



Boosting capacity, increasing presence to deliver reparative value to victims

The Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) at the International Criminal Court (ICC) is reaching more victims than ever before. Under its assistance mandate, the total number of direct and indirect beneficiaries of TFV supported programmes has risen to over 300,000.

Earlier this month, the Board of Directors approved the expansion of assistance programmes from the current two situations, northern Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), to four more situations: Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Central African Republic and Mali. Rigorous assessment processes are expected to result in the first two programmatic recommendations, for the Kenya and Cote d'Ivoire situations, to be reviewed and approved by the TFV Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting in the Spring of 2017.

The Court-ordered reparations process is gathering speed and substance. Three cases are now in different phases of reparations proceedings: *Lubanga* and *Katanga* in the DRC situation, and *Bemba* in the Central African Republic situation. A fourth case, *Al Mahdi* in the Mali situation, is on the horizon, expected to move into the reparations phase following a judgement in September. In view of its mandate to implement Court-ordered reparations, the TFV is fully engaged on its partnership with the Court to design and deliver – and if necessary, co-fund - appropriate reparations to eligible victims, in recognition of the type and scope of harm that they continue to suffer from the convicted crimes, which is often also affecting their standing and reintegration within their families and communities.

The new Board of Directors puts great value to the impact and visibility of the TFV's programmes, as well as to the ability of the TFV to respond to the harm suffered by victims in all relevant situations – resources, capacity and security permitting. Priorities are expanding the footprint of the TFV assistance mandate to as many as possible ICC situations and delivering on reparations to victims in ICC cases, in such a way as to demonstrate the feasibility and meaningfulness of the Rome Statute's unprecedented promise of reparative justice. These priorities require a clear vision, a strong organisational capacity - and sufficient resources.

Having decided on a new structure of the TFV in 2015, the Board is seeking the support of States Parties to have this structure fully operational in 2017. Putting forward its concrete vision for new assistance programmes and appropriate collective reparations awards, the TFV is seeking the support of a wide range of donors – States, organisations, individuals – to underwrite these ambitions coming into fruition for the benefit of victims, their families and their communities.

TFV BY NUMBERS	
70,667 direct beneficiaries from DRC & Uganda projects in 2016	230,641 indirect beneficiaries from DRC & Uganda projects in 2016
31 total implementing partners in DRC and Uganda 2008-2016	34 donor countries from 2004 - to date
€5.5 million earmarked to SGBV projects since 2008	
€5 million reserved for reparations	€1 million reserved for Lubanga reparations order
€12,7 million available resources as of March 2016, and out of this around €725,000 not yet obligated to programmes	

A.Sarah, 32 years old, was abducted by the rebels at Barlonyo internally displaced people's camp, in northern Uganda. She lived in the bush for one year where she was raped, tortured, beaten, and being pierced with sharp objects, leaving her with general body pains. One of the rebel commanders made her his wife. One time he beat her and kicked her several time in the abdomen, left her legs paralysed and pain on the right pelvis. She has lived with this condition for the past 12 years. She went to several hospitals but all treatments were not successful. A.Sarah has received a corrective surgery at the Ayira Health Services, one of TFV implementing partners in northern Uganda since 2015.

“I am very happy that i have been relieved from the abdomen pain and above all i can now plan for my future because I am healed. My husband neglected me but I am now better again. Thank God and thanks for Trust Fund for Victims!”

Victim survivors need your support!

Trust Fund for Victims continues to be immensely grateful of your vital contributions, which allow the TFV to provide physical and psychological rehabilitations including material support to victim survivors, their families, and affected communities. Since January 2016, TFV has received contributions from 8 States Parties with the total amount of €433,500 and €1,151.92 from individuals and institutions.

Andorra continued its support this year €10,000, Australia also continued its support for unrestricted donations with €199,658.54 which was almost double from 2014; United Kingdom and Switzerland returned to contribute to the TFV in 2016 with €78,918 and €50,000 respectively. Luxembourg increased its contribution this year to €55,000; Estonia continued its support with €20,000, Czech Republic also returned this year with €10,999. Finally, Liechtenstein contributed \$10,000 (or €9,137 with UN exchange rate 0.904 on 30 June 2016).

As we devote to make a difference and help survivors of the gravest human rights crimes, we ask that you consider supporting us again this year. Funds will be used to enhance our existing assistance programmes in DRC and Uganda, and expand to other 3 situation countries next year. It will also be used related to procedures and the implementation of reparations awards which might rise from one to four in 2017. TFV relies on support of generous donors such as you!

€250 (US\$ 300) will provide one victim survivor with medical support such as reconstructive surgery, prosthetic limbs, and fistula repair.

€25 (US\$30) will provide an integrated programme of psychological rehabilitation and livelihood development to one survivor. This include trauma counselling, music, drama groups, community sensitization, vocational training and income generation activities among others.

TFV is also at the forefront of the global movement to end impunity for **sexual violence and gender-based crimes** by addressing stigma, discrimination and reconciliation in families and communities, and access to basic health services.

TFV wishes to reiterate its call for earmarked contributions to strengthen SGBV programmes and the TFV reparations reserve.

Table 1. List of contributions January–September 2016

Donor	Amount in thousands of EUR	Received in 2016
Andorra	10.0	September
Australia	199.6	July
Czech	10.9	January
Estonia	20.0	July
Liechtenstein	9.1	July
Luxembourg	55.0	January and August
Switzerland	50.0	January
United Kingdom	78.9	March

Total contributions from States Parties: €433,500
Total contributions from individuals/institutions: €1,152



Angelina Jolie visits Trust Fund for Victims

“There can be no complete justice without consideration for the victims of the war crimes themselves, and the practical assistance they need to move on with their lives and overcome the harm they have suffered. That is why the work of the Trust Fund is important and must be supported and strengthened over time”, Angelina Jolie

During her visit on 20 April 2016, Ms. Jolie talked with the Trust Fund staff about the difficulties faced by survivors and about the impact that the Trust Fund’s assistance makes in allowing survivors to regain their dignity and rebuild their lives within their communities. Ms. Jolie also discussed with the Board and staff of the Trust Fund the importance of practical assistance to victim survivors of SGBV, and the special vulnerability of girls and women as key steps toward ending impunity for perpetrators and establishing durable peace and reconciliation in conflict settings.

Picture: Mr. Pieter de Baan, TFV Executive Director received Ms. Jolie in front of the International Criminal Court building

Assistance Mandate



Trust Fund for Victims supports victims of crimes under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court through physical rehabilitation, psychological rehabilitation and material support at both individual and community levels. A victim-centred approach combined with an integrated community-based approach remains two guiding strategies for our implementing partners including on earmarked activities such as support for SGBV or former child soldiers.

Since 2008, the TFV has significantly contributed to the process of rebuilding the lives of victims and their families in both the DRC and northern Uganda. Its programming approaches have deepened and moved beyond immediate rehabilitation assistance to transforming lives and creating a sense of justice and recognition for victims. This evolution involved the TFV's implementing partners and beneficiaries to ensure that projects were designed in a participatory manner and reflected both the local context and the emerging needs of victims.

A group-oriented approach is effective therapeutically as the community is best placed to assess the rehabilitation measures required. Therefore community dialogue and reconciliation activities are important in providing support to victim survivors. A large part of the TFV's projects have gender-based violence as a major component, creating opportunities for victims of sexual violence to speak

out and denounce these crimes in order to break the silence and dispel taboos. Accompanying assistance and rehabilitation support provides them with the right to regain their dignity.

In northern Uganda, the TFV continued with a substantively refreshed programme. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a new generation of assistance projects is in development for launch in early 2017, further to a comprehensive international competitive bidding procedure.

In September, Board of Directors reiterated its pro-active support to the expansion of assistance mandate programmes from Uganda and DRC to four other additional ICC situations (Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Central African Republic and Mali) when resources, capacity and security permitting. For this activity the Board agreed on an initial budget reserve of €600,000.

Northern Uganda



Picture: Representative of TFV and partner organisations attending the annual and project launch workshop held in Lira in 2015

Through an international competitive bidding procedure, TFV has selected 6 new partner organisations. These partners received three-year contracts started in June 2015 to deliver integrated physical and psychological rehabilitation services to victims in Northern Uganda.

The new partners provide the following rehabilitative services: medical services for victim survivors of sexual violence; trauma counselling and psychological support; reconstructive plastic surgery to rehabilitate facial, head, and burn injuries; orthopaedic surgical services; fitting and repair of prosthetic and orthotic devices; physiotherapy; corrective surgery to remove foreign objects (bullets and/or shrapnel); post-burn contracture surgery; community mobilization initiatives; and referrals for post-operative care and follow-up.

TFV also identified innovative projects which will support the reconciliation and healing at the community level through sensitization and awareness raising campaigns to reduce the added stigma and discrimination that victims often endure. Five of the six new projects receive funding earmarked for activities that address the harm suffered by survivor of sexual and gender-based violence.

Democratic Republic of Congo

In 2016, the TFV has five active projects in DRC through five implementing partners. Several projects have not been extended in 2015 in view of the TFV's intent to regenerate the DRC project portfolio in 2016-2017. This process allows TFV to identify new partners for the provision of physical and psychological rehabilitation and material support services in the DRC.

Based on the approval received by the Chamber in 2008, the TFV can implement a maximum of 16 projects in the DRC. The final number of projects will be known upon finalization of the tender procedure, depending on the quality and relevance of the proposals submitted and on whether prospective partners meet the TFV's eligibility on registration, competence and experience. Pending the completions of the tender procedure and to ensure continuation in the delivery of services to victims, the five current projects have been extended from 1 September 2016 until end February 2017. The new projects selected through the open tender are expected to start during the 1st quarter of 2017.

Reparations Mandate

Reparations proceedings are most advanced in Lubanga. However, the TFV is not yet engaged in the actual implementation of awards, pending resolution of the victim identification and harm assessment procedure. In September, the TFV submitted, on request of the Chamber, a project framework for the implementation of symbolic reparations, which do not require victim identification. In Katanga and Bemba, the TFV is in the process of submitting filings in the judicial procedure leading up to the respective reparations orders.

Sharon Stone visits the International Criminal Court

Sharon Stone visited The Hague in the occasion of inaugural Peace, Justice and Security gala on 5 September 2016. During her meeting with TFV, she spoke about the importance of assisting victims of conflict and Trust Fund's work in the field. She offered her support and assistance in developing our positions and strategies in relation to our programmes.

Picture: Pieter de Baan, TFV Executive Director received Sharon Stone for the meeting at the ICC building on 6 September 2016.



14th Annual Board of Directors

The fourteenth session of Assembly of States Parties in November 2015 elected four members for a new mandate period of three years, effective 1 December 2015. The fifth and final Board member was elected by the Bureau on April 1, 2016.

The new Board held its first annual meeting in The Hague during 18-21 April 2016, with four members of the Board participating and one member being unable to participate in person due to personal reasons. Mr. Motoo Noguchi, the incumbent Chair, was re-elected as Chair for the new mandate period 2015 - 2018.

During the meeting, the Board decided on programme allocations from voluntary contributions, encouraged expansion of assistance mandate to other situation countries, to increase efforts to further raise the profile of the Trust Fund for Victims and to invest in fundraising with both public and private donors.

TFV Board of Directors 2015-2018:

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