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CONTEMPORARY SLAVERY AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION: CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT TO SURVIVORS DURING THE PANDEMIC

To commemorate the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery on December 2, the Fund organized a public webinar to raise awareness about the disproportionate social and economic impact of COVID-19 on racially discriminated groups subjected to contemporary slavery. The webinar was hosted by the Geneva Human Rights Platform and sponsored by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Poor and marginalized groups, in particular racial and ethnic minorities, indigenous peoples and migrants, are disproportionately affected by contemporary forms of slavery. Gender inequality further reinforces patterns of discrimination. [...] I also call for support to identify, protect and empower victims and survivors, including by contributing to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery.

- United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres

The United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery was established by the General Assembly in 1991 with a mandate to support victims of contemporary forms of slavery. It does so by channelling voluntary contributions to civil society organizations providing legal, social, psychological and medical services, humanitarian assistance and vocational training. Beneficiaries include victims of forced and bonded labour, domestic servitude, traditional slavery, slavery in supply chains; trafficking for the purpose of sexual or labour exploitation; early and forced marriages; the worst forms of child labour and sale of children, amongst others.

8 Member States contributed $830,501 to the Fund
the Fund awarded 37 direct assistance annual grants, totalling $674,000
assisted more than 15,000 victims of contemporary forms of slavery
reached 33 countries in all world regions

2020:
- award 37 grants totalling $729,650
- assist more than 17,000 victims of contemporary forms of slavery
- reach 30 countries in all world regions

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The 2022 Call for Applications is OPEN from 15 January to 1 March 2021.

With the Fund’s support, Maison de la Gare annually assists approximately 150 talibés, or Koranic students who are victims of child trafficking for forced labour and begging. More than 100,000 talibé children are believed to be begging on the streets of Senegal. More