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GLOBAL PROGRAMMES
Trafficking in Persons (GPAT)
Smuggling of Migrants (GPAS)

INTRODUCTION

UNODC is tasked with supporting Member States to implement the key international instruments addressing trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, the **Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children**, and the **Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air**, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

UNODC's response to the global, regional and national challenges facing Member States in addressing human trafficking and smuggling of migrants is reflected primarily through two Global Programmes – **Global Programme against Trafficking in Persons** (GPAT)*,* and **Global Programme against the Smuggling of Migrants (GPAS)**. The core objective of these programmes is to support Member States and working level practitioners to prevent and prosecute these crimes, protect the rights of people who fall prey to the criminals who commit them, and promote cooperation amongst Member States to these ends.

With over ten years of experience as the guardian of UNTOC and its Protocols, UNODC has a comparative advantage to providing technical assistance to Member States and currently carries out technical assistance activities to prevent and combat trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants in more than 80 countries in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. These activities are tailor-made to the specific needs of the particular country and/or region and are implemented at national, regional and global levels and are informed by a **Regional Programme Approach**, through which UNODC responds strategically to the specific global and regional challenges faced by Members States.

Upon request of Member States, the Global Programmes, GPAT and GPAS, offer expertise in 7 key areas (Fig. 1) to assist countries, for example, to develop adequate laws and legal frameworks, to conduct research and assessments, to support countries in strategy-development and to conduct tailor-made trainings, based on UNODC good practice materials and training programmes.

Publications and Tools

A core function of both Global Programmes is the development of practical tools for criminal justice actors, including law enforcement, victim and migrant assistance providers, prosecutors, judges, parliamentarians and policy makers. These tools are initially developed by bringing together expert practitioners from countries of origin, transit and destination countries to create general globally-applicable tools, which are then adapted to local needs in different country contexts.

(Fig. 1)

UNODC's normative guidance and technical assistance is provided in the following key areas:

- Prevention and awareness-raising
- Data collection and research
- Legislative assistance
- Strategic planning and policy development
- Criminal justice system responses
- Victim protection and support
- International cooperation

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Global Programme against Trafficking In Persons (GPAT)

First initiated in 1999, the UNODC Global Programme against Trafficking in Persons (GPAT) provides normative guidance to all UN Member States to strengthen implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol and tailor-made technical assistance to more than 80 countries around the globe, with a focus on strengthening countries' criminal justice responses.

Global Programme against Smuggling of Migrants (GPAS)

Through this Global Programme, UNODC provides normative guidance for UN Member states on the implementation of the UN Smuggling of Migrants Protocol and delivers technical assistance to an increasing number of countries. The Global Programme against Smuggling of Migrants puts particular emphasis on strengthening countries' criminal justice responses to the crime of migrant smuggling, and aims to promote cooperation between law enforcers and prosecutors in countries of origin, transit and destination to effectively respond to this transnational crime.

Recent Publications and Tools

- First Aid Kit for use by Law Enforcement Responders in addressing Human Trafficking (2011)

- In-Depth Training Manual to Investigate and Prosecute the Smuggling of Migrants (2011)

- Model Law against Smuggling of Migrants (2010)

- Victim Translation Assistance Tool - Life support messages for victims of human trafficking (UN.GIFT/UNODC) (2010)

- Toolkit to Combat Smuggling of Migrants (2010)

- Human Trafficking in the Baltic Sea Region: State and Civil Society Cooperation on Victims Assistance and Protection (English) (2010)

- Needs Assessment Toolkit on the Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking (Chinese, English, Russian) (UN.GIFT/UNODC) (2010)

- Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants - Regional Guidelines on International Cooperation (English, Albanian, Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, Macedonian and Serbian) (2010)

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