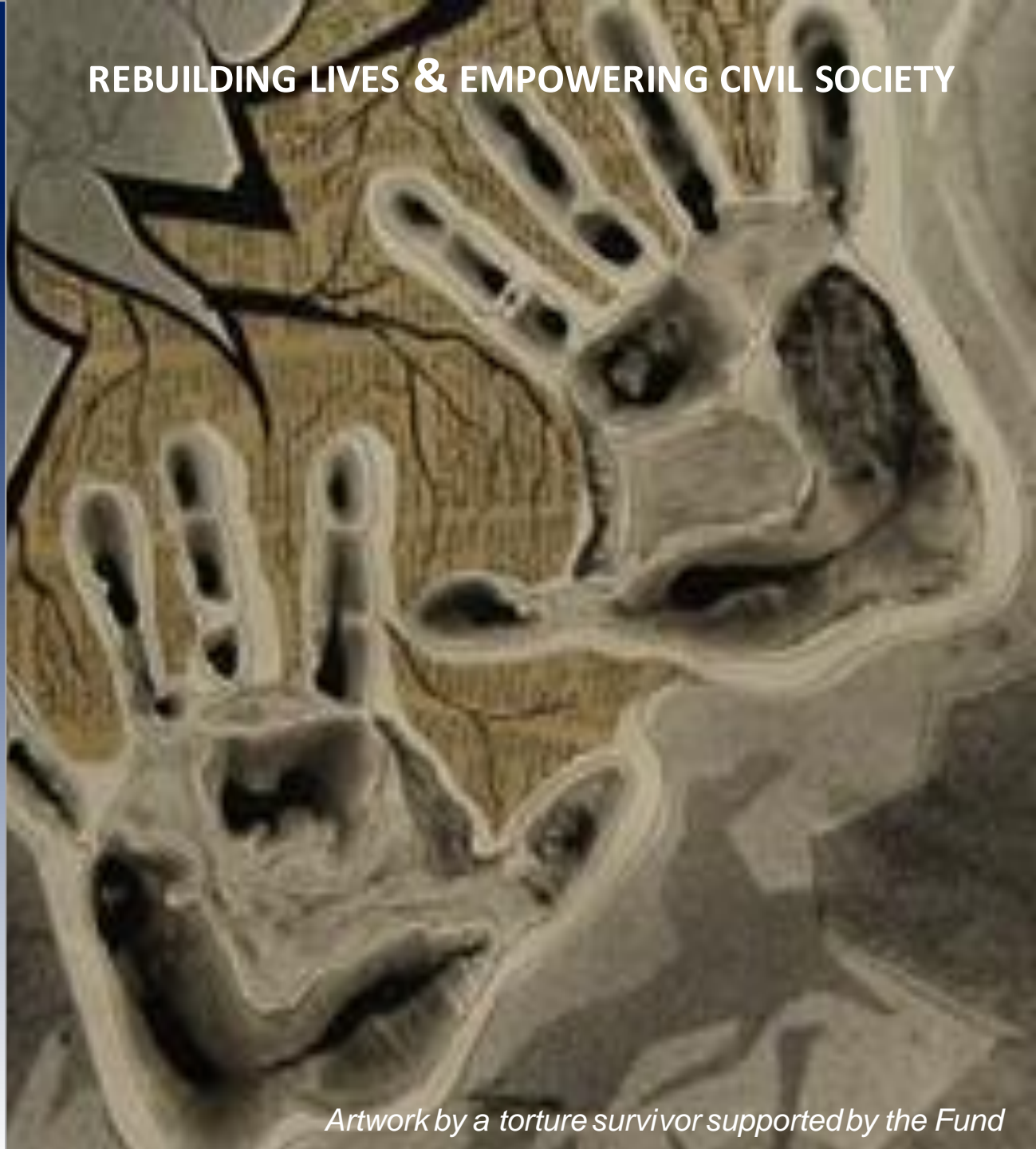


UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE 2020

REBUILDING LIVES & EMPOWERING CIVIL SOCIETY



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HUMAN RIGHTS
OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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THE UNITED NATIONS TORTURE FUND

- Established in 1981 by General Assembly resolution 36/151
- Has a global outreach (present in 78 countries in 2020)
- Provides direct assistance to victims of torture and their families
- Assistance can take the form of humanitarian, medical, psychological, legal and social aid
- Funds projects implemented by civil society actors, including non-governmental organizations, rehabilitation centres, victims' associations, private and public hospitals, public interest law firms and legal clinics
- Awards yearly grants of an average of USD 45,000, on a competitive basis (a call for applications is open from 15 January until 1st of March each year)
- Supports emergency grants in human rights and humanitarian crisis requiring immediate response



Securing redress through legal assistance

Justice Centre Hong Kong, China

VICTIMS OF TORTURE INCLUDE

Human rights
defenders

Prisoners of
conscience

Detainees

Ex-detainees

Undocumented
migrants

Internally
displaced
persons

Victims of
sexual violence
in conflict

Minors

Asylum seekers

Refugees

Journalists

Victims of
enforced
disappearance

Persons with
disabilities

Minorities

Indigenous
peoples

LGBTI persons

Empowering women survivors through group counselling



MISSION STATEMENT

- Promotes a victim-centred approach
- Has an impartial, universal mandate
- Is not a substitute for the obligation of States under international law to support victims of torture
- Responds to new and emergency situations wherever they occur
- Forms partnerships with both grass-roots initiatives and well-established rehabilitation centres
- Coordinates with other United Nations anti-torture mechanisms
- Enables the exchange of knowledge in the field of rehabilitation and redress for survivors of torture

Assisting torture survivors to relieve
their suffering and rebuild their lives



Transcultural Psychosocial Organization, Cambodia

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

- The Fund is subject to United Nations Rules and Regulations
- It is managed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General
- Acts on the advice of a Board of Trustees composed of five independent experts, representing the five geographical regions
- The United Nations Secretary-General reports annually on the Fund to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly

Rebuilding lives through
alternative therapies

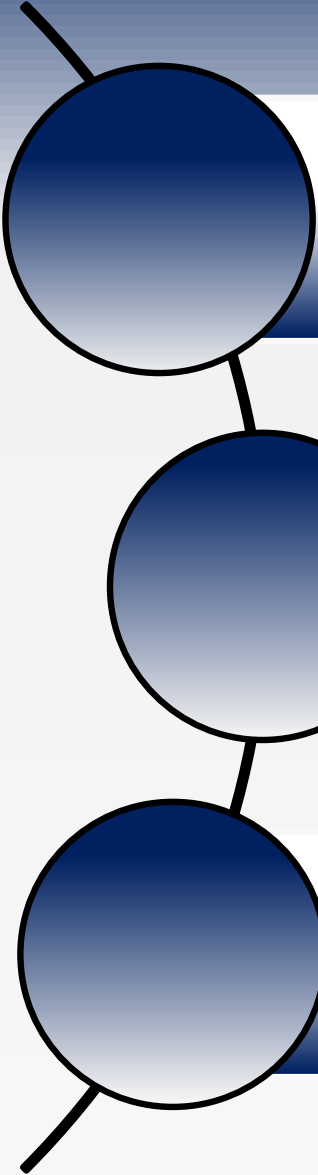


Room to Heal, United Kingdom

ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE FUND

- The Fund's Secretariat applies a right-based approach and thorough monitoring and evaluation methodology to ensure accountability in the use of grants
- As a rule, first-time applicants are visited in order to verify the admissibility and feasibility of the project
- Grantees are required to provide yearly narrative and financial reports on the use of the grants and some projects are selected for audits

WHAT THE FUND WILL DO IN 2020



For 2020, 171 grants awarded under the Fund's annual cycle: 164 for direct assistance (US\$ 7,059,500) and 7 for capacity building (US\$ 244,350)

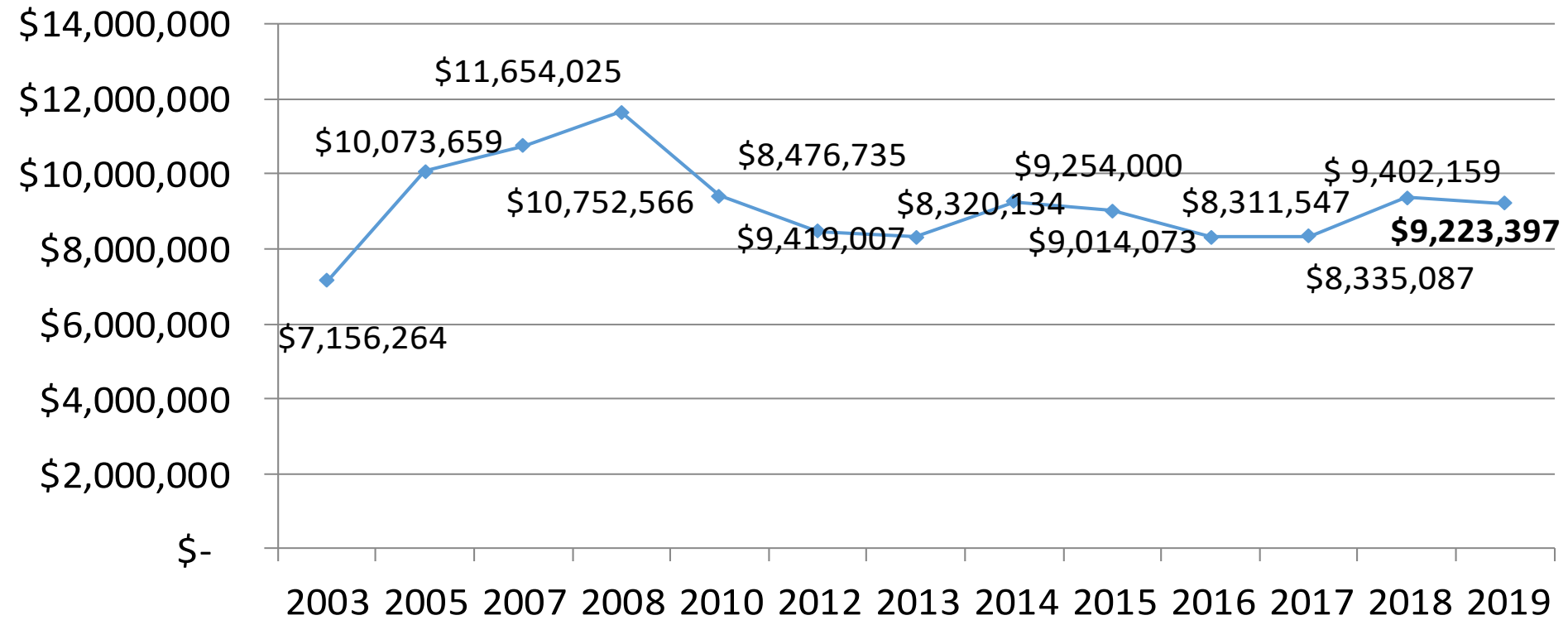
Approximately 40,000 victims of torture and their families will be assisted in 78 countries in all regions of the world

In 2020, an additional amount of US\$ 400,000 has been allocated for emergency projects assisting victims of torture in humanitarian and human rights crises

YEARLY INCOME (IN USD)

2003 - 2019

Voluntary contributions received by the Fund



Restoring human dignity through
trauma counselling



The Center for Victims of Torture (CVT), Jordan

APPEAL FOR FUNDING

- Despite its absolute prohibition under international law, the use of torture is widespread worldwide and survivors require redress and rehabilitation services
- The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture requires a minimum of **US\$ 11,5 million** in voluntary contributions per year to fulfil its mandate
- Like all United Nations Trust Funds, the Torture Fund can only receive earmarked contributions
- ANY DONATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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