Overview of UNODC support to national responses to COVID-19, and menu of services provided by UNODC

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"We have a shared responsibility to protect ourselves & protect others. People across the world rely on us, the UNODC will not let them down... we are working from home, using our digital tools & organizational skills to keep teamwork going."

Ms. Ghada Waly,
Executive Director
UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
COVID-19 in Central Asia (as of 3 November 2020)

Total cases: difference from last month
12%

Average daily deaths (last month)
2

Average daily new cases (last month)
223
Main areas of UNODC ROCA support to national responses to COVID-19

• Contribute to and participate at WHO’s Strategic Preparedness Response Plan
• Enable government stakeholders and communities to tackle COVID-19 crisis
• Reduce socio-economic impact on key and vulnerable populations with a health and human rights perspective
• Engage in strengthening long term responses in recovery process that relates to UNODC mandate
• Engage with civil society and communities
Vulnerable groups that UNODC is supporting during the pandemic

- Drug users, including people who inject drugs
- HIV infected and affected population
- Victims of gender-based violence
- Victims of human trafficking and migrants smuggling
- Children and youth at risk
- Returnees from conflict zones
- People in detention and prisons
COVID-19 Policy Documents on law enforcement

- Law Enforcement Response to COVID-19 Pandemic
- Guidance for police and gendarmerie officers: How to protect yourself in coronavirus risky environments
UNODC COVID-19 Policy Documents on cybercrime and money laundering

- Cybercrime and COVID-19: Risks and Responses
- Video on staying safe online while working remotely
- Money-laundering and COVID-19: Profit and Loss
UNODC support the frontline law enforcement officers at border crossing points, customs as well as police in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.
UNODC COVID-19 Policy Documents on Gender

- Inter-Agency Statement on Violence against Women and Girls in the Context of COVID-19
- COVID-19 and Essential Services Provision for Survivors of Violence Against Women and Girls
- UNODC Thematic Brief on gender-based violence against women and girls
UNODC supports Kyrgyzstan Ministry of Interior to enhance mobile application “My community policing officer” with additional functions to respond effectively gender-based violence crimes.
UNODC COVID-19 Policy Documents on Crime prevention and criminal justice

- Ensuring Access to Justice in the Context of COVID-19 Guidance Note
- UNODC, WHO, UNAIDS and OHCHR joint statement on COVID-19 in prisons and other closed settings
- COVID-19 Prevention and Control among People Living in Prison
- COVID-19 Prevention and Control among People Working in Prison
- COVID-19 preparedness and responses in prisons - position paper
UNODC COVID-19 Policy Documents on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling

- Forced returns of migrants must be suspended in times of COVID-19
- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on trafficking in persons
UNODC provide guidance and PPE to prepare, respond and control COVID-19 in prisons of Central Asia

UNODC prevention and control among people working in prison

COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. COVID-19 has the potential to cause outbreaks in prisons and other closed settings, because of the confined conditions where people live in close proximity for a prolonged period of time.

People in prisons should enjoy quality health care that is at least equivalent to that available in the community, and should have access to necessary health-care services free of charge without discrimination on the grounds of their legal status.

Checklist to evaluate preparedness, prevention and control of COVID-19 in prisons and other places of detention

This checklist is intended for use by policy-makers and prison administrators to evaluate their level of preparedness to prevent and control COVID-19 in prisons and other places of detention. It has been developed as an additional resource to support countries in implementing the interim guidance issued by the World Health Organization (WHO) in preparation, prevention and control of COVID-19 in prisons and other places of detention.

The expected relevance to the various stakeholders of the information given in the checklist is indicated at the start of each section by one of three symbols: highly relevant, relevant or not relevant.

The checklist includes items that are specifically designed or adapted to deal with the current COVID-19 pandemic, while others apply more broadly to various aspects of service planning and delivery. WHO’s interim guidance, mentioned above, provides further explanation and advice on most items in the checklist.

The checklist is structured according to WHO’s health systems framework. It is intended as a guide and is not necessarily exhaustive in its coverage.
Support to e-learning prison and probation officers in Kazakhstan

- UNODC supports Kazakhstan’s Prison Service to Switch to Online Training during COVID-19.
- Over 1,200 prison officers have taken the e-learning course on Nelson Mandela Rules despite the pandemic.
UNODC COVID-19 Policy Documents on Corruption

- G20 Good Practices Compendium on Combating Corruption in the Response to COVID-19
- Compiled country survey responses for the G20 Good Practices Compendium on Combating Corruption in the Response to COVID-19
- COVID-19 fiscal response and the prevention of corruption
- Preventing corruption in sport and manipulation of competitions
- Accountability and Prevention of Corruption
UNODC COVID-19 Policy
Documents on Parenting and Youth

- A booklet on caring for your child during COVID-19
- Statement on COVID-19 & youth
- Technical Note: COVID-19 and Children Deprived of their Liberty
- Protecting children deprived of liberty during the COVID-19 outbreak
- Parenting under COVID-19
- Information for parents and other caregivers in crowded communities or refugees settings during the COVID19 pandemic
Line Up Live Up Sport Challenge

• The challenge gathered over 21,000 videos from participants
• Chess tournament in Kyrgyzstan reached disadvantaged population
Support to education system in the lockdown

• "The Zorbs" animated series were integrated to the online school curricula in Uzbekistan.

• Broadcasted in three national TV channels and available in Uzbek, Russian and English on the Ministry’s official YouTube page to reach over 2 million children aged 6-12 nationwide.
UNODC COVID-19 Policy Documents on Drug prevention, treatment and care

- Protecting those that protect us!
- “Suggestions about treatment, care and rehabilitation of people with drug use disorder in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic”
- Technical guidance on HIV and hepatitis B, C prevention, treatment, care and support for people who use drugs and for people in prison during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Advice for service providers during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Rights in the time of COVID-19. Lessons from HIV for an effective, community-led response
UNODC supports Kyrgyz Republican Narcology Center and Kazakhstan Republican Mental Health Centre to assist emergency medical help to people with mental health issues and drug use disorders.
UNODC ROCA support to COVID-19 response in Central Asia

Areas covered:

• Transnational organized crimes
• Drug trafficking
• Human trafficking
• Cybercrime
• Gender
• Justice and crime prevention
• Corruption
• Education
• Parenting
• Drug dependence treatment and HIV prevention

Key activities:

• Development of technical guidance notes
• Messages on risk communication
• Capacity development of law enforcement agencies
• Support to the frontline law enforcement officers at border crossing points
• Provision of PPEs to different stakeholders;
• Parenting and stress management;
• Sports challenge among community;
• Rapid survey on drug use during COVID-19;
THANK YOU!