UNODC provides technical assistance, research and normative support to Member States to help them develop and implement comprehensive, evidence-based solutions to the complex and interconnected threats that they face at the national, regional and global levels. In today’s challenging times, our work is needed more than ever.

Our efforts center on protecting people and our planet from criminal exploitation through inclusive, sustainable, human rights-based approaches. Headquartered in Vienna with a network of over 130 offices around the world, UNODC advances justice, health and security to build resilient societies and improve everyday life for individuals, families and communities around the globe.

What we do

UNODC works in all regions of the world through our normative expertise, our research, our regional and global programmes and our extensive network of field offices to help Member States in:

- **Tackling the world drug problem** through balanced, evidence-based responses to address drug abuse and drug use disorders, as well as the production and trafficking of illicit drugs
- **Preventing corruption** by promoting integrity and good governance and helping recover stolen assets
- **Countering terrorism** through effective, accountable and inclusive legal, crime prevention and criminal justice measures in line with international norms and the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy

All of UNODC’s work supports implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
UNODC’s unique strengths

UNODC’s normative, research and technical assistance work are mutually reinforcing, which helps us to work with governments and other stakeholders to rapidly identify new trends and threats, develop effective responses to counter them and support Member States in taking strategic action.

**Global expertise and broad field presence** provide specialized assistance to Member States

**Research, data collection and policy analysis** create a strong, evidence-based foundation for policies and operational approaches

**Role as guardian of international crime and corruption conventions** and Secretariat of global UN policy bodies on drugs, crime and corruption ensures normative support for multilateral policymaking

Partnerships

UNODC cooperates with a wide range of stakeholders to maximize the impact of our work. These include governments, civil society organizations, academic and research institutions, the private sector, international and regional organizations and other UN entities.

We also foster South-South cooperation between countries facing similar challenges to share know-how and good practices.

Funding

UNODC relies on voluntary contributions, mainly from governments, to carry out the majority of our work.

The UNODC Strategy 2021-2025 is committed to promoting human rights, gender equality and disability inclusion, as well as protecting children and harnessing the transformative power of youth.