

*"No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms"*  
*Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948 (Article 4).*

## **UN VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND ON CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY**

### **EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2012**



**@Association of Network for Community Empowerment (ANCE)**

## **AFRICA**

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**Minority Rights Group International (MRGI)** campaigns worldwide to empower disadvantaged minorities and indigenous peoples. The organization received a grant from the Fund to implement a project in Mauritania aimed at providing support to local civil society organizations in equipping Haratine communities with legal training and capacity building to advocate effectively for the government's implementation of international human rights instruments on human rights. With the support of the Fund, MRGI has brought several cases to court and litigated on behalf of victims of slavery. As a result, in November 2011, the slave-masters of two boys (assisted by a Haratine lawyer of slave descent) were sentenced and ordered to pay damages.

**Network for Community Planning and Development (NECPAD)** is a Ghana-based NGO working to withdraw children from the worst forms of labour, including trafficked children, and help victims out of debt bondage. NECPAD also supports operators of illegal small-scale mining sites ("Galamsey") to obtain licenses and secure concessions. The Fund's funding has been allowing psycho-social support, education and career counselling to victims, giving 100 employment skill training and 50 start-up capital to set-up micro enterprises. NECPAD also designs social inclusion packages with the Department of Social Welfare and other key stakeholders, to support victims' carers with non-monetary transfers to engage in micro-enterprises and encourage their children to go to school.

**Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy (CHRAPA)** is playing a leading role in litigation of cases on trafficking in children in Cameroon. CHRAPA's work resulted in the first indictment of enslavement on a case involving domestic servitude in Cameroon. CHRAPA receives an average of 20 cases of trafficking per year, of which 70% concern children in need of protection and support. CHRAPA also advocates for a legal reform on the current law on trafficking in order to strengthen the legal and law enforcement framework for combating trafficking in persons in the country. The Fund's assistance allows CHRAPA to provide legal support to alleged victims of trafficking in persons in six communities. It also seeks to establish local child watch networks.

## **ASIA**

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**Kav LaOved (Workers' Hotline)** is a NGO dedicated to the protection of disadvantaged workers in Israel: migrant workers, Palestinian workers, non-unionized Israeli citizens, refugees and asylum seekers. Activities encompass prevention, prosecution and protection of trafficking victims. To date, the sole indictment of enslavement against a trafficker in Israel (of a Philippine national) was identified and reported by Kav LaOved. The Fund supported Kav LaOved's project to offer psychosocial and legal assistance to 450 Nepali migrant workers who were suspected of being victims of trafficking for labour exploitation. Advocacy strategy was focused on combating the practice of labour brokers' illegally charging prospective workers with high fees, and improving the enforcement of labour laws and anti-trafficking measures by the authorities.

**Asia against Child Trafficking (Asia ACTs)** is the regional campaign against child trafficking in Southeast Asia. Asia ACTs builds the capacity of civil society representatives through community training sessions, and the strengthening of child protection networks in order to promote a human rights and child-sensitive approach to address trafficking in persons. The Fund supports ACTs' work to provide medical assistance to organ trafficking victims, and determine the extent of organ trafficking in identified areas in the Philippines. This project is inserted within a collaborative framework with agencies and organizations with a mandate to identify and respond to the issue of trafficking for the purpose of organ removal, most especially in

advocating for preventive measures, ensuring continuous medical assistance to victims, and monitoring enforcement and compliance with anti-trafficking laws and international guidelines.

**Hagar Afghanistan** seeks to support women and children victims of trafficking, violence, and other human rights abuses throughout the rescue, recovery and long-term rehabilitation process. Hagar Afghanistan also seeks to raise the standard of care for victims by examining case studies, identifying gaps in services and addressing key learning needs. With the support of the Fund, Hagar Afghanistan is operating a Transitional Care Centre in Kabul, Afghanistan, where women and girl survivors of trafficking and forced and early marriage are provided with safety, holistic rehabilitation services, job training and opportunities and social reintegration options.

## **LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

**Centro de Defesa da Vida e dos Direitos Humanos "Carmen Bascaran" de Acailandia (CDVDH)** is situated in Açailândia, a town in the north of Brazil, situated in an area where slave labour has been widely reported. CDVDH advocates and takes on cases on behalf of victims of bonded labour rescued from farms in the outskirts of the Amazon, in Brazil. For instance, CDVDH in partnership with the Centre for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) recently completed a new petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights concerning a case involving slave labour in Brazil. With the support of the Fund, CDVDH provides legal and social support to victims of slave labour and other human rights violations. The Trust Fund also supported the creation of a database of cases concerning slave labour dealt with by the organization.

**Capital Humano y Social Alternativo (CHS Alternativo)** focuses on strengthening state agents' capacities in detection, guidance and referral of victims in cases of trafficking in persons and missing persons and has established two specialized centres for legal and psychological assistance to victims. The Fund supported CHS Alternativo to identify and provide legal and psychological assistance to victims of trafficking in persons in Peru. Moreover, CHS Alternativo ensured the registration of cases in the official system of the National Police to make those cases enter the country's statistics on trafficking in persons .

**Coalition against Trafficking in Women (CATW)** works to end trafficking in persons and the commercial sexual exploitation of women and girls worldwide. CATW's office in Latin America and the Caribbean founded the Red Alert System in Mexico to rescue women and children victims of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. With the Fund's support, the Red Alert System is providing evidence of the systematic disappearances of women and children into trafficking networks, as well as providing legal, psychological, medical, and humanitarian services to rescued victims and their families during the process of disappearance.

## **EASTERN EUROPE**

**Association for Developing Alternative Practices for Reintegration and Education (ADPARE)** promotes social inclusion for victims of trafficking in persons in Romania through integrated assistance services, assisting an average of 100 individuals every year. Beneficiaries are encouraged to design their individualized intervention and services are provided in a de-institutionalized manner. Focus is also put on prevention activities and research on trafficking in persons' trends. The Fund supports ADPARE's project aimed at providing medical, legal, and humanitarian assistance to victims of trafficking in persons and their families, with a focus on reinsertion through relevant assistance services.

**Civic Assistance Committee** focuses on social, humanitarian and legal needs of asylum seekers, migrants and refugees in Moscow, Russia. With the Fund's support the organization provides assistance to migrant workers victims of forced labour. Victims receive legal, medical, and

social assistance, food, housing, identity documents and are given the option of voluntary return to their home countries.

**Clean World** was established in 1998 as a shelter for victims of trafficking in Baku, Azerbaijan. Since then it has evolved to become a centre providing more broaden support, including psychological and social assistance as well as legal assistance and representation to victims. Victims are identified through a hotline run by the NGO, outreach of social workers, and through referral of the Ministry of Internal affairs. The grant of the Fund has been used towards vocational training of victims, seen as a sustainable means of rehabilitation and empowerment of victims.

## **WESTERN EUROPE**

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**Eaves Housing for Women** runs the Poppy project which provides safe house accommodation and support for victims of trafficking in women in the UK. Rehabilitation is focused on the long term perspective to help the victim to get a new life, which is achieved by assisting her to access the national assistance services and benefits, including vocational training. Eaves Housing received a symbolic contribution of the Fund to assist in the provision of social and psychosocial counselling to victims residing in the shelter. For most women this will include medical, dental and mental health care, legal advice, English classes or other education, family tracing and reunification services, parenting classes and various other forms of care, based on their needs, including art workshops, drama classes and employment mentorship schemes.

**Vivere**, a Swiss based organization, is assists vulnerable individuals, including victims of trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, torture and gender based violence. With the support of the Fund, Vivere implements a programme aimed at identifying, advising, and informing victims of trafficking in the Gulf Region, assisting an average of 200 victims every year. It either follows difficult cases in prisons or detention centres to ensure that the authorities do everything possible to accelerate proceedings, or liaises with embassies and consulates to acquire travel documents, administrative repatriation, medical or legal assistance and transferral to partner NGOs. The project helped to significantly shorten the victims' period of confinement, return to freedom, and liberation from previous traffickers'/captors' influence.

**Les Amis du Bus des Femmes** has an established care centre dedicated to support victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation in Paris, France, through a day care centre and mobile points. The Fund supports Les Amis du Bus des Femmes' activities to provide medical, psychosocial and legal assistance as well as shelter to victims of trafficking. Assistance is provided from their identification until their emancipation. In addition, the organization encourages economic empowerment and autonomy of beneficiaries by way of providing language courses and integration in the labour market.