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Partnership Opportunities

Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants



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INTRODUCTION

UNODC supports Member States to implement the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (hereinafter Trafficking in Persons Protocol), and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air (hereinafter Migrant Smuggling Protocol), supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) in order to prevent and prosecute these crimes, protect the rights of people who fall prey to the criminals who commit them, and promote cooperation to these ends.

Since the 1990s, UNODC has been providing technical assistance in the field of strengthening the criminal justice response to human trafficking and migrant smuggling. In 2010, UNODC continues to carry 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 projects are tailor-made to the specific needs of the particular country and/or region and are implemented at national, regional and global levels.

In order to address the lack of comprehensive national legal frameworks, UNODC provides legislative assistance, including through the assessment of existing relevant legislation, by reviewing the gaps between existing legislation and the Protocols' obligations, and by supporting the adoption of revised or newly-drafted legislation.

Addressing the lack of policy frameworks and limited government capacity and lack of necessary institutions, UNODC provides assistance in strategic planning and policy development, including analyzing and developing global policy and coordination mechanisms to facilitate and coordinate anti-human trafficking and migrant smuggling activities, aiding in the production of viable regional and national action plans supported by national inter-agency coordination mechanism, and disseminating best practices.

To remedy the lack of data, UNODC provides assistance in data collection, including the development of indicators, international standards, guidelines and building the capacity of relevant authorities to collect and analyze data on human trafficking and migrant smuggling. UNODC also works to support capacity-building of States to conduct threat assessments and manage and exchange knowledge on human trafficking and migrant smuggling trends. In so doing, gaps in existing data collection and analysis systems are bridged to promote knowledge-based response.

To enhance the generally limited national law enforcement and criminal justice capacity and expertise in responding to crimes of human trafficking and migrant smuggling, UNODC assists in establishing and supporting related institutions, special police units and prosecutorial structures; supporting case management; providing legislative assistance and tools; and building the capacity of criminal justice practitioners, including developing and providing first respondents' and specialist guidance and training.

In support of these services, UNODC is committed to increasing knowledge in this area through information campaigns and awareness-raising activities for different target groups, including policy-makers, criminal justice practitioners and other actors as well as people vulnerable to being smuggled or trafficked, and communities where migrant smuggling and human trafficking occurs.

In addition to these services, UNODC manages the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT) in cooperation with other international and regional organizations. UN.GIFT is designed to raise awareness and enhance coordination and cooperation among all relevant players in the fight against trafficking in persons. UN.GIFT aims to mobilize state and non-state actors to eradicate trafficking in persons by reducing both the vulnerability of potential victims and the demand for exploitation in all its forms; ensure adequate protection and support to those who fall victim; and support the efficient prosecution of the criminals involved, while respecting the fundamental human rights of all persons. UNODC is a participant in all of the UN.GIFT Joint Programmes, coordinated programmes to tackle trafficking in persons involving at least two UN.GIFT partner organizations.

With these measures, UNODC seeks to effectively prevent further occurrence of trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, protect the rights of persons who have been trafficked or smuggled, and prosecute those who trafficked or smuggled them.

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GLOBAL PROJECTS

Global Programme against Human Trafficking (GLOT59)
Global Programme against Smuggling of Migrants (GLOT92)
UN.GIFT Joint Programmes to Combat Trafficking in Persons

Global Programme against Human Trafficking (GLOT59)

Country: Global

Region: Global

Budget: US\$ 6,576,097

Total Pledges: US\$ 125,000 from Turkey

US\$ 178,300 from France US\$ 60,000 from Japan

US\$ 12,948 from the Netherlands US\$ 1,178,122 from Norway US\$ 331,422 from Sweden

US\$ 214,700 from the United States of America

Shortfall: US\$ 4,475,605

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UNODC is tasked with supporting Member States to implement the key international instrument addressing trafficking in persons; the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (the Trafficking in Persons Protocol).

To this effect, UNODC established the headquarter-based Global Programme against Human Trafficking (GPAT) in 1999 which today is operationalized through the ongoing UNODC Programme, GLOT59. GPAT provides normative guidance to all UN Member States to strengthen implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol and to provide tailor-made technical assistance to more than 80 countries around the globe, with a focus on strengthening countries' criminal justice responses.

UNODC's normative guidance and technical assistance is provided in the following key areas: 1) prevention and awareness-raising; 2) data collection and research; 3) legislative assistance; 4) strategic planning and policy development; 5) criminal justice system responses; 6) victim protection and support; and 7) international cooperation.

Upon request of Member States, GPAT offers its expertise in the above-mentioned areas and visits selected countries 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.

A core function of GPAT is the development of practical tools for criminal justice actors, including law enforcement, victim assistance providers, prosecutors, judges, policy makers and administrators. While these tools are first developed for global use, they are then adapted and tailored to local needs of governments, practitioners, and most importantly, those who have been trafficked.

Under GPAT, UNODC has recently published the following good practice material and training tools:

- Training Film on Trafficking in Persons; 'Affected for Life' (Currently in English, French Danish; forthcoming in Arabic, Portuguese, Spanish and Russian)
- International Framework for Action to Implement the Trafficking in Persons Protocol (Currently available in English; forthcoming in French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Chinese)
- Model Law against Trafficking in Persons (Currently available in English; forthcoming in French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Chinese)
- Anti-Human Trafficking Manual for Criminal Justice Practitioners (Currently available in English; forthcoming in French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Chinese)
- *Toolkit to Combat Trafficking in Persons* (2nd edition) (Available in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese; forthcoming in Arabic)
- Combating Trafficking in Persons, A Handbook for Parliamentarians (Available in English, French, Arabic, Russian and Chinese; jointly developed with UN.GIFT and IPU)
- Global Report on Trafficking in Persons (Available in English; Executive summaries available in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish)
- Combating Trafficking in Persons in Accordance with the Principles of Islamic Law (Available online in English)
- First Aid Kit for Use by Law Enforcement First Responders in Addressing Human Trafficking (Available online in English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Chinese)
- Computer-based training modules for Criminal Justice Practitioners
- Human Trafficking Indicators (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, Chinese)

Further information about the above resources can be found online at: www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/publications.html

A number of additional publications are forthcoming and planned respectively:

- Needs Assessment Toolkit on Criminal Justice Response to Trafficking in Persons;
- *Online case-law database;*
- Tools to prevent and combat Trafficking in Persons for the purpose of organ removal;
- Toolkit to combat Trafficking in Persons (3rd edition)
- Materials on Trafficking in Persons as a Financial Crime and Money Laundering;
- Report on linkages between organized crime, Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants;
- Materials on linkages between corruption and trafficking in persons;
- Standard questionnaires for researchers on trafficking in persons;
- Handbook on International Cooperation in Trafficking in Persons cases.

Here are some examples of partnership opportunities within the Global Programme against Human Trafficking:

Example 1: Strengthening Criminal Justice Capacity Through In-depth Anti-human Trafficking Training (2 years)

Budget: US\$ 570,000 (no current pledges)

There is an urgent need for specialized training targeting criminal justice practitioners, including all law enforcement actors, prosecutors and judges and, in particular, front line staff, to develop a comprehensive knowledge base on specific trafficking issues to ensure an effective response to trafficking in persons. This project proposes a training initiative aimed at strengthening the capacity of law enforcement and the judiciary to identify and protect victims of trafficking, promote a victim-centered and human rights approach to human trafficking and investigate and prosecute cases of trafficking appropriately and effectively. Tailor -made trainings will be delivered and existing UNODC practical guides, training tools and manuals among criminal justice practitioners will be disseminated in 10 selected countries that are yet to be identified.

Example 2: Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Combat Organ Trafficking (2 years)

Budget: US\$ 100,000 (no current pledges)

Trafficking in persons for organ removal has received limited international attention and effective criminal justice approaches to combat the crime have yet to be developed. UNODC proposes to study the crime of organ trafficking through on-site visits to affected countries, to develop effective criminal justice responses to this complex crime and the production of practical investigative tools that law enforcement officers can use to combat this crime.

Example 3: Study on Responses to Human Trafficking (2 years)

Budget: US\$ 650,000 (no current pledges)

The Study is intended as a policy research of a global scope to help assess the impact of countries anti-trafficking programs, policies and practices. This will be achieved by measuring the quantity and quality of legislation adopted, the number of criminal proceedings (investigations, prosecutions and convictions) initiated and concluded, as well as identifying trafficking trends, flows and patters since the entry into force of the UN Trafficking Protocol. This will produce a publication of a Study on responses to trafficking, which will include an assessment of the gaps in national legislation and criminal justice responses to human trafficking, and an overview of the major trafficking trends, flows and patterns.

For information on other projects within this programme, please contact the focal point at UNODC.

Global Programme against Smuggling of Migrants (GLOT92)

Country: Global

Region: Global

Budget: US\$ 3,010,320

Total Pledges: US\$ 50,000 from Turkey

US\$ 143,885 from France

Shortfall: US\$ 2,816,435

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As the guardian of the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (the Migrant Smuggling Protocol), UNODC is tasked to support Member States in their efforts to implement the provisions of this key international instrument.

To this end, UNODC has recently developed the Global programme against Smuggling of Migrants, GLOT92. Through this Global Programme, UNODC provides normative guidance for UN Member States on the implementation of the Migrant Smuggling Protocol and delivers technical assistance to an increasing number of countries. To date, response to migrant smuggling and related issues has focused on apprehending and deporting individual migrants with little done to dismantle the organized criminal groups behind the phenomenon. To address this problem, 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.

UNODC provides normative guidance and technical assistance in the following key areas: 1) prevention and awareness-raising; 2) data collection and research; 3) legislative assistance; 4) strategic planning and policy development; 5) criminal justice system responses; 6) protection and support of smuggled migrants; and 7) international cooperation.

Upon request of Member States, UNODC offers its expertise in the above-mentioned areas through its field office presence and through visits to selected countries to conduct research and assessments, to support countries in strategy and policy development and to conduct tailor-made trainings based on UNODC good practice materials and training programmes.

A core function of UNODC's Global Programme against Smuggling of Migrants is the development of practical tools for criminal justice actors, including law enforcement, victim 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.

The following tools and training material are currently being developed to combat Smuggling of Migrants:

- Global Thematic Review on Smuggling of Migrants (Literature review)
- The Smuggling of Migrants in, from and through North Africa
- International Framework for Action to Implement the Migrant Smuggling Protocol
- Model Law against Smuggling of Migrants
- Training Film to combat Smuggling of Migrants
- Basic Training Manual on Investigating and Prosecuting Migrant Smuggling
- In-depth Training Manual on Investigating and Prosecuting Migrant Smuggling
- Toolkit to Combat Migrant Smuggling
- Computer-based training modules on Smuggling of Migrants for Criminal Justice Practitioners
- Issue paper 'Short Introduction to Migrant Smuggling'
- Issue paper 'Smuggling of Migrants by Air'
- Sample questionnaires to conduct research on Smuggling of Migrants
- Report on linkages between Organized Crime, Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons
- Materials on Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants as a Financial Crime and Money Laundering
- Report on linkages between Corruption, Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons
- Handbook on International Cooperation in Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants cases

A number of additional publications are planned, including:

- Global Report on Smuggling of Migrants
- Media kit for Journalists on Smuggling of Migrants
- Issue papers on a number of topics relating to Smuggling of Migrants, such as:
 - From smuggled migrant to victim of trafficking how traffickers exploit the smuggling process
 - o Enabling stay as a modus operandi of migrant smuggling
 - o Smuggling of Migrants by Land
 - Smuggling of Migrants by Sea
 - o Smuggled Migrants who are Seeking Asylum
- Needs Assessment Toolkit on Criminal Justice Response to Smuggling of Migrants
- Research on Financial Transactions used by Smugglers in the commission of Migrant Smuggling
- Guidelines on the issues of protecting the rights of smuggled migrants and return
- Smuggling of migrants cases in an online case-law database
- Smuggling of Migrants legal assessments checklists

Here are some examples of partnership opportunities within the Global Programme against Migrant Smuggling:

Example 1: Strengthening the Criminal Justice Capacity Through Anti-smuggling Training (2 years)

Budget: US\$ 300,000 (no current pledges)

Capacity to combat migrant smuggling is extremely low, meaning that smugglers continue to commit their crimes with very little fear of being brought to justice. UNODC proposes to deliver specific and practical training to criminal justice practitioners (law enforcers and prosecutors) to strengthen their capacity to combat this complex transnational crime. UNODC has developed anti-migrant smuggling training material and other practical tools in cooperation with common and civil law expert practitioners from countries of origin, transit and destination.

<u>Example 2:</u> Research on Migrant Smuggling to Facilitate Knowledge-based Response (2 years)

Budget: US\$ 240,000 (no current pledges)

Evidence-based knowledge on migrant smuggling and related issues is scattered and incomplete, hampering the formulation of effective counter-policies and operational measures. Most countries focus their data collection efforts on migrants themselves, offering little information on the people who smuggle them and the involvement of organized crime. UNODC's immediate research priorities are the modus operandi of migrant smuggling by land, sea and air; the means by which irregular stay is enabled; the means by which covert financial transactions take place across borders to facilitate smuggling and related crimes; as well as understanding the point at which the phenomenon – both technically and practically – changes from being a situation of migrant smuggling to a situation of human trafficking.

Example 3: Data collection on Global Study/Report on Trends and Response to Migrant Smuggling (2 years)

Budget: US\$ 950,000 (no current pledges)

A lack of systematically collected reliable data makes it difficult to establish the magnitude of migrant smuggling, on a national, regional and global scale. UNODC proposes to conduct a global study on migrant smuggling trends, routes and modus operandi of migrant smugglers, and to take stock of legislation on migrant smuggling and the criminal justice response mounted against it. Such a global study will offer a foundation for targeted policy response to migrant smuggling, will promote the formulation of cooperative networks in line with routes employed by smugglers, and will highlight lacuna in existing legislative and criminal justice machinery.

For more information on other projects within this programme, please contact the focal point at UNODC.

UN.GIFT Joint Programmes to Combat Trafficking in Persons

Countries: Argentina/Bolivia; Burundi/Rwanda; Egypt; Kazakhstan/Kyrgyzstan/

Tajikistan/Uzbekistan; Pakistan; Serbia.

Region: Global

Budget: Varies by programme

Total Pledges: Serbia Joint Programme: US\$ 700,000 (Belgium)

Shortfall: Varies by programme

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The complex nature of human trafficking calls for coordinated efforts and cooperation among governments, international organizations and other stakeholders. UN.GIFT has identified Joint Programmes as a powerful means to assist countries in tackling human trafficking, drawing on the specific expertise of each of its partners.

These comprehensive multi-stakeholder Joint programmes cover different regions and thematic areas and respond to evidence-based analysis of gaps and priorities, identified by both the Field Offices of the UN.GIFT Steering Committee members and by Member States themselves.

The selection of the initial Joint Programmes was based on a list of criteria including the identified needs of host government(s), regional balance in coverage, sustainable presence of UN.GIFT Steering Committee members (2 or more), national and field office recommendations and assessments and the potential for the programme to be sustainable, to innovate and to be replicated or scaled up.

Six regions have been chosen to date, and programmes are under development in Serbia, Pakistan, Argentina/Bolivia, Rwanda/Burundi, Central Asia and Egypt. UNODC will be an executing partner in all of the Joint Programmes.

The Joint Programmes focus on different forms of trafficking, but all of them take a multi-faceted approach to the problem and seek to address each of the "three P's" – prosecution, protection and prevention – while also promoting cooperation and coordination.

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Development of an African Model Memorandum of Understanding between Law Enforcement and Non-governmental Service Providers' (2 years)

Country: Regional

Region: Africa

Budget: US\$358,210

Total Pledges: US\$0

Shortfall: US\$358,210

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The project develops a 'Model Memorandum of Understanding' (MoU) between law enforcement and relevant non-governmental service providers in Africa. A Model MoU for countries in Africa allows law enforcement and NGO actors in countries of this region to enter into official relationships based on the model agreement. The focus on Africa enables the consideration and reflection of issues that are common in African countries.

The objective of the project is to enhance cooperation between law enforcement authorities and NGOs to better assist victims, while improving criminal justice responses to TIP in Africa. To this end, the project aims to develop an "African Model MoU" for law enforcement agencies and NGO service providers. For law enforcement, victims assisted by NGOs are more likely to provide evidence and NGO resources can assist in an investigation. NGOs will be in a better position to provide victims with access to justice. A formal written MoU grants quality standards, helps to ensure transparency, mutual trust and recognition and makes cooperation independent of staff turnover.

The project will develop an African Model MoU between Law Enforcement and Non-governmental Service Providers in the field of TIP. **Outcome**: Model MoU enables law enforcement and NGOs to establish formal cooperative partnerships based on this MoU, which will ultimately result in better protection of and assistance to victims of TIP. **Deliverables**: The Model MoU will be published as a document and disseminated among African countries, also with the help of regional and sub-regional bodies. Leading to the final product, a list of desiderata (wish list) reflecting the needs and concerns of both law enforcement and NGOs will be compiled. **Performance indicators**: Relevant law enforcement agencies and NGOs from at least 14 African countries contributing to the list of desiderata representing all African sub-regions; roles and responsibilities of parties clearly defined in the Model MoU; regional concerns and needs taken into consideration in the final MoU.

Support to the Implementation of the AU Plan of Action on Drug Control and Crime Prevention (2007-12)

Countries: AU Member States as well as Regional Economic Communities (RECs)

Region: Africa

Budget: US\$ 3,5 million (phase I 2009-10 US\$ 368,800 and phase II 2011-12 US\$ 3,2

million)

Total Pledges: US\$ 368,800, which has allowed for phase I to start

Shortfall: US\$ 2,831,200 needed for phase II

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Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking in Burundi (BDIT42)

Country: Burundi

Region: Africa & Middle East

Budget: US\$ 486,396

Total Pledges: US\$ 250,000 from the United States of America

Shortfall: US\$ 236,396

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The Eastern African country of Burundi is a source, transit route and destination within the international human trafficking network. Poverty is a major push factor sustaining human trafficking in Burundi. As one of the poorest countries in the world, 68% of the 8.3 million population live below the poverty line with incomes of less than \$1 per day. Armed conflicts and political and ethnic struggles in the last two decades have created large populations of internally displaced persons (IDPs) vulnerable to trafficking in persons.

The overall goal of the project is to enhance the capacity of the Government of Burundi to prosecute human trafficking cases and curb the growing incidences of the crime in the country. The project has three immediate objectives. First, to provide technical assistance to the Government of Burundi to draft national legislation that is in line with the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and Trafficking in Persons Protocol, while advocating for the ratification of both international instruments. Secondly it will improve the capacity of the Burundi law enforcement and other agencies to identify human trafficking activities and efficiently investigate and prosecute trafficking-related offences. Finally, the project will increase awareness of human trafficking among the general public in Burundi, by implementing a comprehensive national public awareness campaign on human trafficking. The project will be carried out in close consultation and collaboration with the Eastern African Police Chiefs Cooperation Organisation (EAPCCO) through the Interpol Sub-Regional Bureau.

National Awareness Raising Campaign to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Persons in Egypt

Country: Egypt

Region: Middle East & North Africa

Budget: US\$1,000,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,000,000

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This project aims to foster prevention of trafficking in persons through conducting national awareness raising campaigns and building the capacity of all relevant stakeholders engaged in preventing and combating trafficking in persons in Egypt, with the ultimate objective of reducing the number of persons being trafficked into, through and within Egypt.

Despite the fact that some scattered human trafficking awareness-raising campaigns have been carried out in Egypt, there is still a general lack of knowledge about the crime of human trafficking as well as confusion about the differences between human trafficking and migrant smuggling. Moreover, cases of human trafficking are often misreported in the media; ill-informed portrayals of human trafficking in newspapers, radio and on TV create stereotypes of both victims and offenders. There is a need to build the capacity of media personnel and to develop better targeted awareness raising campaigns at the local and national level.

The objective of the project is to lower the number of internally trafficked victims within Egypt as well as those trafficked transnationally to and from Egypt , by raising the general awareness about the crime and it's devastating consequences on individuals and society at large; strengthening the capacity of government law enforcement, prosecution and other criminal justice institutions; building the capacities of the media and NGOs; and assisting academic and research institutions to become valuable sources of research and data collection on the subject.

Through its awareness raising and capacity building activities, the project will put particular emphasis on some of Egypt's most critical issues, including preventing and combating human trafficking for the purpose of child and temporary marriages, child begging, domestic servitude and labour exploitation.

The Arab Initiative to Combat Human Trafficking

Region: Middle East & North Africa

Budget: US\$ 6,000,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 6,000,000

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The Middle East and North Africa region (MENA) comprises three diverse and culturally different geographical areas, namely the Middle East region, the Maghreb and the Gulf States. National capacities and capabilities therefore vary from country to country and across sub-regions, however concerns have been voiced that there is limited awareness and recognition in most countries in the region of the overall concept of the crime of human trafficking. Recent policy and legal reforms indicate that there is a serious effort in the MENA region to ensure stronger commitment to combat human trafficking. However, there is still an urgent need to build the capacity of relevant governmental and civil society institutions in order to improve existing victim assistance mechanisms, foster cooperation between victim service providers and law enforcement actors, strengthen international law enforcement and judicial cooperation, enhance awareness of the links and distinctions between the crimes of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants and identify effective tools to curb the impact of human trafficking.

The Arab Initiative aims at supporting the target countries in: 1) preventing and combating human trafficking by promoting the ratification and implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (Trafficking in Persons Protocol); 2) strengthening the institutional and human capacities of the criminal justice systems; 3) improving mechanisms for the appropriate identification, referral, support, and protection of trafficked victims and; 4) raising the awareness about the crime and it's devastating consequences on individuals and societies at large. The Initiative will reach these objectives through conducting regional and national specialized training workshop targeting criminal justice actors, victim service providers and other relevant stakeholders such as the media and academia. The Arab Initiative will be carried out by UNODC's Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa in partnership with the Qatar Foundation for Combating Human Trafficking (QFCHT) under the overall support and partnership of the League of Arab States.

Inter-Regional Initiative to Strengthen States' Capacities to Prevent and Combat Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons in the Middle East

Region: Middle East & Gulf

Budget: US\$ 1,413,540

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,413,540

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In recent years, the Middle East region has emerged as a significant point of origin, transit and destination for trafficked men, women and children, particularly in countries with a rising demand for imported labor, i.e. Saudi Arabia and Oman – the Middle East alone is home to approximately 14 million foreign workers. From having been largely an intra-regional issue, with significant numbers of workers from poor and underdeveloped Arab countries migrating to oil-producing countries and fast-growing and more affluent Gulf countries, the region now generates significant numbers of intra-regional irregular migrants going through the Middle Eastern countries, onwards via Turkey en route to Southern Europe and beyond. At the same time, it constitutes a preferred transit and destination area for a number of organized criminal groups and networks that are involved in smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons

This project is designed to assist the Governments of Iraq, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen in strengthening the institutional capacities of their criminal justice systems to effectively prevent, combat and dismantle smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons along the migratory routes originating from, destined to, or transiting through the Region. It aims to: 1) foster international law enforcement and judicial cooperation between beneficiary countries and strengthening networks between respective criminal justice practitioners; 2) strengthen the institutional capacities of the beneficiary state's criminal justice systems to effectively investigate and prosecute cases; 3) improve evidence-based knowledge on perpetrators and criminal groups involved in these kinds of crimes to facilitate effective operational measures to counter the crimes; and 4) enhance the detection and identification, and safe referral of trafficked victims and smuggled migrants.

Assistance in the Implementation of the Regional Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in the Middle East and North Africa

Region: North Africa & Middle East

Budget: US\$ 1,400,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,400,000

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The Middle East and North Africa region (MENA) has emerged as a significant point of origin, transit and destination for smuggling of migrants and trafficking of men, women and children. From having been largely an intra-regional issue, with significant numbers of workers from poor and underdeveloped Arab countries migrating to oil-producing countries and fast-growing and more affluent Gulf countries, the region now generates significant numbers of intra-regional irregular migrants going through the Middle Eastern countries, en route to Southern Europe and beyond. At the same time, it constitutes a preferred transit and destination area for a number of organized criminal groups and networks that are involved in both migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons. Victims of trafficking in the MENA region are subjected to various forms of exploitation, including, but not limited to, forced labour, exploitation in the sex industry and domestic servitude.

In order to effectively tackle these crimes, experts from MENA countries adopted in 2006 the "Regional Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants in the Middle East and North Africa", (hereinafter: MENA PoA), at the UNODC headquarters in Vienna. In 2010, political endorsement of the PoA is still pending. This project aims to secure the necessary regional political endorsement by assisting the selected countries in the implementation of the MENA PoA with a focus on human trafficking and migrant smuggling. This entails in particular to assess the human trafficking and migrant smuggling situation in the selected countries, to enhance their capacity to combat these crimes, to protect and assist victims of trafficking and smuggled migrants, to increase awareness among vulnerable persons and respondents, and to promote international cooperation. The MENA PoA provides a comprehensive conceptual and strategic framework to counter human trafficking and represents a crucial step towards the implementation of the UNTOC and its supplementary Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling Protocol.

Fostering Evidence-Based Counter Measures to Migrant Smuggling and Human Trafficking along the Eastern African Route

Country: Kenya, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Sudan, Libya, Egypt, Yemen

Region: North Africa & Middle East

Budget: US\$ 1,413,540

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,413,540

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Migration patterns in the East and Horn of Africa should be viewed in the context of violent conflict and political instability that characterises many of the countries. The Middle East and Europe are common destinations for smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons, but this can also occur within the region. Modes of transportation include travel by plane, using the services of professional smuggling networks that provide migrants with stolen or forged documents; land routes, with migrants often taking several months or years to arrive at their final destination; and by sea. The death toll is high with many migrants having perished in the desert or died during the sea crossings. Although trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants are distinct crimes, they can be closely linked phenomena, as smuggled migrants are very vulnerable and at risk of falling prey to traffickers.

This project aims to prevent and combat the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in human beings along the Eastern Migratory Route in Africa by fostering international cooperation between law enforcement and prosecution authorities, as well as the judiciary, increasing the knowledge base; improving and tailoring responses to THB and SoM, and building human and institutional capacities. Activities include: 1) conducting two inter-regional technical Expert Group Meetings (EGMs) involving East and North African, as well as Gulf and EU countries to exchange information, expertise and good practice, 2) assessing trends and patterns during the two interregional EGMs, 4) identifying adequate counter initiatives based on gaps and good practice identified, and 5) building capacity through developing and distributing training materials through a regional EGM in East Africa; training law enforcers, prosecutors and judges in East Africa; developing and disseminating guidance material for frontline officers in East Africa.

Strengthening the Criminal Justice System Response to Smuggling of Migrants in North Africa (XAMT14)

Countries: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt

Region: Africa & Middle East

Budget: US\$ 2,705,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 2,144,559 from the European Commission

US\$ 132,626 from Greece

Shortfall: US\$ 427,814

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The overall objective of the project is to stem irregular migration by preventing and combating smuggling of migrants from Africa to Europe, in line with the United Nations Migrant Smuggling Protocol and international human rights conventions. The specific objective of the project is to strengthen the criminal justice system response to smuggling of migrants in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt. In this regard, the project aims in particular at achieving the following outcomes:

- Improved evidence-based knowledge on the smuggling of migrants, perpetrators and criminal
 groups involved, including information about their modus operandi and smuggling routes in
 order to facilitate effective policies and operational measures to counter the problem.
- Strengthened adequate national legislative frameworks in compliance with the United Nations Migrant Smuggling Protocol.
- Operational capacity of law enforcement, prosecution and the judiciary enhanced at the national level in order to bring migrant smugglers to justice.
- Institutional capacity of national competent authorities responsible for informal and formal international cooperation mechanisms (intelligence sharing, management of mutual legal assistance and extradition requests) strengthened at the national level.
- Strengthened operational cooperation among law enforcement and prosecution authorities, at the inter-regional and international level, in order to effectively prevent, investigate and prosecute smuggling of migrants, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants.

Strengthening Law Enforcement Capacity (Border Control Operations) and Criminal Justice Response to Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons (ZAFT54)

Country: South Africa

Region: Africa & Middle East

Budget: US\$ 3,054,008

Total Pledges: US\$ 2,676,611 from the European Commission

Shortfall: US\$ 377,397

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Trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants have become issues of major concern in many parts of the world, including Southern Africa. There is growing awareness of the need for well coordinated joint initiatives at the regional and sub-regional levels to prevent and combat these crimes. In this context, this project aims to support the South African Border Control Operations Coordinating Committee in the implementation of the National Integrated Border Management Strategy 2008-2010 response to smuggling of migrants and human trafficking in and through South Africa. The project will provide technical assistance to promote integrated border management to enhance cooperation between all national border management agencies with the aim of achieving enhanced coordination, mutual support, information sharing and joint operations between these agencies.

Capacity Building for Member States of the Southern African Development Community in the Ratification and the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocols (XASS69)

Countries: Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho,

Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe

Region: Africa & the Middle East

Budget: US\$ 454,800

Total Pledges: US\$ 272,350 from the United States of America

US\$ 160,414 from Austria

Shortfall: US\$ 22,036

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There is growing awareness of the need for well-coordinated joint initiatives at the regional and sub-regional levels. In this context, comprehensive and harmonized legislation and policy is particularly crucial, including in South Africa. The lack of specific and harmonized legislation covering criminalization of trafficking in persons undermines ongoing efforts by governments, non-governmental organizations and international organizations to counter trafficking in persons in the Southern African region. The objective of this project is to support the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Member States in the ratification, domestication and implementation of the United Nations Trafficking in Persons Protocol. Key outputs of this project will be the development of comprehensive anti-human trafficking legislation in selected SADC Member States and a regional plan of action on human trafficking; both of which are essential in effectively combating human trafficking and in ensuring more effective cooperation regarding international organized crime related casework in the region.

Comprehensive Support to Combat Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants along the West African Irregular Migration Route

Countries: Algeria, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco and Niger

Region: North & West Africa

Budget: US\$ 3,782,616

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 797,703

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The overall objective of the project is to support Algeria, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco and Niger in increasing their capacity to address human trafficking and migrant smuggling. This will be done by establishing Anti -Smuggling and -Trafficking Teams at major hubs along trans-Saharan irregular migration routes, and by putting in place a voluntary return and reintegration scheme for stranded irregular migrants and victims of trafficking to their country of origin in West Africa.

This joint project was submitted by UNODC and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to the European Union within the framework of the 2009 Call for Proposals for the Thematic Programme for Cooperation with Non-EU Member Countries in the Areas of Migration and Asylum.

The law enforcement component of this project, managed by UNODC, will strengthen existing capacities in origin and transit countries, as Maghreb countries can be both, to combat criminal networks involved in migrant smuggling and human trafficking. In this respect, specific activities will be implemented to develop skills and methods, as well as to promote national and international cooperation in the investigation and prosecution of smuggling and trafficking cases. The voluntary return component, managed by IOM, will facilitate the return, protection, and social and professional reintegration of West African irregular migrants and victims of trafficking to their countries of origin. This will not only contribute to the development of their communities but also to the reduction and prevention of secondary irregular migration or re-victimization.

Enhancing multi-stakeholder cooperation to fight human trafficking in countries of origin and destination

Countries: Nigeria and a maximum of six European countries

Region: North & West Africa

Budget: US\$ 1,146,892

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,146,892

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The phenomenon of Nigerian women and girls being trafficked to Europe started in the 1980s in Italy and was next reported in the Netherlands in the early 1990s. Women from Edo State who migrated mainly from Benin City in search for work, found both demand and a market for sexual services. They began to recruit other women, advancing money to pay for their travel and housing and thereby creating a system of debt bondage. Obtaining a higher degree of organization and linking with international trafficking networks, debt bondage evolved into human trafficking, which then spread across Europe. Today, Nigerian victims of human trafficking can be found in most European countries. Women of 17 to 30 years of age are predominantly trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation and still come from the southern part of Nigeria, mainly Edo State and the Delta state. Young men are primarily trafficked for the use in illicit or criminal activities, an issue which has received increasing attention in recent years.

This project is designed to build capacity and to enhance operational cooperation between Nigerian and European law enforcement, judiciary and victim service providers as well as to foster prevention by raising awareness about the complexity of the issue among relevant stakeholders and vulnerable groups. Activities include: 1) two joint study visits to Nigeria and Europe: 2) a traveling film festival in five endemic states in Nigeria: 3) awareness raising workshops for media in conjunction with the Film Festival; 4) the development of a training film and film package for European and Nigerian audiences; 5) joint training in Austria on specific aspects of international cooperation such as extradition, mutual legal assistance, transfer of sentenced persons, joint investigations, seizure of assets and confiscation of proceeds of crime, human rights, victim protection, risk assessments, return and reintegration; and 6) National follow-up trainings in each participating country, and evaluation.

Establishment of an ECOWAS Border Control Coordination Unit (ECOBCCU) (XAWS36)

Countries: Sub-Region – West Central Africa

Region: Africa & Middle East

Budget: US\$ 1,758,800

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,758,800

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The project structure provides for the establishment of the ECOWAS Secretariat Border Control Coordination Unit (ECOBCCU) and 16 national focal points or "national border control units" (NBCUs). Information originating from NBCUs will be exchanged with the ECOBCCU which will feed further information and basic analysis back to NBCU.

In this context, the ECOBCCU will act as the administrator/server of the flow of information generated at the field level by NBCUs. In addition to collecting and classifying all available drug and crime-related information generated by the NBCUs, the ECOBCCU will foremost monitor and review law enforcement information (with a particular emphasis on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrant flows), looking for best practices in the field of border control and patrolling. The ECOBCCU will also monitor and promote coordination mechanisms from within and vis-à-vis the NBCUs. All information generated will be exchanged under the form of analytical documents and made available on an encrypted electronic domain with a dual-entry access level: 'sensitive' for staff of appointed NBCUs and ECOWAS staff, and 'highly sensitive' with restricted access to ECOBCCU staff only.

Additionally, a website will be designed to "post" information on subjects of general interest such as the mandate of the ECOBCCU, bi-monthly reports on actions implemented by the ECOBCCU, and monographic studies.

Law Enforcement Capacity Building to Prevent and Combat Smuggling of Migrants in the ECOWAS region and Mauritania (XAWT24)

Countries: Sub-Region – West Central Africa

Region: Africa & Middle East

Budget: US\$ 3,797,380

Total Pledges: US\$ 2,800,224 from the European Commission

Shortfall: US\$ 997,156

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UNODC IMPACT programme is designed with a specific focus on the crime-related aspects and driving forces of migrant smuggling. In this regard, IMPACT specifically aims to assist ECOWAS Member States and Mauritania in building capacities and strengthening cooperation mechanisms among law enforcement and prosecution authorities to effectively prevent, investigate and prosecute migrant smuggling cases, and to develop effective cooperation mechanisms with other countries to that end, while protecting the rights of smuggled migrants.

The project is divided into six components: 1) <u>Research</u>. A research at regional level, combining desk and field research, will allow decision-makers and law enforcement agencies in West Africa to receive updated information on smuggling groups. 2) <u>Capacity assessment</u>. Missions were conducted to six pilot countries¹ to assess the capacities as well as the level of enforcement and training to combat smuggling of migrants. 3) <u>Action Plans</u>. UNDOC provided assistance to the pilot countries in the area of policy development with a view to establish national coordination frameworks among the different actors. 4) <u>Training</u>. Three expert group meetings were organized with the beneficiary countries and international experts that led to the elaboration of a regional training Manual for law enforcement. 5) <u>Specialized Units</u>. To improve enforcement, IMPACT foresees the creation of dedicated anti-smuggling units. **Bridging current funding shortfall would allow establishing those Units**. 6) <u>Regional Network</u>. This component relates to the contacts UNODC is making throughout the project implementation period. Regional events and training provide the opportunity for stakeholders to meet and exchange on smuggling in the region.

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¹ Burkina Faso, Cap Verde, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal

Measures to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Persons in the Western African sub-region (I)

Countries: Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal

Region: Africa & Middle East

Budget: US\$ 655,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 655,000

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This initiative proposes to furnish to participating states with the necessary capacities to establish judicial measures in accordance with the Trafficking in Persons Protocol and the Joint ECOWAS/ECCAS Action Plan. This shall be achieved by providing judicial assistance to harmonize the national legal framework with international and regional obligations and by delivering training for law practitioners and law enforcement agencies. The project also proposes to reinforce the cooperation between states in the area of anti-human trafficking.

The crime prevention objective of this initiative is to enhance capacities in Ivory Coast, Guinea, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal to prevent and combat trafficking in persons in the Western African sub-region through strengthened legal frameworks, targeted trainings, and better inter-State cooperation. The immediate objective of this project is to strengthen capacities of national anti-trafficking task forces, law enforcement agencies, the judiciary and other relevant practitioners in the target countries in order to prevent, investigate and prosecute cases of human trafficking in line with the requirements of the Protocol of Palermo.

Measures to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Persons in the Western African sub-region (II)

Countries: Côte D'Ivoire, Guinea Conakry, Sierra Leone and Liberia

Region: Africa & Middle East

Budget: US\$ 652,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 652,000

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The overall objective of this project is to strengthen capacities of Mano River countries (plus Côte D'Ivoire) to enforce the United Nations Trafficking in Persons Protocol, and implement the ECOWAS-ECCCAS Plan of Action Against Trafficking in Persons, through the delivery of expert legal assistance. This assistance will include:

- 1) The establishment of national legal frameworks in line with international and regional legal standards;
- 2) Specialized training for legal practitioners
- 3) Long term enforcement of relevant existing laws
- 4) Reinforcement of cooperation among criminal justice and law enforcement agencies of beneficiary countries;

The crime prevention objective of this project is to enhance capacities in Côte D'Ivoire, Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone in preventing and combating trafficking in persons in the Western African sub-region through targeted trainings, awareness campaigns and better inter-State cooperation.

The immediate objective is to strengthen capacities of anti-trafficking national task forces, law enforcement agencies, the judiciary and other relevant practitioners in the sub-region in order to prevent, investigate and prosecute cases of human trafficking in line with the requirements of the Trafficking Protocol.

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Towards AsiaJust - Module 2: Trafficking in persons

Country: Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam

Region: Initially ASEAN Member States

Budget: US\$ 200,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 200,000

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The "Towards AsiaJust" Programme aims to provide a regional framework to implement the Rule of Law in Asia and the Pacific by supporting the attainment of judicial independence and integrity as well as the capacity to respond efficiently to transnational organized crime by means of a transnational organized justice scheme.

The programme will focus on supporting the following four outcomes:

- Member states ratify international conventions and instruments on drugs, crime and terrorism
- Supporting legislative and regulatory frameworks established
- Integrity-based and accountable criminal justice systems established, which also address needs of vulnerable groups; and
- Improved transnational cooperation on criminal justice matters

The building blocks for effective transnational cooperation will be supported through establishing such mechanisms as: (i) a Prosecutors Network; (ii) Joint Investigation Teams; (iii) a Judicial Liaison Network; (iv) Designated Central Authorities in charge of MLA, extradition and repatriation of assets; and (v) an Information Exchange Network with timely access to reliable data on TOC.

Key government partners will be the criminal justice and law enforcement agencies of participating countries.

This module will particularly aim to assess and strengthen international cooperation among prosecutors in the area of human trafficking, within ASEAN.

Responding to Trafficking of Cambodian Males for Labour Exploitation

Countries: Cambodia

Region: East Asia and the Pacific

Budget: US\$ 1,921,050

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,921,050

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This project will take the three-pronged approach of 'Prevention, Protection and Reintegration' to facilitate and strengthen victim support of male TIP victims in Cambodia.

First, an information base amongst relevant stakeholders will be built upon thereby determining the extent of the problem of male TIP and informing the preventative component of this project idea and future interventions.

Second, the capacity of law enforcement will be strengthened. Border police will be trained in victim identification while prosecutors and judges will be educated to understand and address male TIP thereby better protecting victims.

Third, capacity building of selected transit shelters will occur to ensure that effective interventions can take place once the victim (who may suffer from drug abuse) is back in his source community. Crime Prevention and Community Safety (CPCS) Programmes will then be implemented in selected source communities thus creating effective aftercare and follow-up.

Partnership Against Transnational-crime through Regional Organized Law-enforcement (PATROL) – Module 3: Trafficking in persons

Country: Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam

Region: East Asia and the Pacific

Budget: US\$ 150,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 150,000

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This Programme will expand cross-border cooperation in the fight against Transnational Organised Crimes (TOC). It will specifically target drugs and precursor chemicals, **human trafficking**, migrant smuggling, Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS), wildlife and timber, and dumping of hazardous waste.

UNODC will lead this Programme in cooperation with UNEP, TRAFFIC and Freeland Foundation. The Programme aims to strengthen cross-border cooperation through the Border Liaison Office (BLO) mechanism. It will increase the capacity of government law enforcement, prosecution, relevant institutions, and civil society to prevent, investigate and prosecute cases of cross-border crimes. Initially the Programme will target six countries (Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam) with eventual expansion into the greater East Asia and Pacific region.

Successful implementation will ensure that such TOC are met with a truly inter-agency, transnational organized response. Countries will be able to meet their commitments under UN Conventions against narcotics drugs, **human trafficking** and other TOC.

This module will particularly aim at strengthening the capacities of Border Liaison Officers to detect and intervene in cases of cross border human trafficking..

This Programme is a follow-up to a previous project of UNODC that introduced the BLO mechanism to countries of the Greater Mekong Sub-region. That project was considered a

hallmark example of multilateral law enforcement cooperation, and led to calls from participating states to expand the mandate of BLO mechanism to other TOC.

Frontline Law Enforcement Training on Trafficking in Persons in Indonesia

Country: Indonesia

Region: East Asia and the Pacific

Budget: US\$ 1,196,100

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,196,100

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The project will significantly expand the training of frontline Indonesian National Police, in particular the predominantly female officers in the provincial anti-trafficking units (PPAs), and other relevant government agencies (border control, immigration, foreign affairs etc.). Training will include identifying victims of human trafficking; better protecting victims and witnesses; better collection and sharing of intelligence; and investigating cases to aid in the prosecution and conviction of traffickers. The project will also support innovative and cutting-edge training in schools for new recruits. UNODC will lead this project in cooperation with the Indonesian National Police and Asia Regional Trafficking in Persons (ARTIP) Project, the Australian Government, AusAID Initiative.

Strengthening Criminal Justice Responses to Human Trafficking and Organized Crime

Country: Lao PDR

Region: South-East Asia

Budget: US\$ \$745,574.00

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ \$745,574.00

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Lao PDR, situated in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, is a hotspot for human trafficking in the region and globally. While progress has been made on many fronts, particularly with respect to its legal framework and general awareness of human trafficking, most efforts have been limited to centralized functions – outside of the capital, Vientiane, capacities remain low. Prosecution rates also continue to be very low, which can be attributed to legislative inadequacy as well as the still-persistent practice of prosecuting victims of human trafficking for 'illegal' migration or prostitution rather than prosecuting their traffickers.

The proposed project will seek to bridge some of these gaps by building on the foundation of trust, partnership and capacity laid by the UNODC R76 Project on "Strengthening Legal and Law Enforcement Institutions to Prevent and Combat Human Trafficking" (2006 – 2009). The objective will be: "To strengthen and empower institutions and individuals to effectively implement laws and commitments to prevent and combat human trafficking in Lao PDR." This will be carried out through: (1) strengthening the national laws and legal framework on human trafficking; (2) building the capacity of legal and law enforcement institutions particularly at lower levels, and; (3) empowering vulnerable groups of people including victims of trafficking.

The specific activities will include the development of an Anti-Human Trafficking Law to address identified shortcomings; official instructions for the non-prosecution of victims; carrying out awareness-raising and capacity-building of legal and law officials at provincial and district levels through the establishment of provincial level core training groups; providing awareness-raising, legal services and access to justice to vulnerable groups of people and victims of trafficking through in-country and operationally mobile teams of law practitioners and student groups, strengthening referral networks, and; working at the bilateral level with partner organizations and national and regional frameworks of action.

Preventing Irregular Migration

Country: India

Region: South Asia

Budget: US\$ 500,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 500,000

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With an objective to improve evidence - base on irregular migration, in 2007- 2008, UNODC commissioned two studies on smuggling of migrants from India {(i) Tamil Nadu and (ii) Punjab/Haryana} to Europe, and in particular to the UK. A Consultation on 'promoting safe mobility and preventing irregular migration', with EU member states, was organized jointly by UNODC and the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India. Interventions to prevent smuggling of migrants are being undertaken in source districts of Tamil Nadu in Southern India. This area has a huge potential for growth and UNODC is seeking a partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs to initiate a project on preventing migrant smuggling.

The major components of the project will be:

- 1. Training and capacity building of relevant law enforcement and judicial officers to increase awareness on migrant smuggling and how to address it. Of utmost importance is training and sensitization on fraud detection and smuggling routes, information and modus operandi used by agents, perpetrators and criminal groups with the aim of designing adequate counter-smuggling policies and operative measures to adequately tackle the crime challenge
- 2. Increase awareness among relevant authorities, the general public and in source areas with regard to the criminal nature of smuggling of migrants and the serious risks it poses for migrants and the societies concerned. Develop pilot programmes using Information, Education and Communication (IEC) interventions to inform potential migrants and their families about the risks and vulnerabilities associated with migrant smuggling and to help them make informed choices. Develop and impart pre-departure orientation/sensitization for persons interested in migration including information on issues relating to the culture and language of destination countries.

Strengthening Viet Nam's Criminal Justice Responses to Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling through Enhanced Border Control Capacities and International Cooperation (VNMS79)

Country: Viet Nam

Region: South & East Asia & Pacific

Budget: US\$ 864,500

Total Pledges: US\$ 432,250 from the United Kingdom

US\$ 163,750 from One UN

Shortfall: US\$ 268,500

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The project aims to strengthen the capacities of Viet Nam's immigration control authorities to respond to human trafficking and migrant smuggling at international airports and selected border gates on land and sea, through training and improvement of border control procedures, strengthening the capacity of information and data collection, threat analysis and detection of migrant smuggling and human trafficking, and enhancement of communication and public awareness to prevent and control both crimes in line with the requirements of the United Nations Transnational Organized Convention and its supplementary Protocols against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants.

The project will also assist Viet Nam in the development of legal frameworks on smuggling of migrants, including the development and implementation of bilateral MoUs on immigration and mutual legal assistance, especially with other ASEAN member states.

The project will build on practical experience and lessons learned, training materials and curricula developed in prior UNODC projects since 2003 on trafficking in persons in Viet Nam.

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Measures to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Human Beings in Afghanistan (AFGS54)

Country: Afghanistan

Region: West & Central Asia

Budget: US\$ 498,900

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 498,900

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In Afghanistan, organized crime groups treat human beings as commodities in a number of ways. The aim is always to make profit, whether as a result of trafficking women or children, kidnapping for ransom or the trafficking of human organs. While Afghanistan signed and subsequently ratified the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime on 24 September 2003, the Trafficking Protocol and the Smuggling Protocol, which supplement the Convention, have not yet been signed.

The strategy of this project is to create a legal framework to combat human trafficking in Afghanistan. The project establishes a pool of national experts (focal points) on trafficking in persons within the sectors of judiciary, law enforcement and civil society. In particular, a focal point/service at the level of the Ministry of Justice will be established to deal with all human trafficking related issues and to coordinate all project activities among the key stakeholders of the project. At the Ministry of Justice, a pool of judges and prosecutors will be trained to specialize in human trafficking, thereby forming a network of national experts to tackle human trafficking through the sharing of information. This national expertise will be accomplished through training, networking and sharing of information, including international cooperation with neighbouring countries. The networking will be supported by the formulation of a joint cooperation plan and, at the end of the project, a national plan of action to combat trafficking in human beings.

Strengthening the capacity of the Central Asian Republics to Protect and Assist Victims of Trafficking in Persons and Smuggled Migrants, Especially Women and Children, in Partnership with NGOs and Other Civil Society Actors

Country: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan

Region: Central Asia

Budget: US\$ 1,235,200

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,235,200

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UNODC research shows that trafficking in persons, migrant smuggling and other forms of irregular migration are serious and growing problems in Central Asia. Irregular migration poses real dilemmas for the Central Asian states, as well as exposing migrants themselves to insecurity and vulnerability. The problem of irregular migration has been exacerbated by the Financial Crisis which has created large pools of unemployed labourer, many of whom are recently returned labour migrants. Finding no employment in their home country, these individuals are increasingly desperate to secure employment again and may be willing to take risks which could lead them to become trafficking victims.

This project is designed to strengthen the capacity of the target countries to identify, protect and assist victims of trafficking in persons and smuggled migrants especially women and children, in partnership with NGOs and other civil society actors by: assessing criminal justice capacities and responses; developing operational standards for law enforcement personnel on victim identification and protection and conducting training on best practices; developing a Partnership Plan for effective cooperation among relevant state actors and NGOs, other civil society actors; disseminating advocacy materials to educate victim assistance service providers; and improving and expanding shelters services.

Increasing the Number of Investigations and Prosecutions of Trafficking in Persons in Pakistan (PAKT06)

Country: Pakistan

Region: West & Central Asia

Budget: US\$ 1,702,910

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,702,910

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Pakistan is a country of origin, destination, and transit for trafficking in persons. Pakistani victims are reported to be mainly women and children, trafficked for the purpose of forced labor and sexual exploitation. Pakistan has signed, but not ratified the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, are not signed yet.

The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan prohibits all forms of forced labor and traffic in human beings; human trafficking has also been criminalized by the Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance. However, the implementation of the Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance remains insufficient and penalties remain low, as has been recognized in the Pakistan Action Plan for Combating Human Trafficking of December 2005.

This project aims to support the implementation of the Action Plan as well as the Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance through strengthening the capacity of government law enforcement, prosecution and other criminal justice institutions as well as civil society responses to prevent, investigate and prosecute cases of human trafficking while protecting victims in line with the requirements of the Trafficking Protocol.

Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Trafficking in Persons in Uzbekistan (UZBS20)

Country: Uzbekistan

Region: West & Central Asia

Budget: US\$ 806,100

Total Pledges: US\$ 50,000 from Norway

US\$ 178,000 from Sweden US\$ 229,410 from Finland

Shortfall: US\$ 348,690

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To effectively address the issue of human trafficking, it is necessary to assist the Government in elaborating effective legislation, which *inter alia*, envisages protection of trafficking victims and witnesses, strengthens investigation and prosecuting capacities, and enhances international cooperation. This project will strengthen legal and law enforcement institutions in preventing and combating trafficking in persons as well as provide assistance in protecting and supporting victims of human trafficking.

The focus of the project is on strengthening Uzbekistan's capacity to draft and implement legislation in compliance with the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its supplementing Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children. Beyond this, the project will facilitate networking and cooperation nationally and internationally within law enforcement and civil society; increase investigation and prosecuting capacities through training of personnel of agencies involved; establish a national anti-human trafficking database; and provide protection and support to trafficking victims.

Actions in this project will include organizing a national workshop of experts representing many sectors related to counter trafficking of persons, and developing anti-trafficking training modules in Uzbek/Russian encouraging international best practices in law enforcement policies and strategies as they relate to human trafficking.

CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE

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Promotion of Sustainable Livelihoods in Urban Areas of Albania to Prevent Trafficking in Human Beings (ALBS93)

Country: Albania

Region: Central & Eastern Europe

Budget: US\$ 756,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 756,00

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The overall objective of this project is to prevent the trafficking of women through the promotion of sustainable livelihoods in urban areas. The project will target young women who are vulnerable to trafficking in human beings, who in general are women and girls living in urban areas, who are between 16-32 years old and have had very little or no education. Experience has shown that income-generating activities aiming directly at self-employment do not result in increased job opportunities for these vulnerable girls and women. Therefore, this project will provide vocational training in combination with on-the-job training. The project will establish a partnership with the local private sector to enable on-the-job training for women in a wide range of economic activities. The project will actively promote the creation of job opportunities for women through fiscal incentives and other non-financial benefits for participating companies. Through the involvement of the private sector, the project also aims to contribute to an overall improvement of working conditions and quality standards in Albania. It is expected that reduction of corruption and bribery will be a positive side effect.

This project idea combines UNODC's experience in the area of Sustainable Livelihoods and Anti-Human Trafficking. As a pilot, its objective is to identify lessons learned and best practices, so that similar initiatives can be developed for other countries in the Eastern European region which are experiencing rapid urbanization, high unemployment, weak vocational training structures and fast growing informal economies.

Building on Albania's Anti Trafficking Responses Beyond 2007 (ALBS94)

Country: Albania

Region: Central & Eastern Europe

Budget: US\$ 674,600

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 674,600

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The project will closely work with the anti-trafficking sector of OC, Office of the Anti-Trafficking? National Coordinator, Serious Crime Prosecution Office and NGO-s. It will aim at ceasing the practice of premature arrests which fail to result in convictions or even prosecutions. To achieve this, the project will ensure that properly selected officers are posted to their jobs to ensure that the range of relevant legislation is utilised for maximum effectiveness. These officers will be trained, equipped, experienced and vetted with a minimum tenure in place to ensure sustainability. The project will also promote the appointment of female officers to these posts.

The project will also assist in the coordination of the intelligence gained on human trafficking from various sources, including with the Help-Line and the Responsible Authority Database.

Preparatory Regional Project on Fostering NGO – Law Enforcement Cooperation in Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking in, from and to the Baltic Sea Region

Subregion: Eastern Europe

Region: Central and Eastern Europe

Budget: US\$ 190,700

Total Pledges: US\$ 171,700 from the Council of the Baltic Sea States

Shortfall: US\$ 19,000

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The objective of this project is to lay the foundation for targeted and consistent approaches on the provision of assistance and protection to victims of human trafficking in and between the Baltic Sea States through improved cooperation between civil society, state actors and other relevant stakeholders.

The project aims to establish a knowledge-base on existing cooperation mechanisms between civil society and state actors within and between target countries, through identifying shortcomings and obstacles to efficient cooperation and formulating recommendations for improved cooperation mechanisms. Further, the project seeks to foster synergies through a Regional Conference involving State actors, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders serving as a platform for agreed regional strategies. The activities of this project will allow for the development of the project document for the future regional joint UNODC – Council of Baltic Sea States Task Force on Trafficking in Human Beings targeted technical assistance project "Fostering NGO – Law Enforcement Cooperation in Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking in, from and to the Baltic Sea Region".

Strengthening Criminal Justice Response to Human Trafficking in the Black Sea Region - follow-up

Country: Member States of BSEC Organization²

Region: Central and Eastern Europe

Budget: US\$ 600,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 600,000

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Pursuing an effective partnership approach, UNODC and the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) developed in 2007-2008 the XCES45 project in order to take a significant step forward in strengthening the criminal justice response to trafficking in persons in the Black Sea region and to promote successful responses to human trafficking through the implementation of relevant international legal instruments. By the end of that project the target group benefited from reinforcing the dialogue on anti-trafficking and from improved access to knowledge and exchange of existing expertise and best practices. A Regional Action Plan on Strengthening Criminal Justice Response to Trafficking on persons in the Black Sea region was put in place as a framework for regional cooperation towards more effective prevention and investigation of human trafficking, increased prosecution and conviction of traffickers, and adequate support and protection of victims and witnesses of trafficking. By resolution of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, the BSEC Regional Action Plan was improved and the 'Working Group on Combating Crime, in Particular in Its Organized Forms', was instructed to seek sustainability of the project with the technical assistance of UNODC.

The objective of this project is to provide, as requested, technical assistance to the BSEC Member States in their efforts to implement the Regional Action Plan and to further strengthen their criminal justice response to trafficking in persons in the Black Sea region.

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² Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC): Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

Feasibility Study (Phase I) to Develop a Regional Project (Phase II) on the Promotion of Sustainable Livelihoods in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia to Prevent Trafficking in Women and Other Preventive Measures among Minors at Risk

Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia

Region: South East Europe

Budget: US\$ 135,600 (feasibility study); approx. US\$ 2,000,000 (implementation

phase)

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 135,600 + US \$ 2,000,000

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Regional Project against Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants (XCAS26)

Countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panamá

Region: Central America

Budget: US\$ 1,906.876

Total Pledges: US\$ 215,000 from Norway

US\$ 228,025 from Canada US\$ 117,499 from Sweden US\$ 918,635 from Spain

Shortfall: US\$ 427,717

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This regional project focuses on strengthening investigation skills of prosecutors and police officers from Central America, with an emphasis on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants. To enhance the effectiveness of this work, the project is divided in seven complementary components: 1) assessment of national and regional capacities to prosecute trafficking in persons in Central America which identifies the political, legal, institutional, technical, operational, financial and personnel conditions of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama to address this crime; 2) strengthening investigative capacities of public prosecutors in charge of combating trafficking; 3) strengthening the Central American Council of Public Prosecutors Offices - the highest authority in the prosecution of crime in the region; 4) strengthening international cooperation units within Public Prosecutors Offices in Central America to systematize the exchange of operational information in mutual legal assistance/joint investigations of sexual exploitation crimes and trafficking in persons; 5) political advocacy of inter-agency with regional representatives of the bureaux/coalitions against human trafficking of the signatory countries to include in the agenda of the national legislatures, proposals for adapting the regulatory framework of the Palermo Protocol as well the SICA's, to promote alignment of the Central American Court of Justice; 6) dissemination of the campaign "Blue heart against the human trafficking" of UNODC in Mexico, and 7) dissemination of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, specialized anti-human trafficking material created by UNODC headquarters and ROMEX, and the positioning of UNODC as the guardian of these international instruments. The same seven complementary components will be applied to the fight against smuggling of migrants, which is part of a second phase in the project.

Combating Trafficking in Persons in Colombia (COLR52)

Country: Colombia

Region: Latin America & Caribbean

Budget: US\$ 1,500,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 95,712 from Canada

US\$ 484,480 from Sweden US\$ 570,988 from Colombia

Shortfall: US\$ 348,820

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In Colombia there is increased awareness that trafficking in persons is a growing problem and law enforcement agencies are escalating their efforts to investigate and prosecute cases. However, there is no common strategy to fight criminal networks effectively and there are no cooperation agreements to facilitate investigation and prosecution of trafficking cases. The real scenario is a high number of investigations, (206 since 2008 through the Operative Anti-Trafficking Centre C.O.A.T supported by UNODC) but a low number of judicial decisions (no more than 35).

In this context, the UNODC Field Office in Colombia created the project "Combating Trafficking in Persons" aiming to assist Colombian authorities and associated civil society organizations to develop and implement sustainable and coordinated actions to reduce difficulties during judicial proceedings, and build capacity of civil society organizations to prevent trafficking in persons and participate actively during criminal proceedings.

This project is comprised of the following components. **Training:** Training of Colombian authorities among judges, prosecutors, criminal investigators and NGO attorneys on detecting, investigating, prosecuting trafficking in persons, as well as trial preparation techniques through case-management, courtroom skills and international cooperation exercises in fighting against human trafficking. **Legal Reform:** Supporting the Ministry of Justice and Interior to set rules to put into operation Law 985 and its national anti-trafficking strategy, adopted by Decree 4786 especially on crime investigation and prosecution activities. **Prevention:** Strengthening the capacities of community-based organizations to prevent trafficking in persons, through promoting informative, culture and sports activities for young populations and vulnerable groups.

Strengthening Capacity to Combat Human Trafficking in Sub-Andean Region of Peru and Ecuador

Countries: Pilot countries of Peru and Ecuador, with practical tools to be

developed for use throughout Latin America and the Caribbean

Region: Sub-Andean Region of Peru and Ecuador

Budget: US\$ 371,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 371,000

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On my first day in Japan, my passport was taken from me, I was raped four times and then sent to a brothel where I spent the next eight months servicing an average of 30 clients per day.... Although I escaped, I am scared of the Yakuza and what they might do to me and my children. [Words of a woman trafficked from Peru to Japan by the Yakuza mafia]

This project will implement a series of concrete activities in three specific areas:

- Prevention: Prevention of trafficking of women and children and widespread awareness raising (schools, airports, bus stations, cinemas, radio) – the public awareness campaign will reach an estimated 2 million individuals;
- Prosecution: Sustainable, long-term practical training of over 5,000 public officials of how
 to effectively investigate and prosecute human traffickers, with emphasis on identification
 and dismantling of trafficking networks as well as the location and seizure of their illicit
 assets; and
- **Protection:** Bolstering of (1) police protection services to trafficking victims willing to testify, and (2) qualitative rehabilitation services available to trafficking victims (psychiatric and other medical assistance, family and community reintegration services, and job training skills).

This project comes at the specific request of key institutions within the Governments of Peru and Ecuador, including the National Police, Public Ministries and Judiciaries of each country, along with other entities, including civil society and community-based organizations. The project will commence in 2010 in Peru and Ecuador, but is aimed at developing practical, results-oriented antihuman trafficking tools and best practices for use throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Andean Observatory on Human Trafficking

Country: Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru

Region: Latin America & Caribbean

Budget: US\$ 1,766,163

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 1,766,163

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Trafficking in persons through and from Latin America to Europe has become an increasing migratory situation and is difficult to measure due to the lack of reliable data. The situation in the target countries show that the economic crisis in the Latin American region a decade ago resulted in strong migratory flows, particularly to Europe and the United States, as people searched for better work opportunities abroad. In those scenario vulnerable communities such as indigenous people, young women's, displaced families and children are exposed to many modalities of exploitation.

This project is designed to provide objective, reliable, updated and comparable information about the characteristics, modalities and trends of human trafficking within Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, as well as other oversea countries. The aim is to strengthen the legislations, policies, programs and projects on protection and assistance for victims, prevention of human trafficking and prosecution of traffickers for the benefit of victims of trafficking and vulnerable groups who are potential victims.

Regional Cooperation for the Assistance to and Protection of Women Victims of Human Trafficking

Country: Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay

Region: Latin America & Caribbean

Budget: US\$ 2,836,018

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

Shortfall: US\$ 2,836,018

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Women are the majority of victims detected in Western and Central Europe. They are mostly trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The growing involvement of women in the migration flow from Latin America to Europe highlights the feminization of poverty, which creates a special vulnerability to trafficking and other forms of exploitation. One way of decreasing the flow from South America to Europe is to guarantee the cooperation among countries of the region to build national capacity and social mobilization against this crime.

This project aims to strengthen international cooperation to counter trafficking in persons among the countries of the region for the benefit of women victims of human trafficking in the Mercosul region, potential victims, their families and communities. Activities include: 1) discussing and designing a regional workplan, 2) discussing and designing national workplans identifying existing and necessary resources to their full implementation in articulation with the regional workplan, 3) developing data collection and systematization methods on human trafficking, 4) implementing assistance programmes and/or specialized teams and provide training, 5) harmonising the conceptual framework of services and responses to human trafficking in the Mercosul, 5) providing on-going monitoring and evaluation of the project, 6) organising study tours and regional meetings/seminars, 7) compiling experiences and best practices from the countries involved, and 8) disseminating results and information on the main activities of the Action Trafficking in persons from Latin America to Europe is one of the most important routes known around the world.

Preventing Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Throughout Latin America and the Caribbean

Countries: Five pilot countries in Latin America; two non-Latin American pilot

countries in the Caribbean (countries to be determined based on

updated data of routes, places of origin and destination)

Region: Latin America and Caribbean

Budget: US\$ 1,391,000

Total Pledges: US\$ 0

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This project recognizes that human trafficking and migrant smuggling cannot be successfully overcome without an integrated multi-country approach. Focusing on routes and criminal networks, rather than on specific countries, will produce more concrete results (for victims, potential victims, migrants, countries of origin and destination, and for donor countries). Donors and countries within Latin America and the Caribbean want to see:

- 1. More prosecutions of human traffickers, as well as corrupt officials linked to these crimes;
- 2. The capture of illicit assets linked to those involved in human trafficking and migrant smuggling; and
- 3. Much stronger efforts to assist victims of human trafficking, including efforts to ensure that these victims provide much-needed testimony without fear of reprisals.

Thus, the project will provide (i) police, prosecutors and judges from the target region with handson, realistic training with numerous human trafficking and migrant smuggling scenarios which they must resolve in a joint manner to complete specialized courses, (ii) relevant officials with the skills needed to hunt down and capture assets linked to human trafficking and migrant smuggling, and (iii) police, NGOs and other relevant authorities with the tools needed to assist victims of human trafficking, and to provide wide spread education to those considered most vulnerable to the threats and dangers of human trafficking and migrant smuggling.