



- Promote rule of law and good governance as foundations of peace, security and sustainable development
- Strengthen national policies and practices consistent with international norms, standards, convention obligations and evidence-based best practices
- Strengthen institutional and individual capacities to prevent and combat transnational organized crime, illicit trafficking, violent extremism and terrorism
- Promote regional and international cooperation and partnerships against shared threats of crime and terrorism
- Provide research, data analysis and expertise on global, regional and national trends on crime and terrorism

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Regional: Airport Control

Training Curriculum for Frontline Officers



Interactive exercise and discussions

UNODC, UK Border Force and Interpol joined efforts to develop the AIRCOP training curriculum that provides frontline officers at international airports with the required skills and knowledge to identify and interdict suspicious passengers and foreign terrorist fighters. At a regional workshop held in Jordan in September, participants and experts from 12 countries and agencies in the region engaged in an interactive discussion on the content of this curriculum to tailor it to the context and needs of the region. The proposed training curriculum brings a more streamlined approach to working at airports and advances the use of new techniques and methods on airport interdiction. *Project funded by Canada & Japan*

Regional: Firearms

International Legal Instruments on Firearms



Opening Session

A regional workshop for the Maghreb countries aimed at presenting and promoting the implementation of UN Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms was organized in July in Tunis. The workshop gathered 20 participants and representatives from the Arab Interior Ministers' Council and the Arab Maghreb Union. The international legal framework on firearms was introduced as well as presentations on legislative assessment and comparative analysis on firearms in the region. *Project funded by Germany*

Regional: HIV

Provision of Health Services in Prisons



Interactive discussions

In September, UNODC organized a regional training on the provision of comprehensive prevention, treatment, care and support Services for HIV, Hepatitis, sexually-transmitted infections and Tuberculosis in prison settings to more than 23 senior officials from Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia, as well as UNAIDS and WHO representatives.

The needs of people living in closed settings, people living with HIV, their families, and their links to their respective communities were noted. It was agreed that without addressing such needs, achieving the global HIV commitment would not be possible in the region. *Project funded by Drosos Foundation*

Regional: Trafficking in Persons

National Strategy and National Action Plan



Gathering for a photo

UNODC held a workshop to finalize the National Strategy and Action Plan against Trafficking in Persons in Tunisia, in September. Members of the National Committee on Combating Trafficking in Persons, who drafted the Strategy, and representatives of relevant ministries and

civil society organizations attended. Both documents will be sent to the Government for official endorsement and launch. *Activity funded by UK*

Egypt: Violence against Women

Forensics Training of Trainers



A group photo

Trainings of trainers for forensic practitioners on violence against women were held at the Egyptian Forensic Medicine Authority in July and August, to build the capacity of 18 forensic practitioners to conduct a training sessions on the handling of cases of violence against women, using UNODC procedural manual "Effective forensic practitioner's response to violence against women". *Project funded by USA/INL*

Upcoming Events

- * Launch of the newly-established **Investigation Unit**, at the General Directorate of General Security, Lebanon, October
- * Initiation of prison voluntary counseling and testing services for **HIV and Hepatitis B and C** in selected prisons in Egypt, Morocco & Tunisia, November
- * Training of harm reduction providers and CBOs on **HIV prevention, treatment & care programmes for people who inject drugs**, Egypt, October
- * Training on **recommended HIV and HCV prevention, treatment & care services addressing the needs of women drug users**, Egypt, November

Lebanon: Airport Control

Profiling and Targeting of Suspicious Passengers

At Rafic Hariri International Airport and under the framework of Airport Communications Project (AIRCOP), UNODC gave a five-day training on ‘Profiling and Targeting Suspicious Passengers’, which was conducted by the Brazilian Federal Police. The training was delivered to 16 law enforcement officers to identify high-risk passengers that should receive more attention from law enforcement agencies. *Project funded by Canada & Japan.*



Trafficking Expert defines methodologies

Egypt: Juvenile Justice

Building the Capacities of Probation Officers



Mr. Garsany, Deputy Regional Representative and Minister Wali sign MOU

UNODC and the Ministry of Social Solidarity signed a Memorandum of Understanding to expand the rehabilitation and reintegration of children in conflict with the law in social welfare institutions. In addition, a training session for probation officers from five governorates was held to build

their capacity to work on the reintegration of juvenile offenders. Earlier in July, a series of training sessions on the rehabilitation and reintegration guidelines developed by UNODC were delivered to social workers from five social care institutions, and personnel from the Ministry of Social Solidarity, in an effort to build their capacity and further entrench UNODC’s methodology. *Project funded by Drosos Foundation.*

Lebanon: Prison Reform

Experts visit Children Wing to Expand Successful Experience



Three Canadian experts at the meeting

A UNODC Expert Group Meeting involving experts from the Canadian “Center for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence” was organized to assess the Lebanese experience on the dispersion of individuals in specific premises, with a special focus on the dispersion approach towards children with terrorism/violent extremism-related offences. The objective was to build on the results of existing experience to expand it to young adults (18-25). In addition, a Canadian delegation visited the juvenile wing at Roumieh prison in order to see the activities taking place with children. *Project funded by Canada.*

Egypt: Combating Money Laundering

Strengthening AML/CFT Capacities



Panel discussions on money laundering

In August, UNODC and the Egyptian Money Laundering & Terrorist Financing Combating Unit (EMLCU) gave a five-day training session on “Strengthening Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Capacities” to 200 staff from banking and non-banking institutions.

Being the first in a series of trainings, the event covered the concepts of money laundering and terrorism financing and their risks, indicators and suspicious transactions, and how to report on them. In August also, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with EMLCU to strengthen its operational capacity to detect and investigate money laundering and terrorism financing and to ensure the development and sustainability of an effective anti-money laundering/counter-terrorism financing framework. *Project funded by the EU.*

Jordan: Legal Matters

International Cooperation on Legal Matters

UNODC organized the third round of training on “International Cooperation in Legal Matters” in August. The training involved 28 participants representing: Ministry of Justice, Public Security Directorate / Criminal Investigation Department, Interpol and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The training provided particularly focused on the international and national frameworks, requests for mutual legal assistance, extraditions, and cooperation on terrorism cases. *Project funded by Japan.*



Ongoing Discussions

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Iraq: Terrorism Prevention

Threat of Chemical Material of Dual-use for Terrorism Purposes



UNODC expert discusses legal frameworks

The meeting on “Strengthening Iraq’s National Capacities to address the Threat of Chemical Material of Dual-use for Terrorism Purposes” was the first step towards developing a national strategy in this regard. The meeting, which took place in August in Beirut, gave an overview of the international legal framework related to chemical material of dual-use for terrorism purposes, and the assistance provided by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq to control such material, as well as the role of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in assisting Member States in the implementation of an effective national strategy for controlling chemical materials of dual-use. Iraqi participants shared their national experience on the monitoring and control of chemical material of dual-use, including relevant legislation and regulation. *Project funded by Japan.*

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