

SURVIVOR LEADERSHIP FUND

Call for applications: Nepal 2026

The Freedom Fund is pleased to announce a new round of the Survivor Leadership Fund (SLF), specifically open to survivor-led organisations (SLOs) in Nepal. The SLF is a groundbreaking initiative designed to shift power back to those most impacted by exploitation. We believe that individuals with lived experience of modern slavery, including forced labour, bonded labour, and human trafficking, possess the legitimacy and expertise to lead the global movement to end these practices.

About the fund

Many survivor-led organisations struggle to access the core funding needed to become sustainable. The SLF addresses this gap by providing unrestricted grants, allowing your organisation to decide how best to use the funds to build capacity and improve impact.

- **Grant Amount:** Up to \$20,000
- **Grant Type:** Unrestricted (can be used for operations, programmes, office costs, technology, etc.).
- **Duration:** One year, with the possibility of a second-year grant of \$25,000 for selected partners.

Who can apply?

We are looking for budding and developing survivor-led organisations and/or collectives in Nepal that meet the following criteria:

- **Survivor Leadership:** The organisation must have one or more people in a leadership position (e.g., Director, Deputy Director, Senior Management, or Head of Department) who have lived experience of exploitation.
- **Focus Areas:** We prioritise developing organisations operating at the community level that are addressing modern slavery directly and/or focusing on vulnerable communities at risk of modern slavery. Priority will be given to organisations and groups working on agriculture bonded labour, other bonded labour sector, child marriage, forced marriage and violence against women and girls (VAWG).
- **Location:** The organisation must be located and operating within Nepal, with priority given to survivor-led organisation in Madhesh Province.
- **Legal Status:** Organisations should be registered

How to apply

- **Submit Application:** Applications can be submitted by anyone in the organisation; the submitter need not be the person who identifies as a survivor via these links for [Nepali](#) & [English](#).
- **Discussion:** Shortlisted applicants will be invited to discuss their work with a panel of Freedom Fund staff. Translation to be provided.

Additional Resources

1. Survivor Leadership Fund application guide available in [English](#) & [Nepali](#)
2. FAQs in [English](#) & [Nepali](#)

Application Deadline: 4th May 2026.

Contact Information: For questions or to receive the application guide, please email SLF@freedomfund.org.