



## **United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (UNVFCFS)** **Circular n° 1/2022: Call for 2023 Applications**

The Secretariat of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (UNVFCFS) is pleased to announce that the Fund will accept requests for funding from **15 January to 1 March 2022**, for regular grants that will be used between **1 January and 31 December 2023**.

**Applications will be received and reviewed on a rolling basis until 1 March 2022. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.**

Grants may only be awarded to organizations for projects that provide **direct assistance** to victims of contemporary forms of slavery and their family members. Such assistance may be in the form of medical, psychological, legal, social, humanitarian, educational assistance, vocational or skills training or other support to their independent livelihood. Applications from all regions will be accepted. All applications should be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

Only applications that strictly comply with the [Guidelines](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Slavery/UNVTCFS/GuidelinesSlavery_en.pdf) of the Fund will be considered. Please refer to the Guidelines when drafting and before submitting the application (available here: [https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Slavery/UNVTCFS/GuidelinesSlavery\\_en.pdf](https://www.ohchr.org/Documents/Issues/Slavery/UNVTCFS/GuidelinesSlavery_en.pdf)).

Organizations can request yearly grants ranging from US\$ 15 000 to US\$ 35,000. Grants awarded by the Fund may be lower than the amount requested by organizations. The amount requested from the Fund should generally not exceed two thirds of the submitted budget of the project. As a rule, no project should be totally dependent on the Fund. Exceptionally, the Board may recommend financing projects which do not attain one-third of their total budget in matching funds.

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis, taking into account the merit of the application, geographic distribution of resources, the needs addressed and satisfactory compliance with the Fund's Guidelines. The awarding of grants is subject to the availability of funds.

Projects for direct assistance to victims shall be supported on a yearly basis for a maximum of five years, subject to a satisfactory evaluation of the project and availability of funds. After that, in the following year, no application will be accepted from the organization in relation to a project in the same country of implementation. After a time lapse of one year, the same organization may re-apply to the Fund.

### **How to apply?**

Applications should be submitted through the [on-line grants management system \(GMS\)](https://unvfcfs-grants.ohchr.org/default.aspx). Please follow this link: <https://unvfcfs-grants.ohchr.org/default.aspx>. After logging into the GMS, enter into the 27<sup>th</sup> Session.

We encourage applicants to refer to the [user's manual](https://unvfcfs-grants.ohchr.org/UserManual/UNVTCFS_user_manual_EN.pdf) available on the GMS main page to assist organizations in submitting their application through the system (available here: [https://unvfcfs-grants.ohchr.org/UserManual/UNVTCFS\\_user\\_manual\\_EN.pdf](https://unvfcfs-grants.ohchr.org/UserManual/UNVTCFS_user_manual_EN.pdf)).

Applicants are strongly encouraged to secure sufficient time to complete the application prior to the expiration of the deadline. In particular, organizations wishing to apply to the Fund **for the first time** must submit a request to register through the online grants management system (GMS) (during business days only) before they can submit an online application. First-time applicants will receive an automatic

notification by e-mail of the approval of their registration, as well as the link (valid for a limited time) that allows them to create a password to access the online account. To report technical problems or request additional assistance while completing the application, organizations should address the Secretariat by email: [philippe.liondjo@un.org](mailto:philippe.liondjo@un.org)

**New requirement:**

- Organizations that have not yet done so, must register in the [United Nations Partner Portal \(https://www.unpartnerportal.org/registration\)](https://www.unpartnerportal.org/registration), which is a pre-requisite to enter into agreements with the United Nations.

**For organizations that have projects funded by the UNVFCFS in 2021:**

- Financial and narrative reports on the use of 2021 grants should be submitted through the on-line grants system between **15 January and 1 March 2022**.
- **Project applications from an organization that has overdue reports will not be considered.** An organization that has failed to submit, by the set deadline, satisfactory financial and narrative reports (and audit report where applicable) on the use of all previous grants, will not be eligible to apply for a 2023 grant.

*The Secretariat of the Fund  
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