



## **Highlights of Trust Fund for Victims Activities, Q3 2022 (01 July - 30 September 2022)**

### **At a glance:**

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- At the [20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rome Statute](#) celebration in The Hague, on 1 July 2022, the Chair of the Board of Directors attended and gave a speech on the Trust Fund for Victims.
- [Launch of the collective reparations in the case \*Al Mahdi Al Faqi in Timbuktu\*](#) in presence of the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.
- Submission to the Assembly of States Parties and the Committee Budget and Finance of the [2023 proposed budget by the Court including the MPVI for the Secretariat of the Trust Fund for Victims](#) as approved by the Board of Directors: 14.07.2022.
- [Report to the Assembly of States Parties on the projects and the activities of the Board of directors of the Trust Fund for victims for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022](#), which was submitted to the Assembly of States Parties and to the Committee Budget and Finance.
- Unqualified opinion of the External Auditor in July 2022 on the [Financial statements of the Trust Fund for Victims for the year ended 31 December 2021](#).
- On 31 August a change in executive leadership at the TFV Secretariat came into effect. [Mr Pieter de Baan finished his mandate as TFV Executive Director](#) and at the request of the Board of Directors, on 1 September Ms Franziska Eckelmans, TFV Legal Adviser to assume the role of Acting Executive Director. [This leadership transition had been initially announced by the Board of Directors on 14 April 2022](#).
- [The TFV in partnership with the Irish Embassy to The Kingdom of the Netherlands organised a monitoring mission to northern Uganda from 13-17 September 2022](#). Representatives from 14-States Parties along with representative from non-States Parties, the ASP President and legal representatives of victims participated in this mission.
- Presentation of the Trust Fund for Victims' 2023 proposed budget to the Committee Budget and Finance on 19 September 2022 by the Chair of the Board of Directors and the Acting Executive Director.

### **Board-related matters:**

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- Two remote Board sessions were held by the Board of Directors in July and August 2022. Due to a very busy schedule of the Board, the September session was moved to the first week of October. The three members present at the mission to Uganda held an *ad hoc* Board meeting during the mission.
- The Board Chair and Secretariat held in person meetings with diverse parts of the Registry in the week of 19 September 2022 with a view of tightening and strengthening the relationship between the TFV and the Registry.

### **Fundraising and Advocacy (see also below country reports)**

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- During the third quarter of 2022, the TFV had various meeting with stakeholders in The Hague including States Parties, Civil Society Organizations and Academia. Civil Society and Academia: Burundi Coalition, Harvard Humanitarian Initiatives, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Barnahus, and Media. States Parties: New Zealand, Germany, Ireland, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Romania, Cyprus, and the United Kingdom.

- The TFV partook in a round table discussion, organized and hosted by the Embassy of Finland to The Netherlands. This was an informal exchange with the leadership of the TFV, The Court, States Parties and Civil Society on the major challenges and opportunities ahead for the Rome Statute System (04.07.2022).
- The TFV Board of Directors met with the Coalition for the International Criminal Court in July. Discussions were held on the activities of the ICC in key situation countries which may affect the TFV, views of the CICC in relation to reparation and assistance programmes and a discussion on key challenges, among others (07.07.2022).
- In September the TFV presented to the Public International Law Working Party of the European Council (COJUR) in The Hague (14.09.2022).
- Board member Kevin Kelly and the Acting Executive Director presented at the Regional meeting of Western European and Other States Group (WEOG) on the joint TFV –Irish Embassy monitoring mission to Uganda (28.09.2022).
- In September the Acting Executive Director presented to the Public International Law Working Party (COJUR) in Brussels (29.09. 2022).

### **Fund Management and Finance**

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- TFV received an unqualified opinion by External Audit during the 2021 Audit of the Financial Statements. External Auditor expressed its gratitude to the members of the STFV for their cooperation and support during their Audit.
- The audit report for 2021 financial year referred to a retrospective restatement of the prior year (2020) financial statements, relating the STFV employee benefit liabilities and related expenses. The restatement resulted in a decreases of € 940 thousand and € 133 thousand in net assets/equity and surplus of the FY 2020 TFV financial statements, respectively.

### **Central African Republic (CAR)**

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- Meeting with Regional Team Leader of the European Union based in Nairobi on mission in CAR (FPI Regional Team Leader of the EU in Nairobi – and Eric Galvin – EU Regional Crisis Response Planner accompanied by Carlos Abaitua Zarza and Silvia Laterza, from the EU Delegation in Bangui) (02.07.2022).
- Presentation of the work and the experience of the TFV in implementation of judicial and non-judicial reparation: in the Regional workshop with practitioners of justice and law from Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Central African Republic, Benin held by the International Institute for Justice and Rule of Law in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso: (26-30 September 2022).

### **Côte d'Ivoire (CIV)**

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- Two monitoring session of the community inclusive therapy with the three vendors and the trainers (08.2022).
- Continuation of the development of the performance framework with the Implementing partners (08.2022). Conduct management evaluation of all three partners (5-16.09.2022) and meetings with each of the implementing partners to discuss the progress and exchanged about challenges (08.2022).
- Meeting with implementing partner organization, WANEP, and key members of the civil society to discuss the issues of the evictions and consecutive difficulties to reach out to the victims (30.08.2022).
- CIV-Mali staff retreat (13-14.09.2022).
- Meeting with the Minister of Solidarity and fight against poverty to discuss complementarity (28.09.2022).
- Participation to the school voucher award ceremony under the auspices of the Minister of solidarity and fight against poverty (29.09.2022).
- Meeting with the partners to discuss and plan the year 3 (30.09.2022).

## **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)**

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- The TFV DRC team and victims from the Lubanga and Katanga reparations participated in a mission to Uganda with several State Parties Ambassadors and representatives from The Hague and Uganda to share information on the programme in the DRC as well as share their stories pre and post implementation of reparations.
- The TFV DRC team participated in a meeting with the African Team Lead at the US Embassy in Kinshasa where the TFV programme in the DRC was presented in detail. The TFV representative was also invited and participated at a reception organised by the US embassy in Kinshasa to strengthen its relationship with its partners.

### **Lubanga reparations:**

- Collective reparations: The TFV, implementing partners and Legal Representative of Victims (LRVs) have continued holding meetings to address queries from the victims with regard to the programme's implementation. The implementation partner integrates on a regular basis recommendations from the TFV, the LRVs and the victims. The LRVs submitted additional names of victims, who were contacted by the implementing partner.

### **Symbolic reparations:**

- The implementing partner has completed consultations in all selected communities. Implementation is expected to start in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022 with the commencement of commemorative activities and the construction the community centres.

### **Katanga reparations:**

- Housing support: the TFV has continued to pay reparations to several victims for either the purchase of plots or the construction of houses. This modality is expected to end by December 2022.
- Psychological rehabilitation: the training of the trainers has begun and will be completed by the end of December 2022.

### **Ntaganda reparations:**

- On 12 September 2022, the Appeals Chamber issued its judgment instructing the Trial Chamber to issue a new Reparations Order; a new version of the TFV's draft implementation plan for reparations will follow based on parameters of the new Reparations Order. A first ruling of the Trial Chamber is pending, which will set out a roadmap.
- Services have continued for victims with urgent needs; however, this has been questioned by the Defence. A ruling of the Trial Chamber is pending.

## **Mali**

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- Meeting between the TFV Board Vice-Chair and the President of the Truth, Justice, Reconciliation Commission (09.07.2022)

### **Al-Mahdi reparations:**

- Quarterly report to the Chamber (26.08.2022)

### **Al-Mahdi individual reparations:**

- The TFV continued to issue positive eligibility decisions.
- Notification and payment of 75 victims.

### **Al-Mahdi collective reparations:**

- High level visit to Timbuktu; participating delegates include the TFV Board Vice-Chair, Head of ICC Country Office for Côte d'Ivoire and Mali, Embassy of Canada, Embassy of Norway. Mission organised jointly with the TFV implementing partners (4-7.07.2022).
  - Audience with the Timbuktu authorities;
  - Religious ceremony with descendants of the Saints;
  - Launching of the collective reparation programme in Timbuktu;
  - Visit to premises of the TFV implementing partner, CFOGRAD;
  - Exchanges meeting with beneficiaries of individual reparations.

- Launching of the consolidation process and community validation of the collective measures for economic harm.
  - The TFV ensured women's consultation on collective reparations for economic harms, and consultation with religious leaders on the appropriateness of using Mr Al Faqi restorative process.
  - Prior to the launching, the TFV had exchanges between the memorialisation committees and international experts.
  - Establishment of a collective reparation coordination and follow up commission by the Governor of Timbuktu (05.07.2022)
  - Dinner with 15 Malian journalist in Bamako (07.07.2022)
- Negotiation of a no-cost extension of 2 months with CIDEAL (30.07.2022)
- Validation of the TFV Mali gender plan (26.08.2022)
- Continuation of the development of the TFV performance evaluation frame (08.2022)
- Designation of TFV and IPs gender focal points (15.09.2022)
- Launching of the gender capacity strengthening of TFV Mali implementing partners (28.09.2022)
- Negotiation of the no cost extension of six months with CIDEAL (09.2022)

#### **Al-Mahdi symbolic reparations:**

- Selection of the vendor to conduct the itinerant national communication campaign.

#### **Assistance programme**

- Preparatory workshop with the selected vendor in view of the upcoming launching of the assistance programme (21-22.07.2022)

## **Uganda**

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#### **Ongwen proceedings:**

- Submission of TFV's final observations on 7 March 2022, no further developments.

#### **Assistance programme**

- The Embassies of Ireland (The Hague and Kampala) and the Trust Fund for Victims conducted a joint delegation visit to northern Uganda from 13–17 September 2022 to monitor TFV rehabilitation programming in northern Uganda.

The delegation consisted of 64 individuals including state representatives of 14 States including the European Union, the President of the Assembly of States Parties, and 3 Trust Fund Board of Director members, including the Chair, participated in the program monitoring visit to Trust Fund projects. The visit included representatives from the governments of Australia, Belgium, Chile, Estonia, Germany, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, New Zealand, Switzerland, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, and the European Union as well as Legal Representatives of Victims in the Ongwen case, and Ugandan government officials from the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Delegates heard the experience of reparation beneficiaries from the Lubanga and Katanga cases in Ituri Province, DRC and listened to the Trust Fund's implementing partner in the Lubanga reparation; visited a surgical camp at Anaka Hospital, Nwoya district; a community rehabilitation project and interaction with project victim beneficiaries in the village; and a visit to the Gulu Regional Orthopaedic Workshop (GROW) at Gulu Regional Referral Hospital (GRRH) to understand the experience of conflict amputees and prosthetic manufacturing project. The delegation also heard about mental healthcare service delivery in northern Uganda.

The visit concluded in Kampala with a press conference covered by 40 media outlets wherein the representative of the delegation and the Trust Fund offered their views on the impactful rehabilitation projects implemented by the Trust Fund to benefit victims of the conflict in northern Uganda. The active participation of Honourable Minister Norbert Mao, Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, hosted the delegates for a luncheon on the last of the trip to reflect on the current conditions and his plans to embark on transitional justice initiatives and to sponsor a war victims compensation plan.

All of those who partook in the mission were deeply moved by the stories shared by the victims in the Lubanga and Katanga cases from the DRC as well as project beneficiaries in northern Uganda, and humbled by seeing the serious and effective Trust Fund projects first-hand.

How does a victim translate reparative value into her local language of Acholi? Answer: 'My pain is gone' or 'I have no pain'. Margaret was an amputee victim of the conflict in northern Uganda and received rehabilitative

surgery and a prosthetic leg through the TFV programming jointly implemented by partner organisations, HRI and AVSI. Margaret now reports that she has a normal life, working on the family farm, going to town to market their produce, and that she can now sleep through the night without debilitating pain.

The TFV continues to generate multi-media and promotional materials from the delegation mission and in relation to the CVT project. Several promotional videos, photographs, and stories have been generated to refresh our catalogue of available material for reporting, social media, and the website.

## **Monitoring and Evaluation**

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- The TFV commissioned an independent evaluation from the University of Edinburgh for the Katanga reparations to assess the effectiveness of this programme to redress the harm suffered by the victims of the case. The Edinburgh research team presented their findings to the TFV on their research on reparation distribution to beneficiaries in the internally displaced person and/or refugee camps in situation countries (22.07.2022).
- In the *Katanga* impact evaluation, independent researchers completed training with enumerators in order to start data collection with victims in Q4 2022. It is expected that preliminary findings will be available early December 2022. Simultaneously, the team is conducting key informants interviews with different stakeholders that have been involved in *Katanga* reparation process.
- In the *Lubanga* case, the TFV and the team of researchers finished the evaluation concept note. The goal of the evaluation in this case is to try to constitute baseline for the programme and assess the extent to which the ongoing reparation implementation is perceived by victims. Data collection is expected to start in November 2022.
- During this quarter, the TFV finalised its Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP) and organized internal validation meeting with staff involved in the programme management. The TFV plans to socialise this performance tool with its implementing partners in the next quarter thus launching its implementation.
- Implementing partners of the TFV continued to receive capacity building sessions on monitoring and data quality during this period. These sessions will continue in the next quarter to equip partners with capacity of using new TFV data collection tools as part of the new PMP so as to improve collection of results from TFV programmes.
- With respect to the Management Information System (MIS), the TFV is still working with the Court's Information Management Services Section (IMSS) to find an IT solution that can assist the TFV to manage its data.

## **Communication**

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### **Press releases and news**

The following 6 press releases and statements were released in the third quarter of 2022:

- 6 Jul 2022: [‘Reparations: a critical aspect of justice at the ICC’ Intervention of Minou Tavárez Mirabal, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims](#)
- 12 Jul 2022: [Ahmad Al Faqi Al Mahdi case: collective reparations are launched upon completion of the individual reparations](#)
- 1 Sep 2022: [Pieter De Baan finishes his mandate as Executive Director of the Trust Fund for Victims](#)
- 19 Sep 2022: [The Embassy of Ireland and the Trust Fund for Victims conclude a joint monitoring visit to northern Uganda between 13 – 17 September 2022](#)
- 28 Sept 2022: [Romania makes first voluntary contribution to the Trust Fund for Victims](#)

These press releases and statements were distributed to a total of over 13,300 recipients each time, including Embassies, Missions, civil society organisations, journalists and other stakeholders. All public announcements and reports have been posted on the TFV website and mostly on the ICC website.

### **Social media and website**

In Q3 of 2022, the TFV posted 58 tweets and gained 84 new followers, totalling 2,280 followers. During this period, the TFV profile, visited over 16,142 times, generated 33,208 impressions. In this period, the TFV was also mentioned in more than 474 third-party tweets. Besides the ICC, Twitter accounts of Embassies, Ambassadors, Permanent Missions to the UN, Lawyers, International Organisations and Civil Society Organisations have mentioned the TFV or retweeted our contents. These have helped the TFV increase its visibility. On Facebook, the TFV reached over 2,272 people in the first quarter of 2022, with over 420 post engagements.