TRANSFORMING POLICY INTO ACTION: THE LEGACY OF THE DOHA DECLARATION
GLOBAL PROGRAMME

2016-2021
Following the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held in Doha, Qatar in April 2015, the General Assembly adopted the landmark Doha Declaration in its resolution 70/174. To translate this political declaration into concrete action and contribute to the world’s efforts in boosting the rule of law, the State of Qatar generously funded an ambitious, five-year Global Programme aimed at helping countries achieve a positive and sustainable impact.

The Doha Declaration Global Programme, which was launched in March 2016 and concluded in September 2021, focused on four inter-related components: enhancing quality education for children and youth on the rule of law through its "Education for Justice" (E4J) initiative; preventing youth crime through sports; strengthening judicial integrity and preventing corruption in the justice system; and fostering prisoner rehabilitation and social reintegration.

Intrinsically linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the success of the Global Programme is best captured by its transformative impact around the globe.

Since the Global Programme’s inception, more than 2.5 million people from over 190 countries were impacted. This figure includes over 112,000 stakeholders that benefited from direct capacity-building activities, and more than 2.1 million reached through post-activity impact and the use of knowledge tools and materials, including 1.5 million students. Nearly 200 tools and materials were developed, including guidelines, training tools, university-level modules, games, handbooks, manuals, podcasts and other resources. These tools and materials were translated into 15 languages.

2.5+ million people in 190+ countries were reached between 2016-2021, including more than 120,000 people that directly benefited from support provided during 800+ capacity-building activities.
Overall, **84 countries** received direct technical assistance, including capacity-building that focused on the needs identified by beneficiary country predominately at the national level. This assistance took the form of sharing information, providing expertise and/or skills training.

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING

**Lebanon**  
Educational materials helped children stay safe from COVID-19 by reaching them wherever they were (houses, orphanages).

**Uzbekistan**  
Materials were incorporated into the National Curriculum for the 2020/2021 school year.

**State of Palestine**  
In Jericho, technical and vocational training for prisoners on electrical installations were provided.

**Uganda**  
Implemented Line Up Live Up in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Sports and UNESCO.

### 347 UN REFERENCES

Pointing to the reach of the Global Programme within the United Nations, the Doha Declaration and the thematic work itself was recognized through 347 references in official UN Reports between 2016 and 2021. This included references in reports by the Secretary-General, the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the UNODC Executive Director, and a resolution adopted by the General Assembly on education for justice and the rule of law.
Communications and outreach formed a core element of UNODC’s work in delivering the Doha Declaration Global Programme.

Our proactive approach promoted the extensive work of the thematic components, and the strong results achieved, as well as the central role that the State of Qatar has taken in promoting the rule of law through its support given to UNODC.

**15 MILLION + SOCIAL MEDIA REACH**

Promoting two-way communication and sharing the far-reaching successes and impacts of the Global Programme, social media was used as an intensive outreach tool.

**32 MILLION + WEBSITE VIEWS**

accessing both regularly issued updates and the extensive range of tools developed across various themes. This information, and the central role that the State of Qatar played vis-à-vis boosting the rule of law, was also supplemented by issuing more than 250 thematic articles.

**1,050+ MEDIA MENTIONS IN 79 COUNTRIES**

Launches, local and international events, and interviews were used to boost media coverage of the Global Programme and the State of Qatar as an advocate of rule of law responses.

**1 MILLION + VIEWS OF 200+ HIGH-QUALITY VIDEOS AND PODCASTS**

showcased various Global Programme activities, high-level events and human-interest stories, and provided engaging information on rule of law issues.
E4J, an innovative educational initiative, was instrumental in building the capacity of educators to equip students with a better understanding of, and ability to address, the issues that can undermine the rule of law. The initiative also collaborated with other stakeholders such as NGOs, the private sector, and other international organizations to achieve its objectives by creating and disseminating educational activities and materials for primary, secondary, and tertiary education levels.

Impact

E4J reached over 110,000 people directly from more than 180 countries through 600+ activities, including 72,600 people that received direct-capacity building support from 524 events. As a result of this support, 1.5 million youth globally were taught using E4J materials. In March 2021, E4J was recognized by Secretary-General António Guterres and awarded the 2020 Secretary-General Award in the category ‘Innovation’.

Educational Materials

E4J produced over 170 materials for students in collaboration with teachers and academics, which marked the first time that the UN had developed educational content on SDG 16. Examples included:

- **The Zorbs**, a cartoon series that teaches the values of acceptance, integrity and respect;
- A guide to support youth who wish to simulate crime prevention issues in **Model UN**; and
- The development of over 100 **university modules** on topics such as ethics, cybercrime, and firearms.
Youth Crime Prevention through Sports

While young persons are key agents of change, already contributing to the resilience of their communities and proposing innovative solutions, they also face many challenges that make them vulnerable to crime, drugs, violence and victimization. This component aimed to enhance the capacity of Member States and other actors, including sport sector and civil society, to use sport as a tool for effective youth crime prevention by building resilience of vulnerable youth. It consisted of four main pillars:

- **“Line Up Live Up”,** a sport-based, evidence-informed life skills training curriculum for youth which supports the development of skills, such as coping with emotions and resisting peer pressure and promote prosocial behaviour;
- A **grant scheme to support civil society organizations** in promoting the use of sport for youth violence and crime prevention;
- The provision of **equipment support** to schools, sports facilities and community centres; and
- **Awareness raising activities** on the use of sport as a tool for violence and crime prevention.

### Impact

This component directly reached over 275,000 people. This included more than 120,000 youth who were engaged in summer camps, schools and sport and community centres; through renovated and/or supported training and sport equipment; and those who received life skills training, participated in training and festivals and through online sport challenges and other virtual events. Specifically, under **“Line Up Live Up”**, the component provided training to over 1,250 trainers, sport coaches and teachers on teaching life skills through sport and delivered the curriculum to over 30,000 young people in 14 countries.

To create safe public spaces for youth and promote access to sport, the component provided training and sports equipment to over 650 schools and sports centres, and refurbished seven sport facilities in selected marginalised communities in four countries. Finally, to further promote innovative community and/or youth-led sport interventions 11 local civil society organizations were supported in five countries reaching almost 15,000 youth and community members.
Through UNODC’s long-standing work on the topic of judicial integrity, it became evident that judges would benefit from a platform that would allow them to share good practices, join forces in the development of tools, and provide peer-to-peer support. For this purpose, one of the key outcomes of the Doha Declaration Global Programme was the creation of the **Global Judicial Integrity Network**.

### Impact

The launch event of the Global Judicial Integrity Network (Vienna, April 2018) convened over 350 judges and other stakeholders from 106 countries. It was the largest gathering of judges ever organized under the auspices of the United Nations until the second High-Level Meeting took place (Doha, February 2020) with over 700 participants from 118 countries. Apart from the high-level events, the Network created numerous in-person and virtual opportunities for networking and experience-sharing. To date, the Network has reached **over 145,000 stakeholders in 190 countries**.

### Tools and Materials

- **International Non-Binding Guidelines on the Use of Social Media by Judges.**
- **Paper on Gender-Related Judicial Integrity Issues.**
- **Guide on How to Develop Codes of Judicial Conduct.**
- The Network's website which featured an online library with **2,100+ resources**, opinion pieces and podcasts, and thematic pages.

### Training Sites

- The Network produced a package of highly applicable **Judicial Ethics Training Tools**, consisting of an e-learning course, self-directed course and trainers’ manual.
- **71 jurisdictions** from across the globe became training sites for the implementation of the tools.
- Over **6,800 members** of judiciaries globally reached by the training tools.
Under the Prisoner Rehabilitation component, UNODC supported Member States in implementing prison-based rehabilitation programmes that focused on education, vocational training and work programmes, with a view to increase their rehabilitation prospects and social reintegration into the community and decrease levels of recidivism.

The component published a set of technical guidance materials in several languages which assisted prison administrations in developing high-quality and sustainable prison-based rehabilitation programmes that meet international standards.

**Impact**

The Global Programme provided technical and financial support to prison administrations in 11 countries to implement prisoner rehabilitation projects in Bolivia, Colombia, El Salvador, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Namibia, State of Palestine, Tajikistan, Tunisia and Zambia. Examples of the Global Programme's involvement included innovative practices to rehabilitate prisoners before their release, such as the creation of **vocational training programmes** for women prisoners in the construction sector in Bolivia and technical and vocational training for prisoners on electrical installations in Jericho, State of Palestine.

**COVID-19**

The component provided emergency assistance through the provision of **Personal Protective Equipment** and hygiene and sanitary items to prison administrations. This also followed what proved to be an extremely timely opening of a new soap manufacturing project in Namibia at the Windhoek Correction Facility at the start of 2020.
In the ‘Innovation’ category of the UN Secretary-General Awards, we honour the Education for Justice initiative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for directly engaging children, youth, teachers and academics.

António Guterres  
United Nations Secretary-General

This intervention on the part of UNODC is timely. For us, at the Ministry of Interior, it marks a turning point in the life of the Mwembeshi Correctional Centre as it becomes the first location in the entire country to have a multi-skills centre.

Stephen Kampyongo  
Minister of Interior, Zambia

Promoting a safe learning environment in schools is a key priority for Uzbekistan. We need to work together to prevent crime and bring positive change to our children. Synergies with organizations like UNODC contribute to this objective.

Sherzod Shermatov  
Minister of Public Education, Uzbekistan

The State of Palestine’s first-ever representation at UNODC’s Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was thanks to our strong partnership with the Doha Declaration Global Programme.

Salah Abdel Shafi  
Ambassador of the State of Palestine to the United Nations in Vienna

The Global Judicial Integrity Network strengthens judicial cooperation between courts and tribunals from different legal and cultural traditions. In an increasingly globalized world, this is more important than ever.

Elisabeth Lovrek  
Vice-President, Supreme Court of Austria
The Doha Declaration Global Programme contributed not only to SDG 16 but also to several other Sustainable Development Goals through its various activities, tools and resources, including SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development can only be realized through inclusive partnerships and continuing cooperation. Partnerships were delivered and a catalyst for the Global Programme in maximizing the reach and impact we had on our beneficiaries.

The UNODC/UNESCO partnership helped education professionals equip learners with the knowledge, attitudes and skills to constructively and responsibly engage in society. In 2020, E4J joined the Global Education Coalition for COVID-19 Response to ensure that learning and education for young people does not stop during the pandemic.

UNODC and the world football’s governing body, the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), signed a Memorandum of Understanding to step up their joint cooperation to address crime in and through sport.

UNODC’s Line Up Live Up and E4J initiatives were launched in the State of Palestine in cooperation with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

In Namibia, UNODC, in association with the World Food Programme, launched a hydroponics project in the Gobabis Correctional Facility.

In Indonesia, the prisoner rehabilitation-focused Batik Project at the Semarang Female Correctional Facility was supported by the CSO Second Chance Foundation.

E4J and the Academic Council on the United Nations System supported each other at conferences and awareness-raising efforts.

The UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers is a permanent member of the Advisory Board of the Global Judicial Integrity Network and provided substantive guidance and support to the Network’s activities.

Two editions of the #hackathon4justice coding challenge were conducted with Facebook in Nigeria. E4J co-organized a hackathon with the World Bank and Africa Teen Geeks in Washington, D.C.

E4J and the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens launched a Women’s Empowerment Programme for Latin America and have co-organized events and supported each other to promote community mobilization on rule of law issues.
The Doha Declaration: Promoting a Culture of Lawfulness