Reaching the most vulnerable

Grantees of the Fund are providing transformative services in locations few donors reach. They address various kinds of slavery frequently unaddressed: forced and bonded labor; domestic servitude; traditional slavery; sexual slavery, and trafficking for the purpose of sexual or labor exploitation; sale of children, commercial sexual exploitation of children and the use of children in armed conflict; early and forced marriage; and the worst forms of child labor.

Empowering the most effective organizations

The Fund awards grants to civil society organizations providing direct assistance to slavery survivors. The Fund’s financial support often serves as seed funding for grassroots and victims’ associations.

The Fund is managed by the United Nations Human Rights Office, advised by a Board of Trustees and has field presences monitoring projects on the ground. It also leverages other UN mechanisms combatting slavery.

A small contribution can make a difference

The Fund ensures that donations are put to effective use. Just 75 USD can provide a slavery survivor with holistic support for one year, facilitating recovery, economic empowerment and social inclusion.

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Every year, the Fund must turn down dozens of applications for lack of available financial resources. Because of a 1 million USD shortfall in donations, the Fund was unable to support projects that would have assisted 20,000 more slavery survivors in 2022.

How our grantees work

Aryyjan Karakol (Kyrgyzstan) is a crisis center run by women, for women. With support from the Fund, it is expanding operations to assist more than 1,000 victims of domestic servitude, bride kidnapping and forced marriage with vocational skills training and holistic care.

Centre Kekeli (Togo) runs a shelter with the support of the Fund, where it provides holistic assistance to 60 child victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation, forced labor, and forced and early marriage.

Centro de Defensa de la Vida y Los Derechos Humanos Carmen Bascarán (Brazil) combats slavery in all its forms, including child labor and human trafficking. With the grant of the Fund, it provides social, legal and humanitarian assistance to 600 survivors of forced labor in the agriculture sector, including refugees from indigenous groups.

Different & Equal (Albania) runs a shelter for victims of human trafficking. With support from the Fund, it reintegrates survivors of forced labor, forced marriage and sexual exploitation via of medical, legal, psychological, social, educational, and vocational services to 80 survivors, including 46 children.

FairWork (Netherlands) combats human trafficking and forced labor. With support from the Fund, it provides legal and social assistance to 100 victims of forced labor and trafficking for the purpose of labor exploitation in the agriculture sector.

Special Call for the Sahel region

In 2022, the Fund launched a Special Call for the Sahel region (Mauritania, Niger, Mali, Chad and Burkina Faso) to build the capacity of grassroots organizations addressing the often overlooked needs of survivors of traditional/decent based slavery.