



APPROACH TO PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION



The overarching aim of the project is to reduce Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and Smuggling of Migrants (SOM), and to assist and protect victims and vulnerable migrants, including children.

UNODC builds on a global community of practice set in motion with GLO.ACT (2015-2019) and the successes of GLO.ACT Asia and the Middle East (2018-2023). The project implemented in the framework of GLO.ACT assists governmental authorities and civil society organizations in targeted, innovative, and demand-driven interventions along 4 pillars of intervention:



Evidence-based strategy, policy, and legal expertise



Rights-based and gender-sensitive capacity-building



Bilateral, regional, and international cooperation



Victim assistance, protection, and support

ENGAGEMENT WITH COUNTRIES: FROM CONSULTATION TO PARTNERSHIP TO OWNERSHIP

• Two-pronged engagement – in Vienna through the Permanent Missions and intergovernmental processes, and in capitals both at the high level (ministerial/deputy level) and technical (TIP Committees and structures)

• Investment in securing the engagement, buy-in and appropriate modality of implementation, tailored to each country

• Nominations of focal points, trust building and clear communications protocols for each country

• Multiple consultative missions to partner countries to deepen understanding of gaps in response and consult with senior officials, law enforcement,

prosecution, judiciary, military, parliamentarians, civil society, and international partners on prioritized needs

- Strategic national TIP SOM analytical assessments and targeted legal reviews, including stakeholder analysis
- Reviewable national and regional theories of change, with accompanying comprehensive workplans

CENTRAL TO THE APPROACH TAKEN BY THE GLO.ACT TEAM HAS BEEN A FOCUS ON:

- **Building a community of practice;** both practitioner-to-practitioner and across countries and sectors of the response, from traditional criminal justice providers to new or relevant actors
- **Operational level impact** – with the aim of providing operational support and input to ongoing TIP and SOM cases at country and bilateral, regional level with a focus on mentorship - including joining partners such as INTERPOL in operations; this necessarily requires trust building to allow team members and in particular Regional TIP/SOM Advisers to advise on case files and/or facilitate cooperation between counterparts in different jurisdictions
- **Meaningful gender and human rights mainstreaming** – beyond counting numbers to the finalization of a standard setting toolkit for the TIP and SOM field validated by policy setting and coordination bodies, targeted efforts to increase female representation in the criminal justice sector and operating a women’s network
- **Tracing illicit financial flows** through research, addressing a major gap in knowledge which will

help tailor capacity building and operational efforts to target the illicit flows and ensure effective financial investigations are initiated

- **Increasing the quality rather than quantity of investigations/convictions,** through promotion of coordinated and strategic approach to case and target selection, with the aim of holding accountable those most responsible for organized crime and illicit profit
- **Diversifying evidence base** from one based solely on testimonial evidence to one that promotes financial/forensic and other corroborative lines of inquiry
- **Going local** as much as possible – ensuring the project invests resources and training outside of the capitals and identifies feasible pilot areas, and privileges and fosters national expertise
- Addressing the policy and practical **linkages between conflict and TIP/SOM,** ensuring that conflict informed approaches are implemented and that they are harmonized with relevant humanitarian and human rights actors as well as international justice mechanisms
- **Promoting a holistic crime prevention approach** in line with UNODC’s strategy as a multi-sectoral, multi-disciplinary, and integrated endeavour.
- **Seeking innovation – use of technology,** magnifying impact by cooperating with strategic partners
- **Developing and implementing an exit and sustainability strategy** from day 1 of implementation to ensure that gains and momentum achieved have a longer-term viability