UNODC and Lebanon have been enjoying a longstanding partnership for more than 22 years. A UNODC programme office was established in Beirut as early as in 1999 under which UNODC has continuously provided support in the areas of drug control, crime prevention, and criminal justice reform working with a broad variety of stakeholders, including Lebanese authorities, national and international civil-society organizations, and the international community.

Since the first UNODC Regional Programme for the Arab States was launched in 2011, UNODC has worked with Lebanese partners in a broad range of UNODC mandated areas through national, regional and global initiatives in (i) criminal justice reform related to juvenile justice, prison system and countering and preventing trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, as well as in (ii) border management at sea and air through the Container Control Programme (CCP), AIRCOP and the Global Maritime Programme as well as on (iii) countering corruption and preventing terrorism. In the recent past, UNODC efforts have been complemented by youth-oriented prevention initiatives which will be expanded in the near future.

With this report, UNODC is proud to present key achievements of its work in Lebanon in 2021. These achievements were possible despite COVID-19 related restrictions which remained in place until the second quarter of 2021 affecting implementation and causing some delays.

UNODC would like to acknowledge and thank all partners who have made the UNODC work possible, including all our national partners as well as all funding partners: Australia, Austria, Canada, European Union, Germany, and Norway, who amidst the hardship lived by the Lebanese people and notwithstanding the institutional challenges have continued to provide support and believed that change and impact is possible despite severe socio-economic and political challenges affecting Lebanese institutions and the society.

As UNODC we are committed to continue to work in 2022 building on the achievements of 2021 for a better, prosperous, healthy and safe future of all Lebanese people.
Strengthening institutional capacities to ensure fair access to justice, especially in the context of the pandemic

National report on “Justice response to Covid-19 pandemic” developed by the Ministry of Justice and the Lebanese High Judicial Council, with technical assistance from UNODC, based on the prison data management system (BASEM). The Report highlights the impact of the exceptional measures taken by the justice chain during COVID-19, including recommendations on how to improve access to justice for prisoners.

**Enhanced infrastructure and E-hearing system** to improve access to justice in five (out of ten) refurbished areas.

**Distribution of PPEs for prisoners and prison staff** allowing 3,171 hearing sessions for 1,671 prisoners at the Roumieh Court as well as in the Courthouse.

**Improved capacity of law enforcement to proceed with cybercrime and use of digital evidence** through the provision of advanced certified trainings with specialized equipment procured to two security agencies.

“Finally, a friendly environment that ensures an appropriate setting for the virtual sessions

R.K.- Internal Security Forces (ISF) staff”
Refurbished court facility in Beirut justice palace

Refurbished areas in detention facilities (Roumieh & Zahle)

30,000
Personal Protective Equipment distributed for prisoners & prison staff

20
Law enforcement officials trained on issues related to cybercrime

Cybercrime units supported with specialized training and equipment
Support prison system including infrastructure improvements, tailored reintegration and rehabilitation programmes and basic services for children, women and men in detention

**PRISON SYSTEM-REHABILITATION PROGRAMME**

**CHILDREN**

- Engaged in vocational trainings and income-generating activities, crime prevention and recreational programmes, especially during Covid-19 along with psychosocial interventions;
- 78% Progress in the construction works of the new facility. Relocation is expected by the end of 2022.

**WOMEN**

- 465 health kits were distributed on a regular basis to all women in detention to meet their basic needs with special attention to pregnant women and newborn babies.
- The kitchen was fully renovated at the women’s Zahle prison which increased hygiene and food safety.

**MEN**

- 4,640 health kits were distributed in all prisons and detention facilities.
- Refurbishment in Zahle (promenade/sports area) and Roumieh prison (kitchen and cleaning services) ensured appropriate responses.
- Vocational trainings (mechanics/oil filling & bread oven) were initiated to respond to ISF needs and rehabilitation of prisoners.

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*I am proud that my work in repairing prisons’ vehicles will allow us to go to Court again & speed up the process.*

A.S. - Prisoner in Roumieh Prison

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**GOAL 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**
**GOAL 5: GENDER EQUALITY**
**GOAL 16: PEACE AND JUSTICE**
**GOAL 17: PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**
KEY FIGURES

PRISON SYSTEM-REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

290* Children engaged in vocational trainings and income-generating activities, crime prevention and recreational programmes and psychosocial interventions

20 Law enforcement officials trained on issues related to cybercrime

483 Maintenance services (oil/filter change) provided by prisoners for ISF escort vehicles as part of the vocational training programmes

5,140 Health kits distributed to 4,885 prisoners

30% of the daily needs at the prison covered through the production in a cost-effective manner of 43,401 Fresh bread bags (1 bag of bread consists of 10 loaves of bread)

*Representing the total number of admission of children in detention during 2021.
Nothing brings me more joy than seeing my children happy and nothing brings me more comfort than feeling that somebody cares for my family’s safety.

One of the migrant workers, Beth Aleph School.
**KEY FIGURES**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MIGRANT SMUGGLING**

- **810** Migrant workers’ families received health kits and dignity kits for women and girls of reproductive age.

- **50%** Migrant workers’ families were supported in vaccination registration.

- **70** Front-line law enforcement officers and lawyers trained.

- **350** Migrants are more aware of the risks of human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

- **130** Psychosocial support for children of migrant workers.

- **25** Social workers working with children of migrant workers trained on stress management and post-traumatic stress in children.

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Key figures are based on a total of 1,001 migrant communities registered & 165 migrant workers’ children at Beth Aleph School.
Promoting effective, community and knowledge-based crime prevention

CRIME PREVENTION-EDUCATION 4 JUSTICE

Youth-led initiatives supported, mobilized and empowered for the community’s response and recovery through a joint UN initiative “Youth-led rehabilitation efforts to support local communities affected by Beirut Blast”.

Crime prevention enhanced through

- Certified training of trainers on the ‘Line Up, Live Up’ initiative (LULU) for front-line practitioners in the sports, youth and social sectors
- Engaging children and youth in closed settings and communities in LULU to strengthen their skills, resilience to drugs, crime violence and workshops to enhance E4J;
- Supporting CSOs/NGOs active with youth in different communities, including in remote areas where most children released from detention reunite with their family and community.

Piloting “Strong families” to improve parenting skills, child well-being and family mental health with one group of families. This will be expanded during the 2022 Youth Programme.

Tools on reparation developed for children and youth in detention and communities, to reflect on the importance of reparations and the harmful consequences of violent acts on the self, family and community etc.

“...We are more confident to address with Youth issues on integrity, drug prevention...”

S.M. - scout leader

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
5 GENDER EQUALITY
16 PEACE AND JUSTICE
17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS
Front-line workers from various schools, CSOs/NGOs in remote areas and scouts’ leaders working with children and youth were trained on E4J tools to promote the rule of law.

300

81%  19%
♀  ♂

15

Trained on LULU

34%  66%
♀  ♂

400

Children engaged in activities enhancing their coping mechanisms after the blast

200

Youth mobilized for their communities

172

Youth communities

250

Children and young adults in detention

Participated in crime prevention activities including the disengagement from violence programme
Support Lebanon's efforts to mitigate corruption risks and fight corruption

Supporting institutional capacity-building for the activation of the Whistleblower Protection Law through

- The refurbishment of the allocated new Whistleblower Office (WBO) under the authority of the General Prosecutor;
- The development of an information management/tracking system to create a trusted complaint mechanism form, including capacity building to the law enforcement staff.

Building NGOs’/CSOs’ capacities, academics on a variety of topics including the Right to Information Law and draft laws and regulations on transparency and accountability in international assistance. It allows them to be it in the context of high-level dialogue, decision-making fora, or implementation oversight.

Supporting Youth-led initiatives to strengthen youth capacity in creating innovative anti-corruption projects, increase their knowledge about corruption through an anti-corruption Hackathon and E-Course as well as an interactive educational programme.

Programming on anti-corruption to support relevant efforts in Lebanon in addressing conflict of interest, criminal investigation of financial crimes and youth empowerment.

"We are committed to making a change, because it starts with YOUth"

One of the Youth-led initiative leader
Improve risk management, supply chain security and border management to prevent the trafficking of illicit goods, organized crime and terrorism as well as facilitate trade in Lebanon.

**CONTAINER CONTROL PROGRAMME-CCP**

Lebanese female Port Control Units (PCU) and Air Cargo Control Unit (ACCU) Officers were connected to their peer female PCU and ACCU Officers based across the Middle East and North Africa to promote gender-sensitized recruitment and to strengthen their capacities. This is part of the CCP initiative ‘Customs, Cargo and Women - A Talk for Her!’

Nine Lebanese female Customs Officers travelled to the Dominican Republic with their peers from Jordan and Tunisia to discuss with counterparts at Dominican seaports and Customs headquarters.

Up to 50 abandoned containers containing toxic and other hazardous material were removed within CCP’s support to the Lebanese authorities post the Beirut Blast.

Lebanese Customs Officers took part in a workshop on countering illicit trafficking in cultural heritage with legal and operational insight from UNESCO, the Lebanese Ministry of Culture, the Internal Security Forces, WCO and Interpol.

CCP with GMCP arranged a two-day training for Customs and the LAF Navy on the handling of hazardous materials through strengthening the capacity of the LAF Navy to carry out inspection of vessels containing hazardous materials and reduce the flow of illicit and dangerous goods into Lebanon’s ports and coast and strengthening the customs inspection procedures at Beirut seaport by applying state-of-the-art profiling techniques to identify high-risk containers.

“The work of CCP in Lebanon sends a strong signal of confidence to the international community and can help our country to become once more a trading hub in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Youssef El Khalil, Minister of Finance of Lebanon
The UNIFIL Maritime Task Force will be working to build the capabilities of the LAF-Navy, and in this regard, sees the UNODC GMCP as a key and complimentary partner.

The Commander of UNIFIL’s Maritime Task Force, Rear Admiral (LH) Andreas MUGGE

UNODC GMCP’s Senior Maritime Security Expert visited Lebanon in July 2021 to meet key stakeholders to assess its maritime security policies and capabilities. The assessment enabled GMCP to develop an in-depth capacity building programme for Lebanon’s maritime law enforcement agencies to increase their capabilities to detect and deter maritime crime.

A two-day Tabletop Exercise (TTX) was held at the Jounieh Naval Base to promote maritime inter-agency cooperation in Lebanon. The TTX scenario was on the detection and response to maritime trafficking of dangerous goods. The participating agencies were the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF), LAF Navy, Customs, Beirut Port Authority, Directorate of Land and Maritime Transport, General Security, and UNIFIL Maritime Task Force.

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