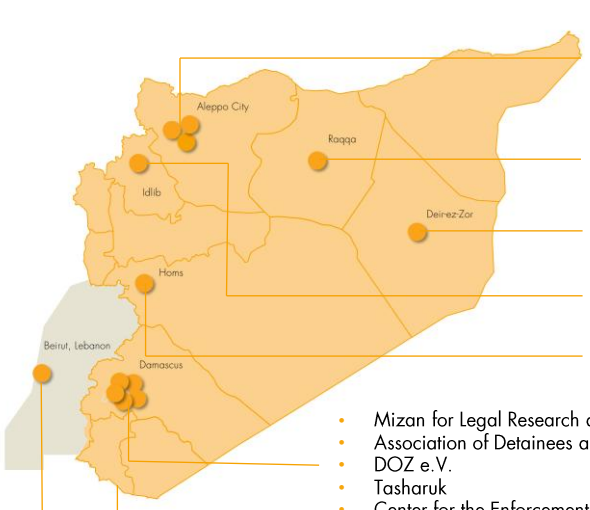


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In January 2025, the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture launched

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of released prisoners and relatives of people still forcibly disappeared. The **14 grants**, amounting to **US$632,000**, will be awarded mostly to emerging local organizations, identified in coordination with UN Human Rights operations and fact-finding bodies, also contributing to rebuilding social fabric through capacity-building.



- Lawyers and Doctors for Human Rights
- Multiple Actions to Rebuild Society (MARS)
- Human Rights Guardians
- Centre Vérité et Justice Pour le Moyen-Orient
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- Ataa Humanitarian Relief Association
- Amal Healing and Advocacy Center
- Mizan for Legal Research and Human Rights
- Association of Detainees and Missing in Sednaya Prison
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- Tasharuk
- Center for the Enforcement of Human Rights, International (CEHRI)
- The Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)
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> *"I still remember the moment the Syrian regime fell last December. I felt both happiness and sorrow. I was happy to see the prison doors open, to witness detainees finally being freed, something we had dreamed of for years. But at the same time, I was devastated—seeing hundreds of thousands of families searching for their missing loved ones, only to find nothing."*
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> *— Riyad Avlar, survivor and Director of ADMSP*
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> Association of Detainees and Missing Persons of Sednaya Prison (ADMSP). Aiding over 550 victims of torture in Syria, with support from the Fund since 2022.

More about the work of some of our grantee partners in Syria:

Mizan for Legal Research's and Human Rights (Damascus): legal and psychological services for 500 beneficiaries, including families of missing persons and documentation of human rights abuses contributing to future legal proceedings and transitional justice efforts.

Amal Healing and Advocacy Center (Homs): support for 650 newly freed detainees and their relatives through psychological aid, legal and educational initiatives.

Multiple Actions to Rebuild Society – MARS (Aleppo): structured community reintegration programs for 150 survivors of torture, as well as trauma-informed mental health care and legal assistance.

Ataa Humanitarian Relief Association (Idlib): support for 240 released detainees subjected to extreme forms of torture, with a focus on survivors of sexual violence, women, and children who were detained with their families.

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