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INTRODUCTION

The Plan of Practical Measures ("Road Map") on Further Development of Cooperation of the Republic of Uzbekistan with UNODC in 2017-2019 on countering drug trafficking, transnational organized crime and terrorism was signed on 13 December 2017. This document identifies priority areas for the Government of Uzbekistan and UNODC to work together on strengthening ongoing law enforcement reforms, criminal justice, anti-corruption efforts and the healthcare system, with focus on drug prevention, treatment and reduction, as well as, HIV prevention. United Nations Office on Drug and Crime, Regional Office for Central Asia, collaborated closely with the National Information-Analytical Center on Drug Control under the Cabinet of Ministers, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education, the Ministry of Public Education, the Supreme Court, the State Security Service, the Prosecutor General’s Office, the State Customs Committee, the Women’s Committee, the civil society organizations, UN agencies and other bilateral and multilateral organizations operating in the Republic of Uzbekistan in implementation of the Road Map in 2018.
Meeting of H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan with Mr. Yury Fedotov, UNODC Executive Director. Tashkent, Uzbekistan. November 2017
The direct outcome of the high-level meeting was the "Plan of Practical Measures on Further Development of Cooperation of the Republic of Uzbekistan with UNODC", which is also called "Road map", was signed by Mr. Yury Fedotov, UNODC Executive Director, and Mr. Gayrat Fazilov, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan on 13 December 2017.
The Memorandum of Understanding aims to enhance a collaboration in combatting transnational organized crime, drug trafficking, human trafficking, cybercrime and corruption. The document contains 28 activities in five areas of cooperation.
ENHANCING PROFICIENCY AT RESPONDING TO TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIMES, ILICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CRIME PREVENTION AND INTEGRITY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN
UNITED NATIONS
AND
THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL’S OFFICE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

WHEREAS the United Nations, represented by the Office on Drugs and Crime (hereinafter referred to as UNODC) has the mandate to implement measures against illicit drugs, crime, corruption and terrorism;

WHEREAS the Prosecutor General’s Office of the Republic of Uzbekistan (hereinafter referred to as Prosecutor General’s Office) has one of the key objectives the aim of crime prevention, protection of civil rights and freedoms, guaranteeing of public security and combatting crimes;

WHEREAS Parties share common objectives with regard to develop cooperation in the areas of further enhancing the system of offences prevention and combating transnational organized crime, supporting global efforts to create in the society a sense of intolerance to the offenses and corruption and wish to collaborate to further these common goals and objectives within their respective mandates and governing rules and regulations;

WHEREAS the Parties intend to conclude this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”) with the aim of consolidating, developing and detailing their cooperation and effectiveness to achieve the common objectives in the field of suppressing, preventing, detecting and investigating crimes related to terrorism and extremist activity, trafficking in drugs and arms, human trafficking, cybercrime, corruption, and other forms of transnational organized crime and combating it;
UNODC experts visited Uzbekistan to provide technical advice to the General Prosecutor’s Office and other national law enforcement agencies. Experts on anti-money laundering consulted the General Prosecutor’s Office on operational analysis of combatting money laundering and financing terrorism.
The topics are in line with the goals and objectives of the Interdepartmental Commission on Counteracting the Legalization of Proceeds from Crime, Financing of Terrorism and Financing the Spread of Weapons of Mass Destruction, established by the Presidential Resolution in September 2018.
Anti-money-laundering measures and detecting illicit financial flows are essential to counter illicit drug trafficking and crime. A special training on these issues was organized for the Department on Combating Economic Crimes under the General Prosecutor's Office with technical support of UNODC. The participants were introduced to the international best practices of operational analysis and to the newest software and technologies.
Senior Prosecutor of the Department on the Introduction of Information and Communication Technologies and Information Security was the first professional of the General Prosecutor’s Office, who participated in the joint activities on criminal intelligence studying the “ArcGIS” and “IBM i2” software. The gained knowledge on challenges and threats associated with the use of «DeepWeb» and «DarkNet» for criminal purposes was replicated at local level and contributed to further enhancement of the capacity of the Financial Investigation Unit of the General Prosecutor’s Office.
In line with the Memorandum of Understanding between the General Prosecutor’s Office and UNODC, international experts were actively involved in activities related to criminal justice, crime prevention, and integrity in Uzbekistan.
UNODC experts presented legal analysis of Uzbekistan’s current Penal Code, background paper with recommendations on the concept of new Criminal and Criminal Procedure Codes, as well as provided consultative support in improvement of the professional activities of lawyers and on strengthening the independence of Chamber of Lawyers.
The General Prosecutor’s Office and UNODC produced a training film on the prosecution of cases of trafficking in persons for criminal justice practitioners based on the international standards.
The training film, developed by the General Prosecutor’s Office is now widely used by the practitioners in Central Asia.
The representatives of the General Prosecutor’s Office, the Interagency Commission on Combating Corruption, and the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan were introduced to Doha Declaration and the UNODC Education for Justice initiative. The participants of the workshop tested the “Integrity” board game for students of secondary education level, which allowed them to learn about different preventive measures to work with the youth.
The participants learned about the new innovative approaches and tools aimed at supporting specialists in developing children’s personal accountability and fairness, enhancing the culture of lawfulness, empowering children to identify, prevent and resolve moral, ethical and legal dilemmas.
A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the UNODC, the Westminster International University in Tashkent, Youth Union of Uzbekistan and State Tourism Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan was signed to establish cooperation in organization of TIMUN and the Young Delegates which are expected to be attended by over 650 students of Uzbekistan and other countries, in March and May 2019.
A series of Guest Lectures, aimed at sensitizing the youth on SDGs, as well as preparing the students for the upcoming TIMUN Conference, were held at the University of Westminster since September 2018. TIMUN - the Tashkent International Model UN is a student conference supporting Education4Justice (E4J), the component of the UNODC Global Programme on implementation of Doha Declaration. Lectures were conducted by international experts of UNODC, as well as government organizations such as the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
UNODC experts provided technical support on combating corruption and economic crimes during 2018. More than 300 investigators and prosecutors and 70 governmental officials benefited during different events on this topic.
UNODC organized and facilitated special trainings and conferences on anticorruption measures in business sector, asset declaration, ethics, prevention of conflicts of interest and other relevant principles of behavior and values in the public service.
Mr. Constantine Palicarsky, UNODC International expert in the field of combating corruption and economic crimes, contributed to drafting a national concept paper on anticorruption activities in 2019.
A TV talk show was broadcasted among a wide audience to raise awareness of corruption and the role of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in combating and preventing it.
In close collaboration with the Interagency Commission on Combatting Corruption, and international partners, UNODC organized One Week Media Marathon (10-14 December 2018), which was dedicated to the International Day against Corruption.
More than 300 works of art demonstrating the threat and consequences of corruption for society were presented at the “Youth against Corruption 2018” exhibition. All the works - approximately 8,000 - reflected the young people’s perceptions of the problem of corruption.
The Media marathon became a wide campaign on "Zero tolerance to corruption", through the involvement of a number of mass media, which informed the whole country about the threats and negative consequences of corruption. The celebration of 15-year anniversary of United Nations Convention against Corruption was at the center of all events throughout the Week.
UNODC provided expert support to the International Conference on Criminal Justice, organized by the Supreme Court of Uzbekistan on 17-18 October 2018. The UNODC experts shared their knowledge and expertise in development of the outcome document and in drafting new Criminal Code of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
In 2018, UNODC introduced the first tool to provide international legal and policy guidance on the complex issue of children recruited and exploited by terrorist and violent extremist groups - *Handbook on Children Recruited and Exploited by Terrorist and Violent Extremist Groups: The Role of the Justice System*. 
The Handbook was discussed at the dedicated regional training in Vienna, Austria. UNODC was pleased to host eight professionals from the Republic of Uzbekistan at the training, which included representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, State Security Service, the General Prosecutor’s Office, the Supreme Court, and Oliy Majlis.
UNODC supported the representatives of the national authorities and civil society organisations from Uzbekistan in their participation at the regional capacity-building activities on setting up a Central Asian Network for Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE). These regional workshops contributed to enhancing regional cooperation and capacities in PVE, promoting the whole-of-society and multi-disciplinary approach in PVE, as well as exchanging good practices of working in partnership with civil society organisations for PVE.

PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM
Government officials of Uzbekistan got actively involved into the Expert Working Group meetings of the Paris Pact Initiative during 2017-2018, to enhance proficiency at responding to transnational organised crime and illicit drug trafficking. The initiative is implemented in cooperation of the CADAP, EU Action against Drugs and Organised Crime (EU-ACT), INL, SCO, SELEC, and OSCE. In 2018, Uzbekistan’s high-level representatives and specialists participated in Expert Working Group meeting on "Comprehensive Approach to Drug Treatment and Care Standards and Quality Assurance Systems" in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, the 14th Policy Consultative Group Meeting in Vienna, Austria, and the Expert Working Group meeting on regional cooperation hosted by SCO in Beijing, China.
CARICC is the information and coordination platform of the Central Asian Region on combating the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors. In 2018, UNODC supported the participation of Uzbek delegates at the Council meeting to discuss the issues on CARICC operations such as funding and management. One of the key topics was on agreement to exchange secret information.
ENHANCING LEGISLATION ON COUNTERING ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING AND CRIME
Interagency Mobile Teams (IMT) – are the teams deployed in six locations of the Republic of Uzbekistan which bring together the representatives of the State Security Service, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan under one structure.
Funding of US$2.5 million, secured from the Government of Japan, allowed to support efforts of the Government of Uzbekistan in implementing IMT initiative.
The technical assistance within this initiative included establishment of legislative and institutional frameworks, procurement of specialized equipment, capacity development through practical training courses and implementation of joint inter-agency counter-narcotics operations.
Six training activities were conducted for 47 officers of IMT and their Operations Coordination Team on information exchange networks, drug detection, risk assessment and profiling, and physical surveillance. Moreover, the units were equipped with the vehicles and specialized equipment. Joint efforts of the officers of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the State Security Service, the State Customs Committee during the year resulted in seizure of total 230 kg of various narcotic substances.
The practical study drills organized for the participants of the training on profiling and identification of potential traffickers and criminals both on pedestrian checkpoints and vehicle search lines as a part of IMT initiative, the "Djartepa" border-crossing point on the Uzbek-Tajik border.
Establishing Border Liaison Offices (BLO) – The regional initiative supports the operations of 13 BLOs in Central Asia, including four at the border crossing points (BCP) of Uzbekistan: "Dustlik" BCP (UZB-KYRG), "Oybek" BCP (UZB-TAJ), "Sariosiyo" BCP (UZB-TAJ), "Airitom" BCP (UZB-AFG). In Uzbekistan the BLOs include the representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Border Troops of the State Security Service, and the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
Within this initiative, UNODC and Uzbekistan work on improving the capacity of the BLO officers which results in effective cooperation between the Customs, Border Protection, and Internal Affairs officers, as well as successful seizure operations.
The operation, facilitated by the BLO officers at the “Bekabad” railway BCP in May 2018, resulted in seizure of 15 kg of heroin. The BLO initiative provided equipment the new BLO under construction at the “Yallama” BCP at the amount of USD 25,000 and IT equipment for analytical department of law enforcement agencies at the amount of USD 100,000.
Container Control Programme (CCP) is the UNODC and World Customs Organization’s Global Programme, and the regional segment for Central Asia is successfully implemented in the Republic of Uzbekistan. There are well-established Port Control Units (PCU) at the “Chukursay-Tehkontora” and “Angren-Logistika” border posts.
The PCU officers are constantly improving their skills at the CCP capacity development and mentorship programmes. In particular, CCP conducted 4 training courses and 2 mentorships for Uzbek officers, including a training at the Border Force Skills Academy in Dover, United Kingdom. These capacity development events contributed to enhancement of the knowledge and skills of PCU officers, which enabled them to seize undeclared water pumps, car tires, folding knives, dried snakes and shoe-fiber at the Uzbek border posts.
Regional Seminar on railway cargo control and the exchange of pre-arrival information (October 2018, Tashkent) promoted practical interaction between customs authorities and rail freight carriers in the field of identifying high-risk cargoes. This workshop contributed to the development of recommendations for the Government in further improvement of national customs legislation.
In particular, a Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. 762 - "On measures to simplify customs procedures for processing goods and vehicles arriving to the customs territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan" adopted on 25 September 2018, allows sending preliminary electronic information about goods and vehicles to the information system of customs authorities via a telecommunications network.
UNODC-NATO Partnership Project – In 2018, the project trained 78 law enforcement officers from Uzbekistan during ten trainings on operational police tactics, internet investigation, organized crime investigation, risk analysis, search techniques, drug types, routes and trends K9 support. The trainings were organized jointly with Turkish International Academy against Drugs and Organized Crime, the border forces of Ukraine and Latvia.
DRUG PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REINTEGRATION OF DRUG USERS AND HIV PREVENTION
In 2018, Uzbekistan and UNODC worked closely on development of a science-based programme for drug use prevention and drug dependence treatment, raising the knowledge of national experts through regional trainings and information support, as well as improving the system of providing professional care for people with drug use disorders.
The UNODC “Treating drug dependence and its health consequences: Treatnet II” global initiative is implemented in Uzbekistan to contribute to the “National program of complex measures on countering drug abuse and illegal trafficking for 2016-2020” aimed at improving drug dependence treatment services and organizational forms of emergency aid.
In 2018, addiction professionals from Uzbekistan and other Central Asian countries completed all courses of the Basic Level of the Universal Treatment Curriculum for Substance Use Disorders. The Universal Treatment Curriculum aims to reduce significant health, social, and economic problems associated with substance use disorders by building international treatment capacity through training and expanding the global treatment workforce. Overall, more than 500 national specialists benefitted from the Treatnet II initiative.
12 national trainers from Uzbekistan obtained the International Certified Addiction Professional Level I (ICAP 1) credentials. Now, these professionals are able to apply their skills, knowledge and competencies of drug demand reduction and conduct quality addiction prevention interventions, treatment and aftercare services.
The national experts took part in the regional stakeholder meeting on increasing access to controlled medicine for medical and scientific purposes. The meeting created an opportunity for key focal points to engage in the initial phase of strategic planning to increase access to and availability of controlled medicines palliative care at the national level.
UNODC provided technical assistance in development and institutionalization of the drug treatment services quality assurance mechanism to improve the quality of the treatment. The joint work resulted in establishment of the Working Group of national experts, which adapted the International Quality Standards on drug dependence treatment services and relevant assessment tools/protocols to the context of the country.
The piloting of quality assurance tools in selected drug dependence treatment facilities of the country is scheduled for 2019. During the pilot, the national experts will utilize the knowledge gained at the regional workshop on the UNODC-WHO Quality Assurance Tools for drug dependence treatment (October 2018, Tashkent).
A family-oriented approach to drug dependence treatment was suggested to the professionals from Uzbekistan and Central Asia during the Regional Pilot Training on the UNODC family therapy package for youth with drug use disorders and their families (UNFT). Specialists jointly with UNODC experts studied internationally relevant package for family-based treatment in support of adolescents with drug use disorders.
In 2018, as a part of the Treatnet II initiative, Narcological Centres of Jizzakh, Fergana, Navoi and Khorazm regions were provided with the high-quality reanimation equipment. In addition, the Narcological Centres of Kokand, Namangan and Khorezm regions received Physiotherapeutic Treatment Equipment & Biochemical Analyzers.
In 2018, the Strengthening Families Programme for children aged 10-14 and their parents (SFP 10-14) has become a basis for the national "Happy School" project initiated by the Ministry of Public Education of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The project, being implemented throughout the country, utilizes key methodologies and approaches of the SFP 10-14.
The SFP 10-14 helps families build positive relations, give youth a healthy future orientation and an increased appreciation of their parents, as well as teaches to deal with stress and peer pressure. Those, in turn, help prevent negative behavior, including crimes and drug use.
During the four cycles of the SFP 10-14 implemented in Uzbekistan, over 400 public education specialists got trained to use the programme modules in all regions of the country.
In 2018, UNODC also initiated the piloting of brief, light, evidence-based, cost-efficient, and open source family skills intervention – Strong Families Programme. The programme is designed for families with children aged 8-15 and aimed at improving parenting skills, child well-being and family mental health.
As against SFP 10-14, it is especially developed for families living in remote rural areas and low resource settings. The team of national experts adapted the materials of the programme to adhere to cultural norms and national traditions.
UNODC supports the Government of Uzbekistan in promoting international approaches and standards of HIV prevention and treatment, ensuring access for people who use drugs to essential medical care through evidence-based comprehensive programs, as well as respect for human rights, reduction of stigma and discrimination. The key international approaches and standards were reflected in the new Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan PP-3800 "On additional measures to counter the spread of the disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus and the prevention of nosocomial infections" adopted in June 2018.
Thanks to the funds from the UNAIDS Unified Budget, Results and Accountability Framework secured in early 2018, UNODC supported the national strategies on HIV prevention and treatment. Specifically, UNODC facilitated the Monitoring and Evaluation visits of the Inter-Agency Expert Council under the Cabinet of Ministers of Uzbekistan to the HIV service providers - Trust Points in AIDS Centers and family policlincs, TB hospitals, Multi-disciplinary Teams to support people living with HIV, and respective NGOs. Every visit was accompanied by the roundtable discussion which helped to identify ongoing challenges and possible solutions for the HIV service providers.
National workshop on international standards of HIV prevention was conducted for Regional Directors of AIDS Centers and Coordinators of Trust Points in Uzbekistan, which was participated by 45 specialists. UNODC also facilitated the discussion between the Council Secretariat, civil society and international organizations on intersectoral approach for HIV prevention, treatment and care among vulnerable populations, especially among women who inject drugs.
Along with healthcare professionals, law enforcement officers also improved their knowledge and skills on HIV prevention among people who inject drugs (PWID). UNODC Methodical guideline/manual for law-enforcement agencies' staff on HIV prevention among PWID and harm reduction programs was adapted by the specialists of the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan to integrate into the education process, followed by an interactive discussion and seminars with over 100 participants from law enforcement agencies.
UNODC and Uzbekistan also work on improving skills and knowledge on HIV prevention in the penitentiary system. In 2018, UNODC in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the National AIDS Centre conducted two workshops on HIV for the staff of the penitentiary system. Total of 88 specialists, including 44 women, enhanced their capacity and knowledge on gender-responsive HIV service delivery, HIV prevention, treatment and care among PWID and people in prisons and human rights. The UNODC HIV focal point in Uzbekistan provided technical/methodological support to the Ministry of Health/National AIDS Centre, National Human Rights Center and local NGOs.
DEVELOPING COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF MONITORING DRUGS
Uzbekistan and UNODC successfully implement the “Strengthening Forensic Laboratories of the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Justice in the Republic of Uzbekistan” which implies the technical support to the three forensic laboratories in the process of preparation for the ISO/IEC 17025 international accreditation. The initiative is funded by the US State Department’s Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL).
UNODC completed comprehensive needs and gaps assessment to audit the compliance of the laboratories with the ISO 17025 requirements; facilitated a visit of the specialists to Vilnius to study the experience of the Police Forensic Science Centre and other forensic services of the health and justice sectors of the Republic of Lithuania in development and implementation of quality management system in compliance with the ISO/IEC 17025 requirements.
Also, UNODC organized a technical assistance mission of three international forensic experts from Lithuania to Uzbekistan. At the moment, the laboratories are in their final stage of application.
UNODC encourages the government agencies of Uzbekistan to collaborate in the field of producing global statistical reports. Specialists from Uzbekistan participated in two regional workshops on strengthening national capacity for producing, collecting and reporting drug and crime related statistics in Central Asia. The workshop on strengthening national capacity for producing, collecting and reporting drug related statistics contributed to increased understanding, knowledge and skills among the national focal points to improve the quality of Annual report Questionnaire reports.
Workshop, aimed at raising awareness about the importance of establishing and applying common statistical concepts on crime and criminal justice data, and providing guidance on the implementation of the International Classification of Crimes for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) across institutions and jurisdictions, was conducted in Tashkent. A key aspect of the course included international reporting through the annual UN Crime Trends Survey (UN-CTS) with a view to familiarize the participants with the global data collection instrument and raise the response rate from countries in the region. During the workshop, the participants also reviewed the practical application of the ICCS and the UN-CTS in reporting on selected indicators on violence, access to justice and corruption for monitoring targets under SDG 16: "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels".

THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMES FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES
Uzbekistan and UNODC joint activities directly contribute to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and are implemented in close cooperation with the UN agencies. The 2018 was an extremely important year for Uzbekistan in terms of achieving the goals set in the 2030 Agenda. First, Uzbekistan hosted the MAPS (Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals) mission which aimed to initiate a process towards addressing the challenges and complexities of sustainable development collaboratively, over the longer term.
In October, Uzbekistan adopted Resolution No.841 on the measures to implement the national goals and targets in the field of sustainable development until 2050. This Resolution highlights the commitment of the Government of Uzbekistan towards the UN General Assembly Resolution No.70, adopted in September 2015.
To support Uzbekistan in its commitments, UNODC jointly with the General Prosecutor's Office organized the international meeting on "Monitoring and Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals: Supporting the five Central Asian states, Azerbaijan and Georgia" with a special focus on Goal 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and on Goal 3 - Good Health and Wellbeing. The meeting hosted more than 70 participants from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, and provided an opportunity to exchange information on imperatives of a unified approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
2018 BUDGET UTILIZATION

TOTAL BUDGET: USD 3,060,825

1 – Development of cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for enhancing proficiency at responding to transnational organised crime and illicit drug trafficking
2 – Enhancing legislation on countering Illicit Drug Trafficking and Crime
3 – Cooperation in the Area of Criminal Justice, Crime Prevention and Integrity
4 – Drug Prevention, Treatment and Reintegration of Drug Users and HIV Prevention
5 – Developing Cooperation with UNODC in the area of Monitoring Drugs
2019 PLANNED BUDGET UTILIZATION

1 – Development of cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for enhancing proficiency at responding to transnational organised crime and illicit drug trafficking
2 – Enhancing legislation on countering Illicit Drug Trafficking and Crime
3 – Cooperation in the Area of Criminal Justice, Crime Prevention and Integrity
4 – Drug Prevention, Treatment and Reintegration of Drug Users and HIV Prevention
5 – Developing Cooperation with UNODC in the area of Monitoring Drugs

TOTAL BUDGET: USD 3,301,500
UNODC stays committed for further cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan in implementing the agreed joint plans within this Roadmap to ensure sustainable development without drugs, crime and terrorism. In 2018, the Government of Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden, UK, the United States as well as EU and NATO and others supported the joint efforts, and made generous contributions in implementation of the activities presented in this document. Over $3 million was spent to perform the joint Uzbekistan-UNODC activities in 2018 (estimated).

UNODC also looks forward to supporting the Government of Uzbekistan in implementation of activities in 2019. Specifically, UNODC will continue closely interact to advance the regional cooperation, through co-hosting the 11th Review Meeting of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Sub-Regional Drug Control Cooperation which will take place in Tashkent on 2-3 May 2019. In order to showcase the achievements of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the area of drug control, UNODC will support organization of the side-event during the 62nd session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs, which is planned in March 2019. Moreover, to inform the ongoing programmes with reliable evidence, Drug Use Survey is planned in 2019.
UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia expresses its gratitude to the support provided by the donors including the Government of Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden, UK, the United States as well as EU and NATO and others in the implementation of its activities in the country.
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