



**UNODC**

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

*Statistics and Data for measuring Illicit Financial Flows in the Asia-Pacific Region*

## **Training to Maldives Police Service on Measuring Illicit Financial Flows Associated with Drug Trafficking in the Maldives**

As custodian agencies of SDG Indicator 16.4.1 on illicit financial flows (IFFs), in 2020 the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), together with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), inaugurated a new Development Account **project called “Statistics and data for measuring illicit financial flows in the Asia-Pacific region”**<sup>1</sup>. The project is aimed at consolidating existing and testing new methodological guidelines for the measurement of this Indicator, as well as to build statistical capacity by providing technical assistance and guidance to pilot countries for the measurement of such indicator using the defined standards and concepts developed by UNCTAD and UNODC. The project is implemented in six countries of Asia, including the Maldives.

In August 2021, a National Coordination Mechanism (NCM)<sup>2</sup> has been set up among key national stakeholder and data providers to support the project implementation during 2021 and 2022 in the Maldives. After two national workshops held in August, October 2021 data availability assessment and data collection have been launched to map data sources and collect data on drug trafficking and trafficking in persons in the country. In February 2022, two online trainings on measuring IFFs associated with drug trafficking and trafficking in persons were conducted with the key national stakeholders.

A training to Maldives Police Service will be held on **Monday 6 June, 2022** on the measurement of illicit financial flows associated with drug trafficking in the country. With the ultimate goal to build capacity of Maldives Police Service (Drug Enforcement Department) to collect data and measure IFFs associated with drug trafficking activities in the country, the training will cover the following activities:

- Present the methodological guidelines to measure IFFs associated with drug trafficking
- Present the information collected on drug trafficking in the country
- Conduct practical exercises to understand the methodology to measure illicit financial flows associated with drug trafficking
- Discuss about the next steps for the project implementation

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/iff\\_Asia.html](https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/data-and-analysis/iff_Asia.html)

<sup>2</sup> The National Coordination Mechanism is composed by the National Bureau of Statistics as national focal point, and representatives of the national focal point institutions appointed for this project which have substantive knowledge on illicit financial flows and in the activities related to drug trafficking in the country and of UNODC staff and consultants assigned to this project.

### Agenda

<b>Date</b>	Monday 6 June, 2022
<b>Male´ time</b>	10:30 – 13:30
<b>Modality</b>	Hybrid: in person-training with UNODC Headquarters remotely connected
<b>Venue</b>	Maldives Police Service
<b>Language</b>	The training will be conducted in English

<b>Schedule (Male´ time)</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
10:30 - 10:40	Welcoming remarks	<i>Maldives Police Service</i>
10:40 - 10:55	Guidelines to measure drug trafficking-related IFFs	<i>Diana Camerini, UNODC Project Coordinator (virtual)</i>
10:55 - 11:10	Maldives drug situation and proposed methodology	<i>David Ravaux, UNODC Regional Consultant</i>
11:10 - 11:30	Questions and answers	<i>All participants</i>
11:30 - 11:50	Data collection tools	<i>David Ravaux, UNODC Regional Consultant</i>
11:50 - 12:05	Questions and answers	<i>All participants</i>
12:05 - 12:15	Break	
12:15 - 13:15	Group exercise - Case study to understand the methodology to measure illicit financial flows associated with drug trafficking activities	<i>All participants, guided by UNODC</i>
13:15 - 13:30	Conclusion	<i>All participants</i>