

USD 2 million a year is needed to adequately respond to demands for assistance on a yearly basis;

Donations do make a difference;

The UN Slavery Fund, like all UN Trust Funds, can only receive earmarked contributions.
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