



What is the New Life Fund?

The New Life Fund was created under the auspices of the King Baudouin Foundation. The general goal is to prevent honour killings and to combat all forms of physical, psychological, sexual and social violence that young girls and woman have to suffer due to harmful and sometimes criminal traditions.

More specifically, the aim of the Fund is to support projects dealing with the problem of honour-related violence, forced marriages and female genital mutilation and to help women and children who are victims to build a new life. Due to the great need in different countries, this support will focus initially on projects that offer victims specific help in their own countries. Projects to prevent and protect against this type of violence may also qualify for this support.

This support covers projects in Belgium and abroad.

New Life Fund

'A new life for women and children who are victims of honour-related violence and other harmful cultural practices.'

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Examples of supported projects



Jordan- India: The "Surgir" Foundation

The Swiss "Surgir" Foundation has received support for different projects since 2009. One of the first projects involved the protection and rehabilitation of Jordanian women who had been victims of honour-related violence. It succeeded, via local actions, in saving women, who had been unjustly imprisoned, from their predicament; it also protected them and helped them reintegrate into society. A second project was an aid programme for women who had been burned in dowry-related crimes in India.

Intact vzw: Toolkit for the prevention of female genital mutilation

The non-profit organisation INTACT is a legal expertise centre that specialises in female genital mutilation (FGM). The toolkit is made up of different documents designed to inform health professionals and give them the resources they need to stand firm in their approach to the risk of female genital mutilation.

Belgium- vzw Zijn in cooperation with the Thomas More university-college: list of signs

The creation of a list of signs for recognising honour-related violence to simplify the task of professionals in making accurate assessments.



Bangladesh - ASF: Acid Attack Survivor Reintegration Project

A project of the Acid Survivors Foundation, a foundation in Bangladesh that helps victims of acid attacks. This pilot project focuses in particular on the reintegration of victims into daily work life.

