



UNVFCFS Circular n° 1/2019: Call for 2020 Applications

The Secretariat is pleased to announce that the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (UNVFCFS) will accept project applications from **15 January to 1 March 2019**, for regular grants that will be used between 1 January and 31 December 2020. **Project applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Grants may be awarded to organizations that provide **direct assistance** to victims of modern 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 that strictly comply with the Guidelines of the Fund will be considered. Please refer to the Guidelines of the Fund when drafting and before submitting the application: (<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.

Requests below USD 15,000 and above USD 50,000 will be considered ineligible. 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.

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://unvfcfsgrants.ohchr.org/default.aspx>).

After logging in, enter into the 24th 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

Applicants are strongly encouraged to secure sufficient time to complete the application prior to the deadline. In particular, new applicants are advised to complete the registration process early to allow sufficient time to work on the application. Applications will be received and reviewed on a rolling basis until 1 March 2019.

Kindly note that organizations whose previous project application for direct assistance (submitted under the call for applications for 2019) was rejected for funding by the Board of Trustees of the Fund at its 23rd session, will not be eligible to apply to the Fund in the next two grant cycles (2020 and 2021). Organizations may contact the Secretariat for clarification on eligibility, if needed.

Priorities:

The Fund will continue to prioritize project applications that provide **specialized assistance to women and children; and projects operating in conflict and humanitarian crises scenarios.**

In this call for 2020 applications, the Fund will also prioritize project applications that aim to provide specialized assistance to victims of contemporary forms of slavery in the **context of supply and value chains.**

For organizations that have projects funded by the UNVFCFS in 2018:

- Reports on the use of 2018 grants are to be submitted through the on-line grants system between **15 January and 1 March 2019.**
- **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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