

Global Programme on Countering Terrorist Threats against Vulnerable Targets

High-Level Launch of Five Modules on Vulnerable Targets Protection
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Global partnership (CTED, UNAOC, UNICRI, in consultation with INTERPOL) in response to:

- **Security Council and Counter-Terrorism Committee**

- Resolutions 2341 and 2396 (2017)
- 2018 Addendum to the Madrid Guiding Principles
- CTC/CTED visits

- **General Assembly**

- 2006 Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/60/288): *“To step up all efforts to improve the security and protection of particularly vulnerable targets, such as infrastructure and public places”*
- 7th Review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (A/RES/75/291): OP **“74. Encourages the Office of Counter-Terrorism and the Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact entities to work closely with Member States and relevant international, regional and subregional organizations to identify and share best practices to prevent terrorist attacks on particularly vulnerable targets”**



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PROGRAMME APPROACH

- **Born in 2021, now implemented from the UNOCT Programme Office in Madrid**
- **All-of-UN approach:** partnership with Global Counter-Terrorism Compact entities (CTED, UNICRI, UNAOC – and in consultation with INTERPOL)
- **Practical support and knowledge products:** Good practices and guidance
- **Connecting experts across the world:** Global Network of Experts on Vulnerable Targets Protection
- **Technical Assistance and Capacity-building:** training courses
- **Sustainability:** mentoring



2021 Achievements of the Global Programme

Programme Achievements in 2021



Successfully launched the [Programme](#) in January and transition of duty station from New York to Madrid.



Consolidated its strategic partnership with CTED, UNICRI, UNAOC and its collaboration with INTERPOL.



It is providing technical assistance and capacity building support – different stages of implementation – to: Tajikistan, Togo and Tunisia, and has a number of countries in other regions such as Central Africa, Central Asia and South-East Asia that have expressed interest in becoming beneficiaries. Is also delivered specialized capacity building support to Sudan.



Finalized five modular guides (addenda to the UN Compendium of Good Practices on Critical Infrastructure Protection) with tools, recommendations and good practices from around the world on the protection of urban centres, religious sites, tourist venues and UAS, as well as a general overview of vulnerable targets protection.



Developed a Global Network of Experts on Vulnerable Targets Protection, which already has 60 members and is hosted in UNOCT's "[Connect and Learn](#)" platform together with a library/ repository of international good practices.



Participated in a number of outreach events – such as those organized by the European Union related to urban security and the role of cities, UAS, and the role of law enforcement in the protection of soft targets – to promote the Programme and develop relevant networks.



CONFIRMED BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES:
● Tajikistan ● Togo ● Tunisia

The Vulnerable Targets programme has organized three International Expert Group Meetings (EGM)

19 JANUARY 2021

[Protection of Religious Sites](#)

15-16 JUNE 2021

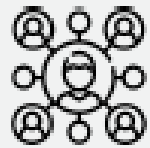
[Protection of Urban Centres and Touristic Venues](#)

6-7 OCTOBER 2021

[Protection of Vulnerable Targets and Unmanned Aircraft Systems](#)



2022 Achievements of the Global Programme



High-level Launch of the Global Network of Experts on Vulnerable Targets Protection (15 February).



Initiated the "Briefing Series on the Protection of Vulnerable Targets" on key topics such as the protection of religious sites (May) and tourism venues (June), for members of the Global Network of Experts, including representatives of Member States, CSOs, private sector, academia and international organizations.



Participated in different high-level meetings to promote the Programme, identify partnerships and funding opportunities (e.g. Brussels, Doha, Malaga).

150 officials trained based on two 'roadmaps', two new beneficiary Member States, 150 members of the Global Network on VT Protection, one new knowledge product



In-depth consultations in Tunisia and Togo with 60 representatives of local authorities and governmental institutions, and subsequent development of two "roadmaps" (national action plans) on vulnerable targets protection.



Two capacity building activities held in Tunis at the end of May, based on the roadmap.

One capacity building activity in Togo at the end of June, based on the roadmap.



Update of the Compendium of Good Practices on Critical Infrastructure Protection by the end of June.



Translation of the five modular guides on vulnerable targets (addenda to the UN Compendium of Good Practices on Critical Infrastructure Protection) by the end of June.

Projected Activities for July-December 2022

Elaboration and provision of e-learning courses for the member of the Global Network of Experts on Vulnerable Targets Protection.



In-depth consultations and technical assistance and capacity-building in existing beneficiary countries and new ones such as Indonesia and Tajikistan.



Design and production of communication tools to promote the Global Programme



Launch of the Joint Project of the UNOCT Offices in Madrid, Rabat and Doha on building law enforcement capacities to protect vulnerable targets through behavioral insights tools



5 Modules on Vulnerable Targets Protection

1. **Addenda to the 2018 Compendium** of Good Practices on Critical Infrastructure Protection (now 2022 update being finalized)
2. Focus on four **prominent areas of public places/soft targets protection**
3. **Process of consultation:** Member States, Programme Partners, Global Compact ETCIP Working Group, experts (including on human rights and gender) + **Work of specialized consultant** (comprehensive desk review, interviews, EGMs, etc)
4. **Structure:** basic concepts + broad threat landscape + non-sector specific overview of stakeholders' roles and responsibilities
5. Not all good practices included: please **keep sending your countries' good practices** for our Online Library.



Available in AR, EN, FR, RU in our dedicated webpage for this event:
[UNOCT launches five new thematic guides on Protecting Vulnerable Targets Against Terrorist Attacks | Office of Counter-Terrorism](#)
And in UNOCT's publications:
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