



IRCT

#UnitedAgainstTorture

UAT Crisis Response Grant Guideline

1. About the Grant

The IRCT launched the Emergency Rapid Response Fund in 2021 to address emergencies and crises affecting member centres and torture survivors. Since its establishment, this member-financed mechanism has swiftly responded to situations disrupting rehabilitation activities or endangering staff, ensuring a bold and rapid response.

While this opportunity continues, IRCT is now launching a new emergency grant as part of the **#UnitedAgainstTorture** Project, supported by the EU for a limited period. **Objective of this grant** is to support civil society organizations in enhancing survivors' access to rehabilitation and documenting and reporting torture under emergency circumstances.

The UAT Crisis Response Grant will be closed either when the total grant amount is distributed or a reasonable time before the UAT Project concludes in June 2026.

This Grant aligns with the IRCT Emergency Rapid Response Grant but operates within **#UnitedAgainstTorture** project undertaken by the UAT Consortium¹ with support from the European Union since June 1st, 2023. This three-year project aims to establish a functional holistic and global support system to strengthen and expand the anti-torture movement, sustaining its impacts toward the eradication of torture and other ill-treatments, benefiting everyone worldwide, especially the most vulnerable.

¹ The UAT Consortium comprises six leading organizations specializing in torture prevention: Organization Mondiale Contre la Torture (OMCT), International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT), Association for the Prevention of Torture (APT), International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (FIACAT), Omega Research Foundation, The Redress Trust.



2. Application Criteria

2.1 Acute Crisis

Sudden external circumstances or situations that severely disrupt rehabilitation activities for torture survivors and/or jeopardize the safety and well-being of staff, impacting the center's work. This includes outbreaks of conflict or violence, natural or man-made disasters, attacks on the center or its staff.

Internal changes within the center, such as financial difficulties or human resources changes, are not eligible.

2.2. Emergency Needs for CSOs in the Field of Torture Prevention

The center faces an urgent requirement for extra resources to enhance survivors' access to rehabilitation and to document and report torture during emergencies (such as civil unrest, pandemics, natural disasters, wars, or crimes). This might encompass salaries, direct service provision, equipment, transportation, or data security measures.

2.3. Crisis-Related Interventions Within the IRCT's Mandate

Interventions must be directly linked to responding to and mitigating the impact of the crisis while aligning with the IRCT's mandate and policies to support torture survivors.

Applicants are required to apply for implementing activities specifically focused on

- improving survivors' access to rehabilitation and
- documenting and reporting torture under emergency circumstances.

2.4. Funding Amount

The total fund allocated for this Grant is EUR 126,000 EUR. 25% of the grant will be distrusted among civil society organizations that are not IRCT members.

Applicants can request support ranging from 2500 EUR to 20,000 EUR.

2.5 Duration

Applicant CSOs are obligated to complete their supported activities by February 2026 under this grant. Please take this deadline into account when preparing your application.



2.6 Region

Only civil society groups, organizations, and coalitions, regardless of their registration status, situated *outside the Western European and Other Groups (WEOG) and European Union (EU)* member states are eligible to apply for this call.

3. Application Process

Applicants will submit to the IRCT Secretariat a short, written application. Application should be submitted to irct@irct.org with the subject line “UAT Crisis Response Grant”.

The application should outline the crisis, the specific ad-hoc need, and the planned interventions, including details about the beneficiary group, expected outcomes, and budget (*Refer to Annex I-Application Form*).

4. Assessment Process

The application will be reviewed against the criteria by the assessment team comprised of the Convenor for the Advisory Board for Resources and Sustainability and IRCT Secretariat staff without delay, maximum 1 week after submission of the application. Additional resources may be requested, or other sources be consulted to determine eligibility. A recommendation and relevant supporting materials will be issued and submitted to the Executive Committee.

5. Decision

IRCT Executive Committee will decide on the application without delay, at the latest one week after receiving the recommendation from the Secretariat. The communication and decision process will be done in a written process as relevant and necessary. Any ExCom member that may directly benefit from the sub-grant or for other reason has a conflict of interest in the case will recuse themselves from the process. The decision will be noted in the minutes of the following ExCom meeting.

6. Contracting and Reporting Process

Upon approval, a contract will be signed between IRCT and the selected organization to receive this grant.

The recipient will be required to submit *a short narrative and financial report* to IRCT two months after the finalization of the activities. (*Refer to Annex II-Reporting Templates*).



Further details regarding implementation, financial and narrative reporting, as well as payments, will be finalized at this stage.