

N. Improving criminal justice responses to trafficking in persons in South-Eastern Europe with special focus on Moldova

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (\$499,600)

Background

74. The regular monitoring of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its related protocols indicate that the criminal justice systems in South-Eastern Europe are still inadequate to provide effective responses to human trafficking despite the existence of relevant national legislation, action plans and respective structures in place. Among the countries of South-Eastern Europe, Moldova was identified as a major source country, primarily for the trafficking of women for sexual exploitation.
75. This project is therefore, designed to improve the criminal justice responses of Moldova to trafficking in persons through increased operational capacity to investigate and disrupt human trafficking activities. The project is aimed at enhancing regional cooperation among justice and home affairs institutions of Moldova and the identified countries in the region through intensive international knowledge transfer, institutional strengthening and capacity-building measures.
76. The project builds upon lessons learned and expertise developed as a result of the well-established field presence of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in the region. It will be implemented under the overall supervision of the Regional Project Office for South-Eastern Europe, in Sofia, and the substantive units of UNODC headquarters. The project will be executed by the UNODC field office in Moldova in partnership with the relevant institutions in Moldova, and in cooperation with identified UNODC field offices. In order to create synergies and maximize cost-effective impact, the project will build upon all ongoing UNODC projects on human trafficking in the region. More specifically, the project will take advantage of the network of national focal points already set up within the project “Strengthening Criminal Justice Responses to the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings and Human Smuggling in the Western Balkans” and will integrate Moldova in the network. Further, the project will make use of all training materials already developed by UNODC, such as training manual and toolkits.

<p>Objective of the Organization: To strengthen criminal justice responses to trafficking in persons in Moldova through national capacity-building and enhancement of regional cooperation among justice and home affairs institutions of Moldova and target countries in the South-Eastern Europe region.</p>	<p>Summary budget (Thousands of United States dollars)</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Consultants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">106.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td style="text-align: right;">83.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contractual services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">115.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Study tours</td> <td style="text-align: right;">36.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workshops</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>140.0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">499.6</td> </tr> </table>	Consultants	106.0	Travel	83.0	Contractual services	115.6	Operating expenses	19.0	Study tours	36.0	Workshops	<u>140.0</u>	Total	499.6
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<p>Relationship to the strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 and the Millennium Development Goals: UNODC subprogramme 1 (Rule of law).</p>															

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
<p>(a) Enhanced knowledge of the existing national responses in addressing trafficking in human beings by national institutions in</p>	<p>(a) Increased number of national responses in addressing trafficking in human beings by national institutions in Moldova — gaps and needs identified, developed and validated with</p>

Moldova — gaps and needs identified	the relevant national counterparts
(b) Enhanced knowledge and improved capacity of the relevant law enforcement and criminal justice practitioners to adequately address cases of trafficking in persons	(b) Increased number of law enforcement and criminal justice practitioners acquired requisite knowledge and expertise to efficiently investigate human trafficking cases
(c) Improved regional cooperation among national governmental institutions and their operational teams dealing with human trafficking in Moldova and other countries of the region	(c) Increased number of contacts established between relevant institutions in the region through a network of national focal points established with Moldova participation

Main activities

77. The main activities of the project will include:
- (a) Assessing existing legal framework in Moldova and its application by the investigation, prosecutorial and judicial bodies of trafficking in persons; identifying problems encountered by investigative bodies, prosecutors and courts in bringing human traffickers to justice; drafting an assessment report and developing recommendations about how to better address those problems;
 - (b) Organizing a workshop in Moldova to validate with relevant stakeholders the assessment report and its findings; and to present international and European standards in the fight against human trafficking, and discuss obstacles faced by Moldova in their implementation. Consolidating and finalizing the recommendations developed;
 - (c) Adapting and translating training materials already developed by UNODC, and developing/reviewing relevant training curricula for law enforcement, prosecution and judiciary in order to train relevant staff on effective investigation and prosecution;
 - (d) Developing training methodology and supporting delivery of three trainings by the National Institute of Justice and other relevant national counterparts. Institutionalization of the training modules will be pursued in an effort to secure durability and sustainability of the initiative;
 - (e) Providing technical assistance to strengthening institutional capacity of national competent authorities responsible for international cooperation in the area of intelligence-sharing, management of mutual legal assistance and extradition requests, through two study tours of national experts from Moldova responsible for international cooperation in the relevant areas in other countries of the region;
 - (f) Establishing a national focal point in Moldova as a component of the network of law enforcement focal points already established in the countries of the region within other ongoing UNODC projects in order to facilitate cooperation and information exchange throughout the region;
 - (g) Organizing a regional training workshop on international law enforcement cooperation to train relevant staff of national governmental institutions of targeted countries of the region on mutual legal assistance procedures and the effective use of informal and formal international law enforcement mechanisms including effective liaison with the European Law Enforcement Organisation (Europol) and the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol).

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Implementing entities: UNODC		Duration: 2010 – 2013	
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Summary budget <i>thousands of US dollars</i>	Detailed budget (US dollars)		
Consultants	106.0	Consultants	
Contractual services	115.6	<u>Regional/international consultants</u>	
Travel	83.0	4 work months x \$6,000 per month to assess the national legislation, prepare the training materials and hold the regional training and the workshop (in support of activities (a), (b), (c), and (g)) and travel	24 000
Operating expenses	19.0	Consultancy services for project evaluation	10 000
Study Tours	36.0	<u>National consultants</u>	
Workshops	140.0	20 work months x \$2,000 per month to develop questionnaire and review the closed case files related to trafficking cases (in support of activities (a) and (b)) (\$2,000 per month)	40 000
Total	499.6	16 work months x \$2,000 per month to develop training materials based on assessment results for the workshop and delivering the training (in support of activities (c) and (d)) (\$2,000 per month)	32 000
		Contractual services	
		Translation of documents (in support of activities (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g))	18 000
		Publications (in support of activities (a), (b) and (c))	35 000
		Contractual services with local and regional institutions and/or NGOs for the implementation of activities (b), (d), (e) and (g)	45 000
		Contractual Services in support of all activities (\$17,600)	17 600
		Travel	
		Travel of staff to participate in workshops (10 persons x \$5,900 per person) and to be resource persons (6 person x \$4,000 per person) (in support of activities (b), (d) and (g))	83 000
		Operating expenses	
		Communications and supplies	19 000
		Seminars and Workshops	
		Thematic workshop (in support of activity (b))	7 500
		Training of law enforcement judges and prosecutors and other relevant national staff (in support of activity (d))	45 000
		Training in the region (in support of activity (g))	87 500

	Study tours Regional study tours (\$18,000 per study tour x 2 study tours) to strengthen institutional capacity of national competent authorities responsible for informal and formal international cooperation (in support of activity (e))	36 000
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