



## **UNVFVT Circular n° 1/2018: Call for 2019 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 2018**, for 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 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 should be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

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/Torture/UNVFT/Pages/Apply.aspx>).

Applications will be reviewed in a competitive manner taking into account the merit of the proposal, the needs it addresses, if applicable, and the number of years of continuous support received from the Fund.

Kindly note that, as a general rule, projects for direct assistance to victims shall be supported on a yearly basis for a maximum of ten consecutive years, subject to a satisfactory evaluation of the project and availability of funds. In the following 3 years, no application will be accepted from the Organisation in relation to a project in the same country of implementation.

### **How to apply?**

Applications should be submitted through the on-line [grants management system](#) (GMS) (please follow this link <https://grants.ohchr.org/Default.aspx>).

After logging in GMS, enter into the 48<sup>th</sup> Session.

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

To report technical problems or request additional assistance while completing the application, applicants should address the Secretariat by email: [unvfvt@ohchr.org](mailto:unvfvt@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.

### **Priorities:**

For 2019, priority will be given to applications for projects to be implemented in the Middle East, North Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central Asia and the Pacific.

### **For organizations that have projects funded by UNVFVT in 2017:**

- Reports on the use of 2017 grants should be submitted through the online grants management system of the Fund 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 on the use of all previous grants (including emergency grants), will not be eligible to apply to the Fund in the next three years.

*The Secretariat of the Fund*  
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