



### **UNVFVT Circular n° 1/2016: Call for 2017 Applications**

The Secretariat of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT) is pleased to announce that the Fund will accept requests for funding from **15 January to 1 March 2016**, for grants that will be used between 1 January and 31 December 2017. **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 torture and their family members. Such assistance may be in the form of medical, psychological, legal or social assistance. Applications from all regions will be accepted. All applications must be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

Applications should be submitted through the on-line grants management system which is available from the webpage of the Fund:

<https://grants.ohchr.org/Default.aspx>

Please log in into the on-line grants management system and enter into the 44<sup>th</sup> Session.

A user's manual about the on-line grants management system is also available to assist organizations when submitting their application through the system:

<https://grants.ohchr.org/Default.aspx>

In order to report technical problems or request additional assistance while completing the application, applicants should address the Secretariat by e-mail to the following address of the Fund:

[grantstechsupport@ohchr.org](mailto:grantstechsupport@ohchr.org)

Applicants are advised to secure sufficient time to fill the application prior to the expiration of the deadline.

#### **Attention is being drawn to the following:**

Only applications which strictly comply with the Guidelines of the Fund will be considered. Before submitting an application, applicants are therefore invited to read the Guidelines, which are available on the webpage of the Fund:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Torture/UNVFT/Pages/Apply.aspx>

Project proposals will be reviewed in a competitive manner taking into account the merit of the proposal, the needs and the number of years of continuous support received from the Fund.

#### **Priorities:**

**For 2017, special attention will be given to projects focusing on (a) early identification of victims of torture and their access to medical, legal, social, psychological services; (b) innovative strategic litigation initiatives; (c) victims of torture in territories controlled by non-State actors; (d) rehabilitation for women and children who are victims of torture; and (e) initiatives operating in contexts of restricted civil society space.**

Moreover, for the 2017 call for applications, special attention will be placed on the following countries: countries in the **Middle East and North Africa**; countries that are members of the **Group of Latin American and Caribbean States** (in particular Brazil); and **Central Asia**.

**For organizations that have projects funded by UNVFVT in 2015**

- Reports on the use of 2015 grants are to be submitted through the online grants system of the Fund between **15 January and 1 March 2016**.
- **A new request for funding from an organization that has overdue reports will not be considered.**

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