

GLOBAL PROGRAMME AGAINST THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS

Migrant smuggling is a complex, ever-changing crime that takes different forms in different parts of the world. It is easily adaptable to shifting circumstances of supply and demand, as well as differing criminal justice capacities in countries of origin, transit and destination. Criminal activities of smugglers undermine the capacity of states to safeguard their own sovereignty and combat crime and corruption both within and across borders. Moreover, smuggling of migrants and related conduct can jeopardize the life and safety of migrants, while generating enormous profits for the criminals involved and fuelling other crimes.

The response of UNODC to the global, regional and national challenges faced by Member States in addressing the smuggling of migrants and related conduct is provided primarily through the Global Programme against the Smuggling of Migrants. The core objective of this Programme is to support Member States, including practitioners, to prevent and prosecute this crime, protect the rights of smuggled migrants, and promote cooperation to these ends.

The Global Programme is in line with the *Comprehensive Strategy to Combat Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants* and with the *Thematic Programme on Action Against Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking, Including Drug Trafficking*, especially its *Sub-Programme on Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling*.

Under the Programme, UNODC develops global solutions to critical challenges, provides normative guidance and both supports and delivers direct technical assistance, in close consultation and coordination with the Regional Offices, focusing on seven key areas to assist countries to implement the *Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime*.

SEVEN KEY AREAS

- Prevention and awareness-raising
- Data collection and research
- Legislative assistance
- Strategic planning and policy development
- Criminal justice system responses
- Protection and assistance
- International cooperation

The Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section is pleased to present the latest tools developed under the Global Programme:

[INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS PROTOCOL](#)

Strategic planning and policy development

[WAYS AND MEANS: EFFECTIVE ACTION AGAINST MIGRANT SMUGGLERS - Training film](#)

Prevention and awareness-raising / Criminal justice system responses

[ISSUE PAPER ON MIGRANT SMUGGLING BY SEA](#)

Data collection and research

