



- Promote rule of law and good governance as foundations of peace, security and sustainable development
- Strengthen national policies and practices consistent with international norms, standards, convention obligations and evidence-based best practices
- Strengthen institutional and individual capacities to prevent and combat transnational organized crime, illicit trafficking, violent extremism and terrorism
- Promote regional and international cooperation and partnerships against shared threats of crime and terrorism
- Provide research, data analysis and expertise on global, regional and national trends on crime and terrorism



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Egypt: Violence against Women

Better Handling of Violence against Women Cases



Participants gather in a group picture

At an event held in May, UNODC trained 20 law enforcement officers from the Ministry of Interior to improve the handling of violence against women and girls cases. The significance of the police role in combating this crime was highlighted during the training, which was the first in a series of five. Eventually, a number of participants will be selected to be trained as trainers. This would ensure sustainability within the Ministry to combat violence against women. *Activity was funded by USA (INL)*

Jordan: Airport Control

AIRCOP Training on Profiling and Targeting



Targeting Expert shows data analysis

In May, 30 law enforcement officers operating at Queen Alia international airport participated in a four-day training on “*Profiling and Targeting of Suspicious Passengers*”. First, they were introduced to the types of passenger information and to system access and data analysis. Then they received practical mentoring by experts from the UK Border Force. The training was held under AIRCOP, introduced in the region in 2016 to strengthen the capacity of airports to detect and intercept suspicious passengers, including foreign terrorist fighters, fraudulent document users, smuggled migrants, and to interdict trafficking of illicit goods with passengers and in air freight. *Project funded by Canada & Japan*

Palestine: Drug Dependence Treatment

Measuring the Extent of Illicit Drug Use in the West Bank



Synthetic drugs

A survey on the extent of illicit drug use in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem and Gaza, was released and presented by the Palestinian National Institute for Public Health to the Deputy Minister of Health, the World Health Organisation, the Korea International Cooperation Agency, and UNODC. The survey was conducted by the Palestinian National Institute of Public Health on behalf of UNODC, and is the first of its kind since 2006. The final results of the survey will be published soon and disseminated. Having access to such a survey and its results will help UNODC and its partner in planning future projects. This survey is part of UNODC project “*Supporting the establishment of evidence-based drug dependence treatment and a rehabilitation system for the Palestine National Rehabilitation Center*”. *The project funded by Korea*

Morocco: HIV/AIDS

Training Prison Staff on Prevention Services



Working group discussions

To build national capacities on the provision of comprehensive packages of interventions in prisons settings, UNODC conducted three rounds of training on the UNODC comprehensive package on prevention services for hepatitis (B & C), sexually-transmittable diseases and tuberculosis. The events were held in Rabat during the period April-June. Seventy prison managers, prison welfare officers, civil society partners, medical professionals and public health program managers participated. Working in groups has enriched discussions and resulted in recommendations on ways to improve the provision of prevention, treatment and care services in prisons. *Project funded by Drosos Foundation*

Egypt: Juvenile Justice

Improving Institutions for Children in Conflict with the Law



Having upgraded the carpentry, sewing, welding and painting workshops in four institutions for children in conflict with the law in Cairo, Alexandria, and Dakahlia; and after the newly-established greenhouses at two social care Institutions for these children in Ain Shams and Nabrouh, UNODC officially handed over the vocational workshops and greenhouses to the Ministry of Social Solidarity. Sustainability of the workshops were ensured through the provision of the necessary raw material and the development of an operating and pricing manual that would turn them into a source of revenue for both the institutions and the children. Similarly, the greenhouses were provided with raw material, and 40 children from the two institutions were trained on cultivating crops. *Project funded by Drosos Foundation*

Tunisia: Drugs and HIV

Advocacy for Drug Prevention and Treatment

UNODC, jointly with its Tunisian NGO partner “ATL MST/SIDA Tunis”, organized an advocacy event in June to celebrate the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Around 100 representatives from government institutions, national and international civil society organizations, and the media participated in the event. The first session of the event was dedicated to discussing the way media deals with drugs, and its expected role in preventing drug abuse, especially among children and youth, and in fighting stigma and discrimination against drug users. A documentary produced for the occasion was screened to showcase the personal stories of men and women who inject drugs. Testimonies were mainly about access to health services, including prevention and treatment of drug use disorders, and about the barriers to social and economic integration they are facing. *Activity was funded by Drosos Foundation*



Engaging the youth to get the message across

Sudan: Human Trafficking

Training Law Enforcement Officers

To better respond to human trafficking, UNODC delivered two trainings in Sudan. The first one, in April for 30 law enforcement officers from relevant Units of the Ministry of Interior, focused on methodologies and techniques of interviewing offenders, victims and witnesses, stages of investigation, and regional and international cooperation. Discussed also was the protection of human trafficking victims under international standards and compared with the provisions of the Sudanese legislation. The second training was in May for 23 prosecutors on indicators of human trafficking, control methods, stages of investigation, proactive and reactive investigations, crime scene management, interviewing techniques and the national legal framework. *Project funded by Belgium*



Trafficking Expert defines methodologies

Jordan: Container Control

Jordan and UNODC Sign a MOU

UNODC and Jordan signed a Memorandum of Understanding underlining their commitment to continue the implementation of the *Container Control Programme* (CCP). CCP has contributed to great results thus far with seizures in Jordan, including illicit drugs, counterfeit medicine, strategic and dual use goods, intellectual property rights products, cigarettes and wildlife items. Jordan joined the CCP in 2015, when the first Port Control Unit was established at the Port of Aqaba. An Air Cargo Control Unit was established at Queen Alia International Airport later on in 2016. *Project in Jordan funded by USA (EXBS)*



Signing ceremony

Palestine: Forensic and Drug Prevention

Building National Capacity in Forensic Medicine

UNODC is pleased to announce the successful completion of four years of study at the Department of Pathology, Microbiology and Forensic Medicine, University of Jordan, of six Palestinian doctors under a United Nations Fellowship programme. The doctors will graduate with a Higher Specialty Degree in Forensic Medicine. This achievement is a result of the doctors' commitment to achieving international standards in forensic medicine, as well as the contribution of UNODC in building national capacity in forensic medicine. *Project funded by Canada*



Morocco: Human Trafficking

Training Civil Society Actors

In April, over 18 representatives of local organizations specialized in social, medical, legal and psychosocial assistance to vulnerable communities at risk of trafficking took part in a three-day training organized by UNODC.



Civil society members discuss a trafficking case

The objective was to assist those organizations and their community agents in their work with human trafficking victims. With a focus on harmonizing and clarifying notions related to trafficking in human beings, participants discussed approaches and challenges present to assisting victims in the country. The training content was further enriched by the contribution of the Spanish NGO “Accem” which emphasized the role of international cooperation in protecting and providing help to victims. *Project funded by USA (J/TIP)*

Upcoming Events

- * Training for social workers on **rehabilitation and reintegration methodologies**, Cairo, July
- * AIRCOP training on **profiling and targeting**, Beirut, July
- * Awareness-raising workshops for **media personnel on trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling**, Khartoum, July
- * Regional training on **the use of digital evidence** in terrorism-related cases, Rome, July
- * Training for law enforcement officers on **cases of violence against women**, Cairo, July
- * Workshop on **anti-money laundering and countering terrorism financing**, Cairo, July
- * Basic training sessions for **investigators, judges and prosecutors** on migrant smuggling, Khartoum, August
- * Training for Social Workers at the Marg Institution on **classification manuals**, Cairo, August & September
- * Awareness-raising workshops on the **international legal framework, national legislation and regional agreements** on SoM, Khartoum, September
- * Workshop on the **development of a training curriculum for the detection of suspicious passengers including foreign terrorist fighters**, regional, September
- * Training for **CSOs on their role in combating corruption**, Cairo, September