



MISSION

- To heal the wounds of torture on individuals, their families and their communities and to stop torture worldwide.

PROFILE

- Founded in 1985 and based in St. Paul, Minn., the Center for Victims of Torture™ (CVT) is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to healing the emotional, psychological and physical wounds of torture and to advocating for human rights and an end to torture.
- CVT was the first comprehensive torture survivor rehabilitation center in the U.S., and the third in the world.
- \$28.7 million operating budget (Fiscal Year 2022).

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP *(photos available upon request)*

- Simon Adams, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer
- Ruth Barrett, director of global operations
- James Behnke, chief financial officer
- Peter Dross, director of external relations

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- In the United States, CVT extends interdisciplinary rehabilitative care at CVT's Healing Centers in St. Cloud and St. Paul, Minnesota and Clarkston, Georgia. Internationally, CVT extends rehabilitative care in Kenya in Nairobi and at the Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps; in Jordan we care for refugee survivors living in Amman; in Ethiopia we care for Eritrean survivors in refugee camps in the Tigray region and South Sudanese survivors in the Gambella region; and we care for survivors of the Lord's Resistance Army war in Northern Uganda.
- Development of capacity, sustainability and resiliency for people in fields complementary to the direct rehabilitative care of survivors of torture, such as providers of legal support, case advocacy or psychosocial support; human rights defenders and activists; and the organizations, networks and local systems in which they operate.
- Training local mental health paraprofessionals so they can contribute to long-term mental health needs in their country and act as advocates for human rights.
- Technical assistance and training to torture survivor rehabilitation centers around the world to strengthen each center's mental health services, organizational management and financial stability.
- Research and evaluation of rehabilitative care for survivors to determine the effects of torture and the most successful treatments.
- Public policy and public education initiatives to prevent torture.
- Advocacy to increase government support for torture rehabilitation programs in the U.S. and abroad.
- The New Tactics in Human Rights program promotes tactical innovation and strategic thinking within the international human rights community.
- The HealTorture.org project gathers key information for U.S.-based torture survivor rehabilitation programs to better understand the needs of survivors and the problem of torture in the world today. (Funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement.)