



## **UNVFCFS Circular n° 1/2018: Call for 2019 Applications**

The Secretariat is pleased to announce that the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (UNVFCFS) will accept requests for funding from **15 January to 1 March 2018**, for regular grants that will be used between 1 January and 31 December 2019. **Requests for funding received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Grants may only be awarded to organizations that provide **direct assistance** to victims of contemporary forms of slavery and their family members. Such assistance may be in the form of medical, psychological, legal, social, humanitarian or educational assistance, including vocational or skills trainings and other support to their independent livelihood.

Only applications which strictly comply with the [Guidelines of the Fund](#) will be considered. Kindly take the time to read the Guidelines, before submitting an application (available here <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Slavery/UNVFCFS/Pages/Apply.aspx>).

Applications will be reviewed in a competitive manner taking into account the merit of the proposal, the needs it addresses and the income available to the Fund.

### **How to apply?**

Applications from all regions will be accepted. Applications should be submitted in English, French or Spanish through the [on-line grants system \(GMS\)](#) (available here <https://unvfcfs-grants.ohchr.org/default.aspx>).

After logging in, enter into the 23<sup>rd</sup> session.

A [user's manual](#) is available on the GMS main page to assist organizations in submitting their application through the system (available here <https://unvfcfs-grants.ohchr.org/default.aspx>).

To report technical problems or request additional assistance while completing the application, applicants should address the Secretariat by [e-mail: slaveryfund@ohchr.org](mailto:slaveryfund@ohchr.org)

Applicants are strongly encouraged to secure sufficient time to complete the application prior to the expiration of the deadline. Applications will be received and reviewed on a rolling basis until 1 March 2018.

Kindly note that organizations whose previous project application for direct assistance (submitted under the call for applications for 2018) was rejected for funding with a score of “inadmissible” or “not recommended” by the Board of Trustees of the Fund at its 22<sup>nd</sup> session (November-December 2017), will not be eligible to apply to the Fund in the next two grant cycles (2019 and 2020). Organizations may contact the Secretariat for clarification on eligibility, if needed.

### **Priorities:**

In the period 2016-2019, the Fund will prioritize project applications that aim to provide specialized assistance to: victims of slave labour and slavery-like practices, including forced and early marriage; projects assisting women and children; and projects operating in conflict and humanitarian crises scenarios.

Yearly grants between USD 15,000 and USD 30,000 will be awarded for a maximum of 5 consecutive years, with a preference to applications which implement activities that span over a number of years.

**For organizations that have projects funded by the UNVFCFS in 2017:**

- Reports on the use of 2017 grants should be submitted through the on-line grants system between **15 January and 1 March 2018**.
- **A new request for funding from an organization that has overdue reports will not be considered.** An organization that has failed to submit by the set deadline satisfactory narrative, financial and audit reports (if applicable) on the use of all previous grants, will not be eligible to apply to the Fund.

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