

## **Advert: Launch of the Modern Slavery Innovation Fund and the Child Trafficking Protection Fund**

The Prime Minister announced in July that the government will launch a dedicated £33.5m Official Development Assistance (ODA) Modern Slavery Fund which will make a contribution to the UK's delivery of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal target 8.7 of eradicating modern slavery and human trafficking. Through funding targeted projects the government will seek to tackle modern slavery in source countries and reduce the number of people being trafficked to the UK. The fund will help tackle the root causes of modern slavery while strengthening efforts to combat slavery and reduce vulnerability and supporting innovative projects to build an evidence base to better understand what works in the future.

The Home Office is launching two competed funds which form part of the wider Modern Slavery Fund:

- 1) A **Modern Slavery Innovation Fund (MSIF)**, open to bids from external project implementers, to test innovative programmes to reduce the prevalence of modern slavery; contribute to the body of evidence of what works; and help to identify which interventions might be scaled up. The MSIF will make available £11m ODA funding from 2016-17 to 2020-21. This first call for proposals is for £6m ODA funding available until 2018-19.
- 2) A **Child Trafficking Protection Fund (CTPF)** that will enable the delivery of new and innovative projects or initiatives to provide positive outcomes for potentially trafficked children. The CTPF will provide up to £3m of funding of which 80% is from ODA. The funding is available over a 27 month period which will cover 3 financial years from 2016-17 to 2018-19.

The Home Office will seek proposals from organisations from the statutory, not for profit and for profit sectors for grant funding. The MSIF will seek bids that aim to tackle the root causes of modern slavery, strengthening efforts to combat slavery and reduce vulnerability, and build an evidence base to better understand what works in the future. The CTPF will seek bids to enable the delivery of new and innovative projects or initiatives to provide positive outcomes for potentially trafficked children.

The Home Office welcomes collaborative proposals covering multiple areas and different sectors e.g. statutory (UKVI, Police, NCA, Local Authorities, Health etc), voluntary and international institutions. The intention is to make multiple awards covering a range of different initiatives.

Bids to the **MSIF** should set out what activity will be delivered and how it will help achieve our goal of significantly reducing the prevalence of modern slavery internationally. Proposals should set out how they support at least one of the 6 objectives of the fund:

### Objective 1: Reduce Vulnerability to Exploitation

*We want to reduce vulnerability to exploitation and help prevent victims being exploited in the first place.*

Objective 2: Victim Support and Recovery

*We want to ensure victims are supported and work to deliver concrete measures which will prevent people from becoming victims again in the future.*

Objective 3: Improve Global Co-ordination

*Crucial to the success in the global fight against modern slavery will be co-ordination; bids are sought which demonstrate they can pull together divergent efforts on the global stage.*

Objective 4: Improve Law, Legislation and Policy

*We want to support states to strengthen their structural and legal environment for addressing modern slavery.*

Objective 5: Encourage responsible business and slavery-free supply chains

*We want to harness the capacity of business to reduce changes in the demand for modern slavery through increasing the transparency of their global supply chains and encouraging responsible working practices. Awareness-raising and training among businesses, and customers*

Objective 6: Improve the Evidence Base

*We need to further understand the scale of the problem, how it is changing and 'what works' regarding interventions.*

Bids to the **CTPF** should set out how they will deliver improved outcomes for children (under 18 years) who have been trafficked/potentially trafficked into the UK. Proposals should set out how they will support the two objectives of the Child Trafficking Protection Fund:

Objective 1: Reduce Vulnerability to Exploitation

*We want to reduce vulnerability to exploitation and help children who have the potential to be trafficked, while also seeking to help prevent children being exploited once in the UK.*

Objective 2: Victim Support and Recovery

*We want to improve support for children who have been trafficked, raise awareness of the need not to criminalise victims, as well as work to deliver concrete measures which will prevent people from becoming victims again in the future.*

Further information about the Fund and related initiatives is available at:  
<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2016-06-28/debates/16062854000001/IndependentAdvocatesForTraffickedChildren>.

All successful bidders will need to be compliant with the differing legislation in England and Wales and Official Development Assistance (ODA) rules.