

# Model Legislative Provisions and National Comprehensive Assistance Plans

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TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS AND PROTECT  
THE RIGHTS OF VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

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Launched in February 2022, and co-developed by the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the “Model Legislative Provisions to Support the Needs and Protect the Rights of Victims of Terrorism” aims to strengthen Member States efforts in supporting victims of terrorism, in two ways:

- by serving as a model for the review and enhancement of existing legislation and procedures related to victims of terrorism at the national level
- by promoting the harmonization of legislation to support the needs and protect the rights of victims of terrorism within international legal frameworks



## Provision of Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Support

The UNOCT/United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme (VoT Programme) and UNODC, in collaboration with UNOCT’s Office of Parliamentary Engagement, offer capacity-building support to requesting Member States through the project on “Technical support on the rights and needs of victims of terrorism through the establishment of National Comprehensive Assistance Plans (NCAPs) and the inclusion of Model Legislative Provisions (MLPs)”. The project provides Member States with technical assistance for the development, review or harmonization of national legislation to protect the rights and support the needs of victims of terrorism. The project also seeks to assist Member States with the development of NCAPs, designed to support victims of terrorism in line with international best practices.

Following a thorough desk review and consultations with key stakeholders on existing national legislation and assistance focused on victims of terrorism, the project supports requesting Member States in the tailored review and development of legislation and National Comprehensive Assistance Plans through a series of workshops that covers the following areas:

- Raising awareness of victims' needs and their internationally granted rights;
- Addressing the recommendations of the national needs assessment and consultations;
- Presenting a selection of legal and technical practices and examples;
- Guiding the assessment and strengthening of national legislative and assistance frameworks for victims of terrorism;
- Guiding the development of a national comprehensive assistance plan for victims of terrorism

### Thematic areas of the MLP and NCAPs

- Coordination, cooperation and oversight
- Right to assistance
- Right to reparation
- Measures to protect the physical and psychological integrity and privacy of victims
- Right to information
- Access to justice
- Consular assistance and protection
- Rights and needs of victims of terrorism with specific needs, including children and youth, cross-border victims and victims of sexual violence committed by terrorist groups.

## MAIN OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

1. Enhanced capacity of Member States to promote and protect the rights and support the needs of victims of terrorism.
2. Member States strengthen national laws based on the Model Legislative Provisions and develop holistic, gender-sensitive and human rights-compliant national comprehensive assistance plans for victims of terrorism.

### Global Victims of Terrorism Support Programme

The VoT Programme is in the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) of the Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT). It provides technical assistance and capacity building support to Member States, UN entities, and civil society to enhance their knowledge, understanding and capacity to uphold the rights and support the needs of victims of terrorism.

The VoT Programme has four mutually reinforcing priority areas grounded in a commitment to human rights and gender mainstreaming:

1. To stand in solidarity with victims of terrorism and promote their rights among Member States, UN entities, and civil society through outreach and advocacy activities [Solidarity/Outreach/Advocacy]
2. To promote and establish policies, good practices, and efforts of Member States, UN entities, and civil society on victims of terrorism issues [Policy and coordination]
3. To enhance knowledge, understanding and capacities of Member States, UN entities, and civil society to uphold the rights and support the needs of victims of terrorism [Technical Assistance and Capacity building]
4. To enhance the capacity of victims of terrorism to develop and communicate their key messages through multimedia training and products, including on preventing violent extremism conducive to terrorism [Communications and Visibility]

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