Number of Child, Adolescent Victims of Torture Increasing: UN

GENEVA - The United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT) on Wednesday said the number of child and adolescent victims of torture increased by 25 percent in 2016, according to figures collected by its network.

According to a report issued by UNVFVT on Wednesday, in 2016, an estimated 1.5 million child and adolescent victims of torture, in 106 countries, were assisted by their network, an increase of 12 percent from the year 2015, according to the report noted.

"We have a great deal of concern, as reported by grants of the UNVFVT, that torture is coming back, and coming back with a kind of "acceptance," said Laura Dall-Kurken, the fund's secretary.

Overall, last year UNVFVT provided direct help through 104 organizations to a total of more than 375,000 adult and child victims in 80 countries.

In 2016, UNVFVT said it would assist an estimated total of 47,000 victims in 40 countries, and 52 children in 80 countries, as it has been agreed between the leaders of the two countries, said Foreign Minister Andrei Karlov.

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