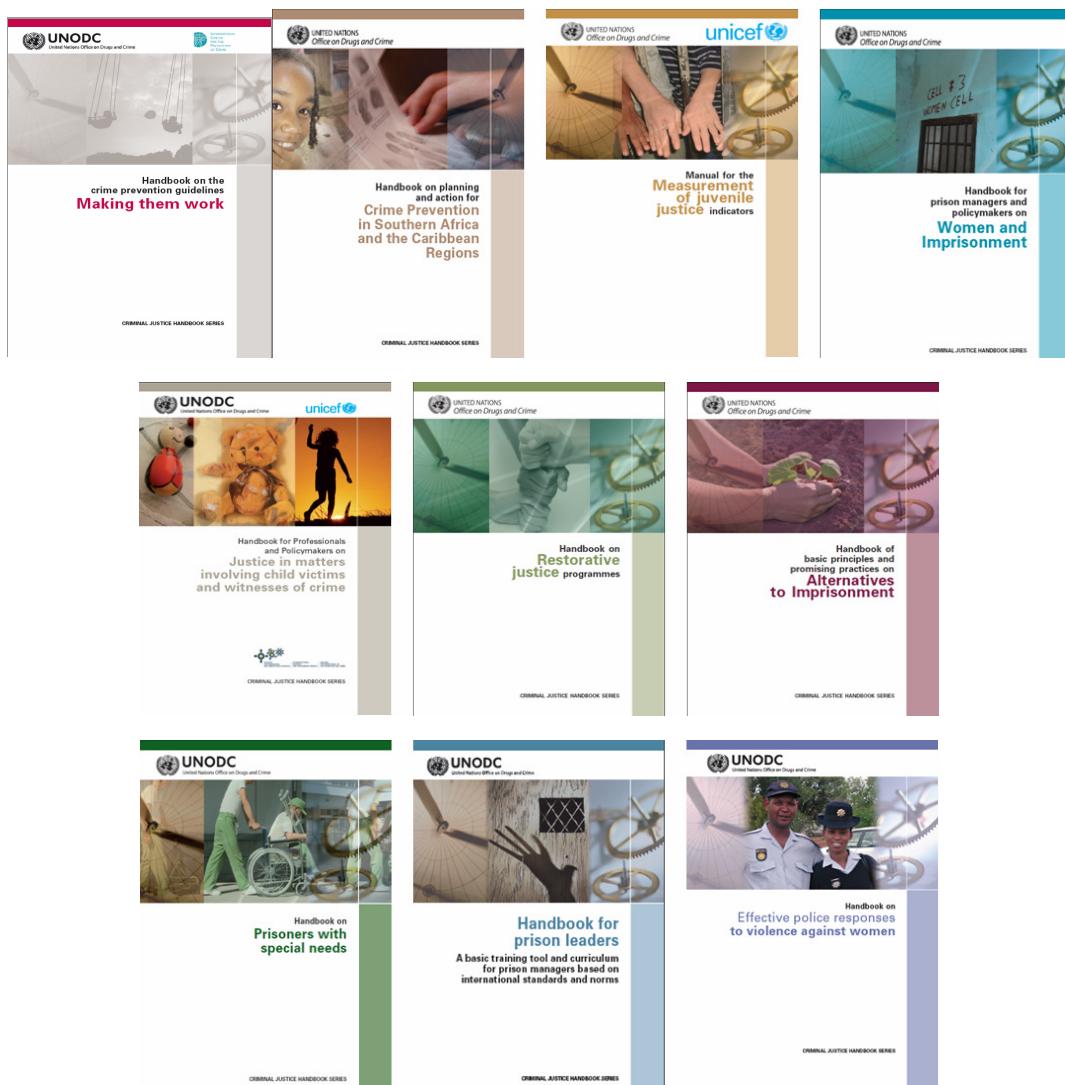




Criminal Justice, Prison Reform and Crime Prevention Tools and Publications



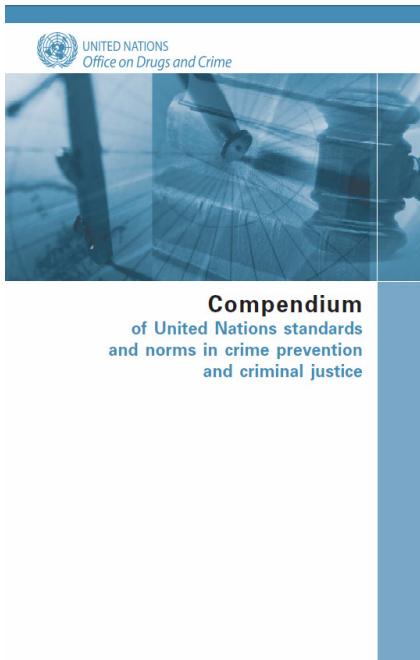
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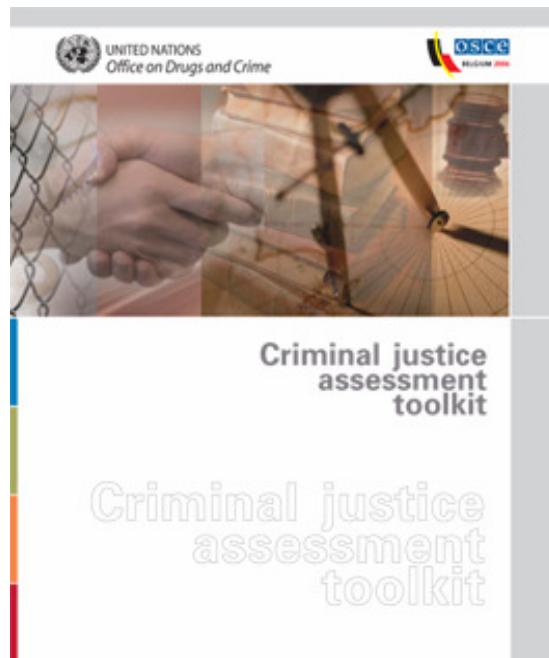


Over the years the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice have provided a collective vision of how criminal justice system should be structured. Despite their “soft-law” nature, the standards and norms have made a significant contribution to promoting more effective and fair criminal justice structures in three dimensions. Firstly, they can be utilized at the national level by fostering in-depth assessments leading to the adoption of necessary criminal justice reforms. Secondly, they can help countries to develop subregional and regional strategies. Thirdly, globally and internationally, the standards and norms represent “best practices” that can be adapted by States to meet national needs.

(available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)

The **Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit** is a standardized and cross-referenced set of tools designed to enable United Nations agencies, government officials engaged in criminal justice reform, as well as other organizations and individuals to conduct comprehensive assessments of criminal justice systems; to identify areas of technical assistance; to assist agencies in the design of interventions that integrate United Nations standards and norms on crime prevention and criminal justice; and to assist in training on these issues. The **Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit** is a practical guide intended for use by those charged with the assessment of criminal justice systems and the implementation of criminal justice reform.

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The **Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit** has been designed to be a dynamic set of documents that continue to meet assessment needs as they evolve basis. The Tools have been grouped within criminal justice system sectors, with the first four sectors as follows: **Policing; Access to Justice; Custodial and Non-Custodial Measures; and Cross-Cutting Issues**. The Tools are organized thematically, both to ensure ease of use and to assist the assessor in understanding the key issues confronting the system being assessed.

INTRODUCTION

Introducing the Toolkit

Decision points map in the criminal justice system

POLICING



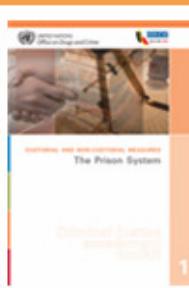
1. Public Safety and Police Service Delivery
2. The Integrity and Accountability of the Police
3. Crime Investigation
4. Police Information and Intelligence Systems
5. Forensic services and infrastructure

ACCESS TO JUSTICE



1. The Courts
2. The Independence, Impartiality and Integrity of the Judiciary
3. The Prosecution Service
4. Legal Defence and Legal Aid

CUSTODIAL AND NON-CUSTODIAL MEASURES



1. The Prison System
2. Detention Prior to Adjudication
3. Alternatives to Incarceration
4. Social Reintegration

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES



1. Criminal Justice Information
2. Juvenile Justice
3. Victims and Witnesses
4. International Cooperation
5. Crime Prevention Assessment Tool

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Crime Prevention

The toolkit cover features the UNODC and UN-Habitat logos at the top. Below them is a collage of images including hands shaking, a gavel, and a map. The title "CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES" and "Crime prevention assessment tool" are centered. A large number "5" is on the right side. The background has vertical stripes in blue, green, orange, and red.

The **Crime Prevention Assessment Tool**, which has been developed as part of the Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit, addresses **crime prevention** for the first time from a national, provincial and local/municipal perspective, with a view to providing a tool for overall assessment and the basis for integrated needs assessment and programme design. The overall purpose of the Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit is to aid in the assessment of country needs in the areas of criminal justice and crime prevention so that appropriate and effective technical assistance can be provided.

(available in English)

The handbook is one of the outcomes of the United Nations project on “South-South Regional Cooperation for Determining Best Practices for Crime Prevention in the Developing World”. The “South-South” crime prevention cooperation project identified a total of 40 crime prevention projects (20 in Southern Africa and 20 in the Caribbean) to be reviewed, with the aim of building and enhancing the crime prevention knowledge base. These projects were reviewed and the lessons learned are reflected in the handbook.

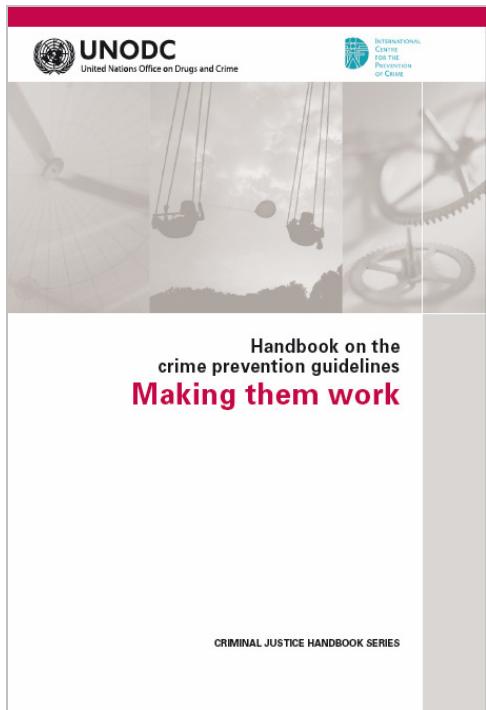
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The handbook cover features the UNODC logo at the top. Below it is a collage of images including a smiling child, hands working on a map, and a globe. The title "Handbook on planning and action for Crime Prevention in Southern Africa and the Caribbean Regions" is in the center. A small "CRIMINAL JUSTICE HANDBOOK SERIES" is at the bottom. The background has vertical stripes in brown, tan, and beige.



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The Handbook covers the basic principles of the Guidelines for the Prevention of Crime and explores the range of approaches to crime prevention that now exist, and the main recommendations on organizing a crime prevention strategy or programme based on these principles. It includes information on the kinds of methods and tools that can be utilized and are becoming increasingly available.

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Standards and Norms for United Nations Police and Peacekeepers

Building peace requires more than simply bringing an end to armed conflict; it also requires strengthening the rule of law. The international standards and norms summarized in the present handbook can assist in this critical process. The handbook summarizes the international human rights and criminal justice principles that United Nations police personnel must know, abide by and promote when deployed in peacekeeping operations and special political missions. As such, it is designed to serve a dual purpose. Firstly, it is a code of conduct for police operating under the United Nations flag. Secondly, it is a reference source to help national authorities to improve policing.

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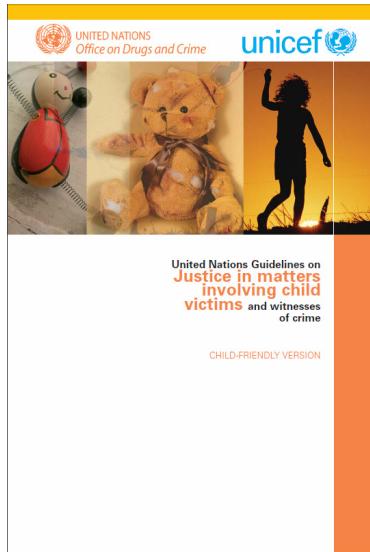
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United Nations
Criminal Justice Standards for
United Nations Police



Justice for Children

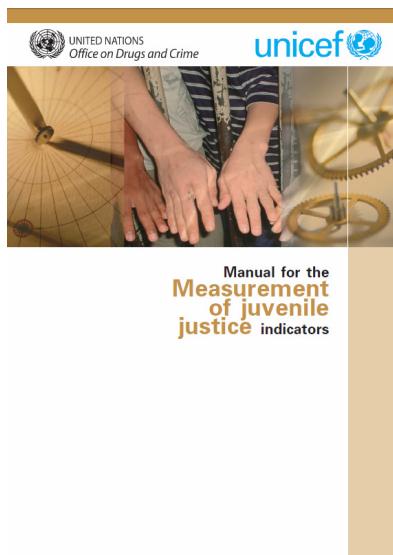
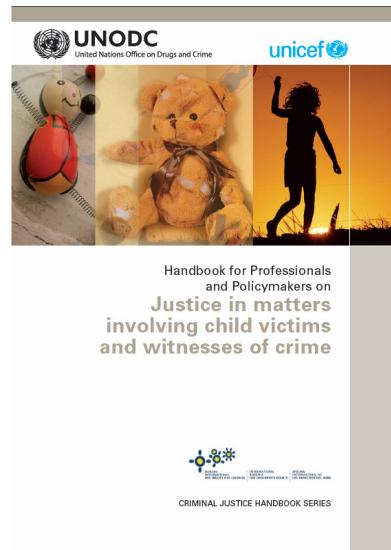


In order to assist countries in implementing, at the national level, the provisions contained in the UN Guidelines in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime and in other relevant international instruments, UNODC, in cooperation with the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) and the International Bureau for Children's Rights, has developed the *Handbook for Professionals and Policymakers on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime*.

(available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian)

These guidelines were created to translate the UN Guidelines on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime into child-friendly language for children to know their rights.

(available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)



The purpose of this manual is to introduce the fifteen juvenile justice indicators and to make clear their utility. It explains how measuring the indicators can contribute to the protection of the child in conflict with the law through actions at both the local and the central level. It offers practical guidance, strategies and tools for information collection, information collation and calculation of the indicators.

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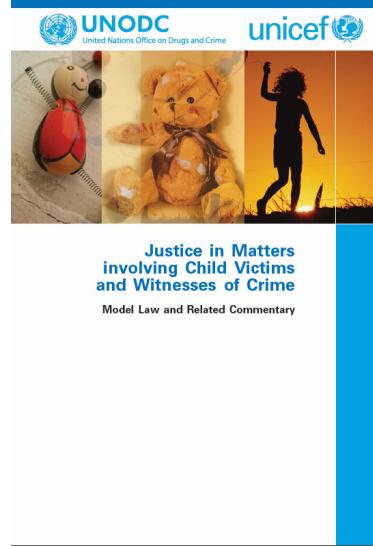


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To assist States in adapting their national legislation to the provisions contained in the UN Guidelines and in other relevant international instruments, the present Model Law on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime is intended as a tool for drafting legal provisions concerning assistance to and the protection of child victims and witnesses of crime, particularly within the justice process. To further assist States in interpreting and implementing its provisions, the Model Law is accompanied by a commentary that is intended to serve as guidelines for interpretation and implementation.

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Violence against Women

**Handbook on
Effective police responses
to violence against women**

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This *Handbook* is designed to assist police officers by familiarizing them with relevant international laws, norms and standards relating to violence against women and informing them about some promising practical approaches to effective police response to acts of violence against women. It is hoped that police first-responders, investigators, supervisors and managers will benefit from the descriptions they will find in this *Handbook* of good strategies, procedures and practices that have helped police forces to enhance the safety and security of women in their communities.

(available in English)

The present training curriculum is designed to help develop within local and national police the knowledge and skills required to respond in an effective and appropriate manner to violence against women—specifically violence within intimate relationships. This includes measures to prevent violence against women, ways to respond to and investigate acts of violence, and resources to meet the needs of victims during and after an incident.

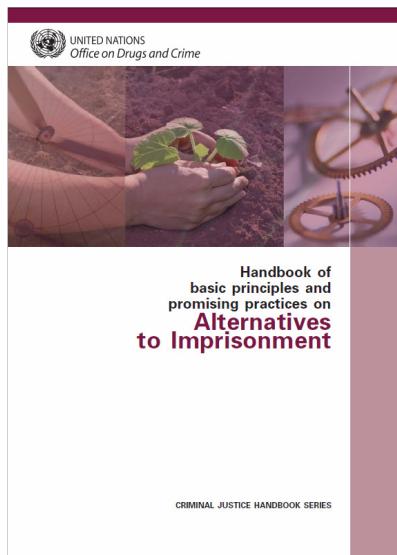
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Alternatives to Imprisonment and Restorative Justice

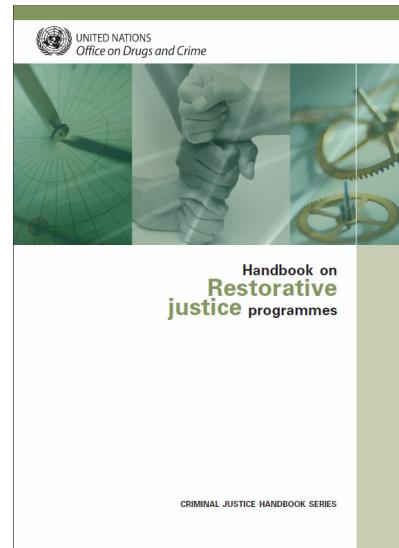


This handbook is one of a series of practical tools developed by UNODC to support countries in the implementation of the rule of law and the development of criminal justice reform. It can be used in a variety of contexts, including as part of UNODC technical assistance and capacity building projects. The handbook introduces the reader to the basic principles central to understanding alternatives to imprisonment as well as descriptions of promising practices implemented throughout the world. A companion *Handbook on Restorative Justice Programmes* is also available from UNODC.

(available in English and French)

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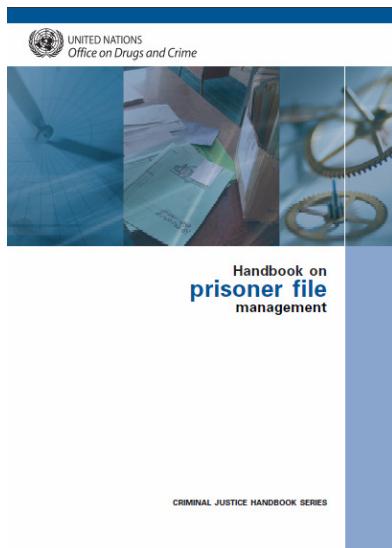


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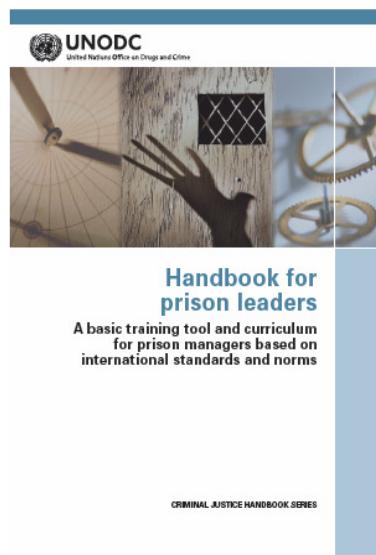
Prison Reform



The purpose of this Handbook is three-fold:

- To demonstrate the importance of effective prisoner file management, illustrating the consequences of poor or non-existent management;
- To outline the key international human rights standards that apply to prisoner and detainee file management;
- To summarize the key requirements of prison systems in relation to prisoner and detainee file management in order to meet international human rights standards, illustrating how these might be met.

(available in English and French)



This Handbook focuses on an overview of key issues which should be of concern to prison managers and the reforms they must often engage in and promote as prison leaders. It is meant to support a basic five-day training workshop for prison officials responsible for leading and managing prisons in developing or post-conflict countries.

(available in English)



This handbook covers the special needs of eight groups of prisoners, which have a particularly vulnerable status in prisons. They are: Prisoners with mental health care needs; Prisoners with disabilities; Ethnic and racial minorities and indigenous peoples; Foreign national prisoners; Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) prisoners; Older prisoners; Prisoners with terminal illness and Prisoners under sentence of death.

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This handbook aims to assist legislators, policymakers, prison managers, staff and non-governmental organizations to implement the resolutions and recommendations of the United Nations to address the gender-specific needs of women prisoners, as well as to increase awareness about the profile of female offenders and suggest ways in which to reduce their unnecessary imprisonment, by rationalizing legislation and criminal justice policies, and providing a wide range of alternatives to prison at all stages of the criminal justice process.

(available in English and Russian)

