



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



## Improving the capacity of the United Republic of Tanzania to counter transnational organized crime in the bordering regions and the coastal areas

Reducing transnational organized crime and threats of terrorism in the United Republic of Tanzania through enhanced border management and increased cross-border cooperation.

### Description of the Project

To enhance the effective immigration and border management in the United Republic of Tanzania, IOM in close coordination with the national counterpart the Tanzania Immigration Service Department (TISD), has developed this project with **the overall objective of contributing to improving the capacities and cross-border cooperation of law enforcement officials and border officers of the United Republic of Tanzania to counter in an effective manner issues related to terrorism and transnational crime along the border regions**. This project will also capitalize on the **involvement of the border communities** through their engagement to support the border management agencies through community policing.

### Rationale

Activities of terrorists and organised criminals frequently reinforce each other, where terrorists engage either directly or indirectly in organised crime activities such as trafficking, smuggling, extortion, kidnapping for ransom and the illicit trade of goods, for financial and/or material profits. Such illegal profits contribute to undermining state security, stability, and social and economic development, which in turn may create or maintain the conditions for organised criminal groups to flourish. On the other side, organised crime groups may employ terrorist tactics, including the strategic use of violence, to enable and achieve their objectives.

The United Republic of Tanzania borders eight countries, with different social and economic backgrounds and security concerns. Given the porosity of the borders in the East African region, combined with the limited capacity of authorities to manage them effectively, criminal networks can move with relative ease across borders, heightening the threat of regional and international terrorism and other migration-related security concerns. These security threats transcend national borders and require national and regional responses, ranging from capacity building of law enforcement officials on one side, to cross-border community cooperation and awareness raising on the other, to minimise the risks of trans-border recruitment of vulnerable communities perpetrated by criminal networks. Front line border/immigration officers, police and other law enforcement officials play a crucial role in the operational aspects of the fight against violent extremism. At the same time, communities can also play a pivotal role in addressing some of the issues, especially when it comes to community policing, as long as trust and a common understanding between local communities and police is in place.

### Outcomes

This project seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

- Outcome 1:** Increased capacity of the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania for an improved response to violent extremism and transnational crime.
- Outcome 2:** Enhanced cross-border cooperation between law enforcement agencies of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Kenya.
- Outcome 3:** Improved engagement of cross-border communities in the area of countering violent extremism for the purpose of Community Policing
- Outcome 4:** Procured necessary equipment to front line border / immigration officers at border points
- Outcome 5:** Improved knowledge on the linkages between human trafficking/smuggling of migrants and smuggling/trafficking of drugs at borders

### Outputs/Indicative Activities

This project will implement the following indicative activities:

- Conduct a thorough gender-inclusive capacity-building needs assessment together with national counterparts
- Coordination and facilitation of capacity-building activities, such as advanced training to law enforcement and border officers on the different aspects of violent extremism and on the implementation of appropriate border control procedures. Training of Trainers (TOTs) and specialized trainings on counter-terrorism will be conducted. The roll-out of these trainings will ensure that the knowledge is retained institutionally.
- Facilitation of a series of cross-border gender-balanced technical workshops to law enforcement agencies in order to expand their exchange of information and coordination on transnational and cross-border security risks deriving from terrorism and transnational organised crime. Based on the outcomes of the technical workshops, IOM will undertake the organization of a series of high-level regional conferences.
- Organization of a series of cross-border early warning workshops to local leaders and border communities about the threat of violent extremism, and transnational organised crime, radicalization and terrorism.
- IOM, in close cooperation with Tanzania Immigration Service Department Public Relations Office (TISD-PRO) will also conduct a parallel mass awareness raising campaign to the communities that reside in the border regions on the risks, through radio programmes and sensitization activities.
- Thorough assessments will be carried out at the border to identify material and equipment capacity gaps at the border points, leading to the renovation of some border posts and the procurement of equipment needed to counter the threat of terrorism and transnational organized crime.

### Human Rights Mainstreaming

During the entire implementation of the project, IOM will advocate for and coordinate an approach that places human rights at the centre of all border governance measures and implementation, as well as a non-discrimination approach, where migrants should be protected against any form of discrimination at borders and assistance and protection from harm is in place, and where the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania considers the individual circumstances of all migrants at borders and ensures effective protection and access to justice.

### Gender Mainstreaming

Specifically in terms of gender, the project will encourage the participation of officers on an equal basis through gender balanced access and participation in the project activities. In addition, IOM Tanzania will make sure that gender balance will be taken into account when setting up the project team and that accurate reporting on gender-disaggregated data is ensured and any disparity relating to the data, project targets and/or results as well as any challenge or lessons learned related to gender mainstreaming is considered.

### Budget

\$1,300,000.00

### Pillar

Pillar II -Measures to prevent and Combat Terrorism

### Project Status

Concept

### Implementation Period

2021-2023

### UN Org

IOM

### UN Global CT Compact Partners

### Countries

Tanzania

### Current Donors

This project is currently unfunded.