



7th TFV Board of Directors (2021-2024)
List of Decisions taken from January to December 2024
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1. Meetings

The TFV Board of Directors held seven meetings in 2024:

- 1 February 2024
- 21 March 2024
- 19 – 21 June 2024, in-person in The Hague
- 25 July 2024
- 4 September 2024
- 28 – 29 November 2024, in-person in The Hague
- 18 December 2024

Based on Regulation 18 of the Regulations of the Trust Fund for Victims, the Secretariat shall provide periodic reports to the Board of Directors on its activities. In the inter-meeting periods, the Board of Directors has also made decisions via email exchange or through silence procedures.

2. The Plight of Victims and the Legitimacy of the ICC

At its June 2024 meeting, the Board of Directors considered the status of victims in all situations, and through its statement on 15 July 2024, conducted a review of the plight of victims in nine situations where the TFV is not yet active: the situation in Afghanistan, Bangladesh/Myanmar, Burundi, Darfur (Sudan), Libya, State of Palestine, Republic of the Philippines, Venezuela and Ukraine.

The Board of Directors reiterated its commitment to align efforts and enhance collaboration on victim support mechanisms within the Rome Statute system including with States Parties, all organs of the Court and civil society organisations.

3. Resource mobilisation

During 2024 the Board continued to strengthen the funds mobilisation efforts of the TFV for the benefit of victims, through different activities in The Hague and in the country offices as well as in their respective capitals.

In June 2024, the Board issued an urgent funding appeal for €5 million to start the implementation of the reparation programme in the Ongwen case¹.

In August 2024, the Board issued a call for voluntary contributions to States Parties² to mobilise the necessary financial resources the TFV needs for the implementation of reparations and assistance programmes in 2025.

¹ <https://www.trustfundforvictims.org/en/news/icc-trust-fund-victims-issues-its-first-urgent-funding-appeal-eur-5-million-launch-reparation>.

² https://asp.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/asp_docs/ICC-ASP-23-4-ENG.pdf, Annex I.

At its meeting on 4 September 2024, the Board of Directors approved the outline of the Draft Fundraising Strategy and requested the Secretariat to finalise the document based on input from the consultations of the Proposed Programme Budget of 2025 for TFV Secretariat.

On 11 October 2024, the Committee Budget and Finance recommended the STFV to develop a strategic and transparent fundraising policy, engaging potential stakeholders to ensure the sustainability of funding for reparations. Based on this, the TFV engaged with the President of the Assembly of States Parties to discuss the consultation process with States Parties.

In line with the recommendations of the External Auditor³ and the Committee on Budget and Finance⁴, the TFV submitted a proposal, requesting the Bureau of the Assembly to facilitate consultations in 2025 on the TFV Fundraising Strategy with a view of ensuring transparency and involvement of relevant stakeholders and the sustainability of funding for reparations. The proposal was adopted by the ASP at its 23rd session⁵ in December 2024. In addition, the Assembly approved three new posts for 2025, which constitute a fund mobilisation team within the TFV Secretariat.

4. Programme Investment – fund allocation

The Board of Directors is responsible for the allocation of resources received from voluntary contributions to different TFV reparations and assistance programmes.

Following the Board meeting on 1 February 2024, the Board approved by silent procedure on 27 March 2024 several fund allocations for Court-ordered reparations and assistance programmes for the benefit of victims.

The Board approved the proposal from the Secretariat to prioritise the available resources for ongoing reparation programmes, in the *Al Mahdi* and *Lubanga* cases, and a controlled but decisive reduction in activities for assistance programmes scheduled to end in 2024 and 2025.

Reparations Programmes investment

4.1. General Reparations Basket Fund

On 27 March 2024, the Board decided to allocate €200,000 from unrestricted contributions to the General Reparations Basket Fund. This is to ensure replenishment of the Reparations Basket Fund, which is used to cover costs of reparation programmes other than those dedicated directly to victims.

4.2. The Katanga Reparations Programme

On 27 March 2024, the Board noted that the *Katanga* reparation programme had been completed in October 2023 and the TFV used the regular budget of the Secretariat for the organisation of the closing ceremony in the DRC together with victims of the case, held in April 2024.

4.3. The Lubanga Reparations Programme

On 27 March 2024,

- The Board decided to allocate US\$ 1,101,000 from available resources for the 4th year *Lubanga* collective reparation programme.
- The Board noted that the projected value of contract for the *Lubanga* collective reparations programme in 2024 is at US\$ 1,600,000.

At its June 2024 meeting, the Board took note of the forthcoming signature of the contribution from Spain in 2024, with a total amount of €1 million, earmarked to *Lubanga* reparations programme.

³ Final audit report on the financial statements of the Trust Fund for Victims for the year ended 31 December 2023, paras. 31, 36 and 37, appended to Financial statements of the Trust Fund for Victims for the year ended 31 December 2023, ICC-ASP/23/13.

⁴ Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the work of its forty-fifth session, ICC-ASP/23/25, para. 197.

⁵ Strengthening the International Criminal Court and the Assembly of States Parties, Resolution ICC-ASP/23/Res.1, Annex I, para. 11(g), page 23.

4.4. The Ntaganda Reparations Programme

On 27 March 2024,

- The Board took note of the Trial Chamber decision of August 2023 to approve the Implementation Plan proposed by the TFV in the *Ntaganda* case and noted the ongoing work of the Secretariat in the review of proposals for the selection of implementing partners.
- The Board recalled that it previously allocated €1,5 million and that in 2022 the TFV received a contribution of €189,013, earmarked to the *Ntaganda* reparations programme from Australia.
- The Board noted that US\$ 499,219 have been obligated in 2022 and 2023 towards the Initial Draft Implementation Plan for *Ntaganda* victims which is currently under implementation.
- The Board announced the expected start of the *Ntaganda* reparations programme in the second half of 2024 using the funds from prior allocations while continuing its resource mobilisation efforts.

4.5. The Al Mahdi Reparations Programme

On 27 March 2024,

- The Board recalled the total contributions received from numerous donors for the *Al Mahdi* reparations programme is at €1,727,020, and in 2018 the Board allocated €800,000 from unrestricted contributions to the programme.
- The Board noted in 2024 the *Al Mahdi* reparations programme has a value of approximately €1 million. The Board welcomed once again the support of Canada in 2024 through a multi-year grant for TFV activities in Mali.
- The Board decided to allocate approximately €500,000 from its available resources to fully complement the reparations order for the direct and indirect costs required to complete the *Al Mahdi* Reparations Programme in 2025.

Assistance Programme

On the programmes of assistance to victims, on 27 March 2024, the Board of Directors approved the following fund allocations to continue the activities in 2024:

4.6. Central African Republic (CAR):

- The Board decided for a total programme value of €810,000 for CAR in 2024.
- The Board approved the allocation of €500,000 from available resources.
- In addition, the Board welcomed the contributions from Finland and Andorra, earmarked to SBGV activities in CAR for a total of €310,000.

4.7. Côte d'Ivoire (CIV):

- On 27 March 2024, the Board decided to continue the finalisation of the programme in CIV by November 2024 with prior allocated funds. The Board took note that EUR 131,567 remained unused from prior allocated funds.
- In June 2024, the Board approved the extension of the CIV programme until June 2025 and the use of EUR 75,000 from prior allocated funds to secure inclusion of the victims pending to be enrolled and to finalise activities.

4.8. Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC):

- On 27 March 2024, the Board approved an allocation of US\$ 700,000 from available resources for the last year of the current programme cycle in the DRC.
- The Board set to conduct strategic review of the programme in light of the ongoing reparation programmes in the DRC and current and future assistance programmes in other situations.

4.9. Georgia:

- On 27 March 2024, the Board noted the continuation of the Georgia programme for a contractual value in 2024 at €200,000, which is funded from available earmarked contributions to Georgia and from prior allocations.

4.10. Kenya:

- On 27 March 2024, the Board noted the continuation in 2024 of the Kenya programme for its final year, with a contractual value of €150,000, funded from prior Board allocations.

4.11. Mali:

- On 27 March 2024, the Board noted that the Mali assistance programme has a programme value of €350,000 in 2024 using earmarked contributions received from Canada.

4.12. Uganda:

- On 27 March 2024, the Board welcomed the contributions received in 2023 from Ireland and The Netherlands earmarked to the Uganda assistance programme and to support the *Ongwen* consultations, which are available for use until November 2024.
- It also approved adding €200,000 to the total programme value in 2024 to complete the months in the annual period that were not funded by The Netherlands or Ireland.
- The Board also decided to extend the Uganda assistance with 12 additional months to its 6th year starting from April 2024 to March 2025.

New Programmes

4.13. New Programmes:

- On 27 March 2024, for possible programmes in new situations, the Board noted the available funds of €104,450, earmarked contributions received from Malta (€20,000) and New Zealand (€84,450) in 2023.
- The Board took note of additional funds received in 2024: €150,000 from Latvia and €750,000 from Spain, earmarked for consultations and new programme in Ukraine; €250,000 from Spain earmarked for the other 8 situations.

5. Eligibility decisions taken by the Board of Directors

From January to December 2024, the Board of Directors through the Board focal point Mr Ibrahim Sorie Yillah approved the eligibility of 119 victims in the Al Mahdi case⁶.

6. Katanga Reparations Programme

At its meeting on 1 February 2024, the Board of Directors further discussed the planning of the Katanga Closing Ceremony and the ASP-ICC-TFV joint visit to Kinshasa and Bunia in February 2024. Due to security reason, the visit was postponed until April 2024.

At the Board meeting in June 2024, the Board Vice Chair, Mr Ibrahim Sorie Yillah, briefed the Board and Secretariat of the outcomes of the Katanga closing ceremony. More than 200 of the 297 beneficiaries were present. Victims spoke at the ceremony and a theatre piece was produced that featured centrally the Rome Statute's meaning for the community of Bogoro. The victims in the Katanga case symbolically accepted the reparations by transferring cows in clay to the TFV, a former Judge, representatives of the main donor States and of the Assembly of States Parties. They thanked the Legal Representatives for their support and accompaniment throughout the judicial proceedings and the reparation phase. The victims requested a symbolic monument to commemorate the Bogoro attack. With the financial support of the Embassy of Germany in Kinshasa, the construction of the monument was completed in December 2024. These activities fell outside of the scope of the reparations order.

On 2 December 2024, the TFV submitted the final report as well as the independent evaluation report on the implementation of the Katanga reparations programme to ICC Trial Chamber II. On the margins of the 23rd session of the ASP in December 2024, a side-event was organised by the TFV with a panel composed of ICC judges and relevant stakeholders, to discuss the outcomes of the evaluation and the impact of the Katanga reparations programme.

⁶ In relation to the cases of Ntaganda and Ongwen, the Registry's Victims Participation and Reparations Section was assigned by the Chamber respectively in 2023 and 2024 the task of identifying potentially eligible victims and determining their eligibility.

On 30 January 2025, Trial Chamber II issued its Decision on the conclusion of the reparations proceedings, welcoming the TFV's report, recognising its work under often challenging conditions, and concluding the reparations proceedings in the case.

7. The Ongwen case: Draft Implementation Plan for reparations

On 28 February 2024, the Trial Chamber IX issued a Reparations Order in the Ongwen case. The financial liability for Mr Ongwen was set at €52,429,000.

Between May and July 2024, the TFV conducted stakeholder consultations including with over 2,700 potential beneficiaries of reparations in five locations in northern Uganda, relevant to the crimes for which Mr Ongwen was convicted. The consultations were used as core input for the preparation of the draft implementation plan for reparations, which was approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to Trial Chamber IX on 3 September 2024. Based on the outcomes of these consultations, the Board of Directors issued an urgent funding appeal of €5 million to start the Ongwen reparations programme.

8. New Programmes

At the June Board meeting, the Secretariat presented a strategy for starting initial consultations in new situations (where the TFV is not yet active) that may lead to TFV initiating new programmes for the benefit of victims. The Board of Directors decided to postpone the implementation of the strategy until the TFV secures sufficient funds for these consultations and possible new programmes.

At the same meeting, the Board of Directors agreed to plan a visit to Bangladesh for the purpose of meeting with affected individuals and Rohingya communities and conduct key stakeholder consultations in order to assess the feasibility of starting a new programme for the benefit of victims in the Bangladesh/Myanmar Situation. The date for the meeting is under consultation with the Government of Bangladesh.

9. 2025 Budget for the TFV Secretariat (Major Programme VI)

At its meeting on 25 July 2024, the Board approved the 2025 proposed programme budget for the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims (Major Programme VI) with a total amount of €4,799,700, which is equivalent to a 11.0 per cent increase compared with the 2024 approved budget. In December 2024, the Assembly approved the STFV 2025 budget at €4,603,300, an increase from the CBF recommendations.

10. Engagement and Visibility

The Board of Directors considered the TFV Communications Policy following its meeting in June 2024. The Board regularly received from the Secretariat the impact report on the implementation of the Communications Strategy and a report on engagements by the Executive Director.

At its meeting in December 2024, the Board approved the TFV website revamp plan that consider the migration of the TFV website into the ICC environment, in a dedicated TFV-managed microsite.

11. Strengthening the Secretariat of the TFV

At its meeting on 21 March 2024, the Board of Directors considered the set-up of a Senior Management Team (SMT) to support and advise the Executive Director on strategic matters. The Board discussed the human resources plan with focus on recruitments of vacant posts and additional resources to ensure business continuity. The Board also noted the report on the geographical and gender balance as well as the current structure of the Secretariat and improvements needed to strengthen it.

12. Integrity and Compliance

Throughout 2024, the Board noted the completion of a gender assessment of the TFV's strategy, policies, programmes, practices, capacities and launched a consultation phase to consolidate expected outcomes and objectives of the future TFV Gender Action Plan, which is expected to be approved in 2025. The Board

also considered the activities of the TFV to strengthen three areas of organizational performance: a) risk management b) safeguarding against sexual exploitation and abuse and harassment (SEAH) and c) fraud prevention.

13. Election of the 8th Board of Directors

At its meeting in February and June 2024, the Board discussed the election of the 8th TFV Board of Directors. The Board started mobilising States Parties in the first semester of 2024 for new candidates for the next election of the Board of Directors in December 2024. The Board of Directors instructed the Secretariat to strengthen the onboarding plan for new Board members.

On 6 December 2024, the Assembly of States Parties elected by acclamation five members of the Eighth Board of Directors: Mr Tareque Muhammad (Bangladesh), Ms Mônica Jacqueline Sifuentes (Brazil), Mr Andres Parmas (Estonia), Mr Kevin Kelly (Ireland) and Mr Ibrahim Sorie Yillah (Sierra Leone).
