



# 2021-2022 United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism



## Addressing Gender Dimensions in Criminal Justice Response to Terrorism: Supporting States to effectively integrate women’s diverse roles, voices and perspectives to prevent terrorism and violent extremism

This project addresses the gender dimensions in criminal justice responses to terrorism by supporting Member States to effectively integrate women’s diverse roles, voices and perspectives to prevent terrorism and violent extremism.

### Description of the Project

As highlighted by a growing number Security Council and General Assembly resolutions, there is a need to address the different ways in which men and women are affected by and involved in terrorism and to empower women to be an equal and integral part of long term efforts to prevent terrorism. **The objective of the project is to promote policy and criminal justice responses in select priority countries that address the distinct ways in which men and women are affected by terrorism and promote the role of women in efforts to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism.**

Building on UNODC’s *Training Module on Gender Dimensions in the Criminal Justice Response to Terrorism* launched in 2019, the project will target national criminal justice and counter-terrorism agencies as well as women-focused civil society and women-led civil society organizations. The project will aim to achieve the following results: work to update policies and legislation as well as build awareness and capacity of national criminal justice and counter-terrorism agencies to take a gender aware approach to their work, including to bring to justice those responsible for sexual and gender based violence committed by terrorist groups; and to increase the capacity of civil society and to strengthen their engagement in national and regional relevant discussions and processes related to gender mainstreaming in criminal justice and counter-terrorism.

### Rationale

Given the different ways in which women are involved with terrorism, criminal justice systems are increasingly required to integrate gender-sensitive approaches to the way they deal with terrorism cases and respond to specific needs of victims of terrorism. This is especially important when criminal justice system already experience inherent limitations impacting women’s access to justice and due process. In cases where women are perpetrators, national criminal justice systems are required to uphold the rule of law and international standards through gender-sensitive investigations, prosecutions, and adjudication. Yet, **national criminal justice systems often lack the policies, expertise, and capacities to approach these issues in a gender-sensitive way nor have developed strategies to support victims of terrorism, including victims of sexual and gender-based violence.**

CTED’s survey on the Implementation of Security Council resolution 2178 (2014) also further identified the need to raise awareness of law enforcement personnel of specific issues relating to women associated with terrorist groups, and include a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of strategies to counter violent extremism.

Strengthening women’s capacity and women’s engagement, at the governmental and community levels, officials are key elements in effectively countering terrorism. It is essential to provide Member States with the knowledge, tools, and support to adopt gender-transformative policies and approaches which promote the role of women in criminal justice and counter-terrorism agencies, empower women-focused civil society organizations and strengthen the partnership between national governments and community level leaders focused on women’s issues.

### Outcomes

The project seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

**Outcome 1:** Policies, legislation and criminal justice processes of terrorism cases, including investigations and prosecutions, are strengthened, the human rights of female victims, witnesses and suspects are protected, and accountability for sexual and gender-based violence perpetrated by terrorist groups is enhanced through gender transformative approaches.

**Outcome 2:** Women’s engagement in efforts to prevent terrorism and violent extremism is strengthened through their effective participation and inclusion.

### Outputs/Indicative Activities

The project seeks to achieve the following outputs through the indicative activities below:

**Output 1.1:** Expert advice provided to update policies and legislation to better address gender aspects of counter-terrorism and criminal justice responses to terrorism including sexual and gender-based violence committed by terrorist groups through awareness-raising activities, technical advice, and on-going consultations.

- Awareness raising activities for policy-makers and criminal justice officials, technical policy and legislative advisory services, and on-going consultations and advise.

**Output 1.2:** A pool of national criminal justice officials with enhanced knowledge on gender sensitive approaches for the investigation and prosecution of terrorism through capacity building training and mentoring activities.

- Training activities for criminal justice officials, including development of trained trainers in national criminal justice training institutions and on-going mentoring.

**Output 1.3:** Civil society and women-led organizations’ capacities strengthened in criminal justice processes related to counter- terrorism and PVE strengthened.

- Training activities for CSOs, including development of trained trainers in national criminal justice and gender for roll out of TOTs.

**Output 2.1:** National officials and women-focused civil society organizations have increased awareness of and tools for empowering women’s role in terrorism prevention efforts, through support for women’s roles in criminal justice and counter-terrorism agencies, closer cooperation between national government and women’s civil society, and strengthened networks of women civil society actors nationally and regionally.

- Policy advice, training activities and mentoring to criminal justice officials and women’s rights advocates in civil society and establishment of dialogue platforms for women’s groups, civil society and national authorities.

**Output 2.2:** Increase the interface between national and local authorities and especially law enforcement institutions with civil society and women-led organizations.

- Series of workshops at the national and local levels bringing together local authorities and civil society to discuss immediate community security threats and prevention of violent extremism.

**Output 2.3:** Increased advocacy for gender responsive counter terrorism approaches at the national level.

- Advocacy and awareness raising activities at the national level to promote gender responsive approaches. Including one national level workshop with decision making authorities and civil society, and media related initiative.

### Human Rights Mainstreaming

UNODC and UN Women will ensure a strong human right approach in all programmes, in line with the United Nations Global Counterterrorism Strategy’s Pillar IV on promotion of respect for human rights. UNODC will build the knowledge and skills of criminal justice officials on the importance of human rights and especially women’s rights as an essential element in building an effective criminal justice response and in preventing violent extremism. Training activities are delivered using UNODC’s Training Module on Human Rights and Criminal Justice Responses to Terrorism. UN Women engagement is guided by the principles and approaches outlined in its guidance note on gender mainstreaming in CT and PVE.

### Gender Mainstreaming

Given the focus of project, mainstreaming gender and empowering women will be the main focus areas of the project. This will be guided by UNODC’s Training Module on Gender Dimensions in the Criminal Justice Response to Terrorism, and UN Women’s body of work on gender mainstreaming in CT and PVE guidance notes.

### Budget

\$3,000,000.00

### Pillar

Pillar I -Addressing the Conditions Conducive to the Spread of Terrorism, Pillar II -Measures to prevent and Combat Terrorism, Pillar IV - Ensuring Human Rights and the Rule of Law

### Project Status

Concept

### Implementation Period

2021-2022

### UN Org

UNODC, UNWOMEN

### UN Global CT Compact Partners

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### Countries

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### Current Donors

This project is currently unfunded.



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