Annual Achievements 2022
UNODC in Palestine

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is a global leader in addressing the problem of drug use and transnational organized crime and is mandated to assist the Member States in their struggle against drugs, crime, terrorism and corruption.

UNODC has an important role in assisting States Parties to the international conventions in the implementation of their obligations under the UN drug control treaties, the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and its Protocols and the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), as well as universal counter-terrorism prevention instruments. Acting as the guardian of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, UNODC has the mandate to assist Member States in improving their criminal justice systems to ensure the practical application of these standards.

The Programme Office in Palestine is part of the Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa (ROMENA). Located in East Jerusalem, the Programme Office provides assistance to Palestinian institutions in the West Bank. UNODC’s cooperation with the State of Palestine falls under the framework of the Regional Programme for the Arab States as well as the National Programme of Palestine on Drug Control, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform. Work of the Programme Office in Palestine contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), including SDGs 3, 4, 5, 11, 16, and 17.

UNODC has been working with the Palestinian Government since 2005 in the fields of drug demand reduction and drug-related crimes, law enforcement, forensics, prison reform and cybercrime. In recent years, UNODC Programme Office in Palestine worked on prevention of drug use, violence and crime among youth, combating gender-based violence, addressing human trafficking and supporting anti-corruption efforts while mapping out new areas of cooperation such as criminal justice reform and enhancing the work on prevention of crime, violence and drug use, especially among youth.
UNODC supports Palestinian youth to gain resilience against the risks posed by drugs, violence and crime through the "Youth 4 Impact" programme. The programme enables young men and women, including those most marginalized and at-risk, to experience healthier and safer life transitions. It also empowers youth to contribute to and be reintegrated into communities safer from crime, violence, and drugs. The Programme is funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Throughout the year of 2022 the programme achieved the following:

- Supported and took part in a national working group to review and update the national youth strategy.
- Increased access of marginalized youth to sport with 40 MoE schools receiving sports equipment, and 13,500 students (5500 girls, 8,000 boys) in the West Bank and benefitting from the assistance.
- Strengthened capacities of 29 staff (13 female, 16 male) from the Palestinian National Rehabilitation Centre (PNRC) and 98 (41 female, 57 male) health professionals, NGO representatives and law enforcement officers to respond to the needs of people who use drugs (PWUD) and their families.
- Raised awareness on the risks and consequences of drug use for 450 youth and children and 500 families through sports and life skills activities on the occasion of World Drug Day (WDD).
- Trained 43 professionals (21 female, 22 male) working with youth and families on preventing risky behaviour of youth through the family skills programme "Strong Families" (SF).
- Strengthened family skills for 67 family members (42 female, 25 male) to preventing drug use, violence and crime among youth through the implementation of the SF programme.
- Enhanced capacities of 62 (28 female, 34 male) coaches, teachers, counselors, and NGO representatives to preventing drug use, violence and crime among youth through the sports and life skills curricula "Line Up! Live Up!" (LULU).
- Empowered 724 young people (468 female, 256 male) against the risks posed by drug use, violence and crime through the LULU programme implementation.

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- **567** families benefitted from the Y4I programme
- **14,674** youth reached and positively impacted by the Y4I programme
- **40** schools, including UNRWA schools received sports equipment
- **127** health professionals and law enforcement officers are better equipped to respond to the needs of vulnerable or at-risk youth
- **105** professionals working with youth and families trained on the LULU and SF programmes
The HAYA Joint Programme seeks to eliminate violence against women in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The five-year Joint Programme brings together the Palestinian Authority (PA), UN agencies, civil society organizations, community-based organizations, and other partners to reduce the vulnerability of women and girls to all forms and threats of violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The HAYA programme is funded by the Government of Canada and is jointly implemented by UNFPA, UN Habitat, UNODC and UN Women. These are the achievements of the programme in 2022:

- Increased awareness of 50 (44 women, 16 men) officials in Government bodies and CSOs on different EVAW topics to be addressed by the journalists and media professionals.

- Trained 74 (52 women, 23 men) media professionals and journalists on gender and sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) issues and on how to use solution-oriented stories for covering gender-sensitive topics as well as on photo and video production.

- Supported production of 12 TV episodes on Watan TV covering different topics related to EVAW and SGBV.

- Improved knowledge of 291 (214 women, 77 men) service providers on the National Referral System and the various services available for GBV survivors and strengthened cooperation and coordination between gender-responsive services at the district level.

- Trained 6 (4 women, 2 men) forensic biologists on Forensic Body Fluid analysis as a part of the development of a fully operational Forensic Biology Section adhering to international standards.

- Enhanced knowledge of 64 (44 women, 20 men) doctors and nurses from the Ministry of Health (MoH) hospitals on Forensic Medicine and Science related to gender and SGBV.

- Increased knowledge of 19 (6 women, 13 men) public prosecutors Forensic Medicine and Science topics related to SGBV.

- Refurbished two health and forensic clinics by procuring non-expendable and expendable equipment.
HAYA: Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW)

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- 291 service providers improved their coordination and cooperation in response to SGBV cases
- 64 media professionals and journalists trained on gender and SGBV issues
- 70 health professionals and forensic biologists trained on forensic medicine topics related to SGBV
- 69 officials from different institutions trained on Forensic Medicine and different EWAV topics
- 12 TV episodes produced covering different SGBV and EWAV topics
- 2 health and forensic clinics refurbished
Adressing trafficking in persons (TIP)

- Trained **38 professionals (15 women, 23 men)** from all relevant sectors on general concepts of TIP and interviewing victims.
- Supported drafting of the **first comprehensive TIP legislation**.
- Held a **round table** with relevant stakeholders and donors to discuss TIP in Palestine and presented to them a project proposal to be undertaken to address it.

Countering corruption and promoting integrity

- Trained **27 professionals (7 women, 20 men)** from relevant security and financial agencies on investigating corruption cases.
- Supported reviewing of the sectoral **strategy on integrity and anti-corruption**.
- Formulated a **project proposal** to support national anti-corruption efforts and presented it at the sectoral working group.

Prison rehabilitation

- Trained **9 inmates** on electrical installation to increase their chances of having job opportunities and sources of income post release.
Media offers great opportunities to raise awareness around violence against women and girls. The HAYA Joint Programme helped me to better equip myself with knowledge and skills to effectively report on gender issues.

Razan Odeh, a young journalist and participant to the media professionals training

UNODC helped us draft a TIP law which provides a legal basis for our efforts and allows us to take further action to combat this crime and protect victims.

Alaa Al-Sheikh, TIP Coordinator under the National Programme on Drug Control, Crime Prevention & Enhance Criminal Justice

It gave us personal strength and improved our life skills, for example, to deal with our friends and interact with others.

Tala (14), a participant to the LULU programme

We are grateful for the opportunity provided by the Correction and Rehabilitation Directorate and supported by UNODC. We are happy with the acquired knowledge will be using it in the future.

One of the inmates trained under the prison rehabilitation programme
Special Thanks

- To our national counterparts
- To our UN sister agencies
- To our donors

With their support and cooperation, we were able to and will continue to pursue our mission in contributing to global peace and security, human rights and development by making Palestine, the region and the world safer from drugs, crime and corruption.