



## UNODC THEMATIC PROGRAMME ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Crime prevention and criminal justice reform (CPCJ) is one of UNODC's five thematic programmes (TP)<sup>1</sup>. Work in this area is implemented under the lead of the Justice Section through a global project (GLOT63) and a portfolio of 50 field projects. Both the TP and GLOT63 are being renewed for 2012-2015. In all areas, UNODC supports Member States at the global, national and regional levels in norms and standard-setting, policy development and programme implementation.

UNODC's CPCJ technical assistance increased considerably in 2010-2011:

- UNODC supported 50 Member States in establishing effective, fair and humane crime prevention policies, strategies and programmes, and in reforming criminal justice systems based on the rule of law and in line with the international human rights standards.

Global achievements:

- UNODC supported Member States in developing and/ or revising standards and norms relating to violence against women (GA res. 65/229), women prisoners and non-custodial measures for women offenders (the Bangkok rules, GA res. 65/228), access to legal aid, civilian private security services and the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the treatment of prisoners
- UNODC developed 20 tools covering virtually all areas of crime prevention and criminal justice – many of which are available in several languages.<sup>2</sup> They support the work of field officers and local crime prevention and criminal justice practitioners
- UNODC conducted assessments in 29 countries, based on the Criminal Justice Assessment Toolkit, either on all crime prevention and criminal justice areas or in a specific area – e.g. juvenile justice. They serve as a starting point for policy development and programme implementation.

The 2012 external evaluation report<sup>3</sup> of UNODC's overarching global project GLOT63 finds that:

- The overall performance is positive and some of the activities have received outstanding ratings on their effectiveness.
- The on-line handbooks, the local safety audit along with trainings have been the most useful form of support.
- Successful support to technical assistance depends in part on the following: gaining support of local authorities; promoting successful solutions; dedicating professional and sufficient human resources.

<sup>1</sup> Available at:

[http://www.unodc.org/pdf/criminal\\_justice/Crime\\_Prevention\\_Criminal\\_Justice\\_Thematic\\_Programme\\_2010-2011.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/pdf/criminal_justice/Crime_Prevention_Criminal_Justice_Thematic_Programme_2010-2011.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> All handbooks and other tools are available at the following link:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/justice-and-prison-reform/tools.html?ref=menuaside>

<sup>3</sup> Available at: [http://www.unodc.org/documents/justice-and-prison-reform/Reports/Final\\_Mid-Term\\_Evaluation\\_Report\\_GLOT63.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/justice-and-prison-reform/Reports/Final_Mid-Term_Evaluation_Report_GLOT63.pdf)



## Achievements by focus areas:

### CRIME PREVENTION

#### Headquarters' activities:

- *Handbook on Crime Prevention Guidelines - Making them work*
- Workshop on practical approaches to prevent urban crimes, during the 12<sup>th</sup> UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2010.
- E-lecture on Sports, Violence and Crime prevention
- On civilian private security services, an Open-ended Intergovernmental expert group meeting (IEGM) discussed State oversight of such services, and how they contribute to crime prevention and community safety. Draft preliminary recommendations are submitted to the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Commission.

#### Field activities:

Strategies, action plans and measures in **32 countries**: *CARICOM, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Ethiopia, Kenya, Cape Verde, Egypt, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Ghana, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Pakistan*. Achievements included:

- Support to young people at risk of becoming perpetrators/ victims of crime with professional skills training for labour market, (re)- integration and training on human values
- Strengthening of local capacities on crime and drug abuse prevention, implementing evaluation mechanisms to design strategies and training (e.g. of criminal justice officials)
- Promotion of social prevention proposals for juvenile violence and violence against women, and of rehabilitation and social reintegration of offenders.

### POLICE REFORMS, STRENGTHENING OF PROSECUTION SERVICES AND JUDICIARY

#### Headquarters' activities:

- *Introductory Handbook on policing Urban Space* and the *Handbook on Police accountability, Oversight and Integrity*
- *Guide for Practitioners on Criminal Justice Reform in Post conflict States*
- *Resource Guide on Strengthening Judicial Integrity and Capacity*

#### Field activities:

Strategies, legislations and action plans in **18 countries and 3 regions**: *Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Mauritius, Seychelles, Somaliland, South Africa, Indonesia, South East Asia, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Panama, Occupied Palestinian Territory*. Achievements included:

- Comprehensive assessments of the functioning of the criminal justice systems covering access to police, justice, courts, the independence, impartiality and integrity of the judiciary and the prosecution
- Distribution of equipments; training courses; improved monitoring of criminal justice officials.



## ACCESS TO LEGAL AID

### Headquarters' activities:

- *Handbook on Improving Access to Legal Aid in Africa*
- *Survey on Access to Legal Aid in Africa*
- Draft UN principles and Guidelines on Access to legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems were submitted to the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Commission.

### Field activities:

Strategies and programmes, with particular focus on vulnerable groups in society, in **9 countries**: *Liberia, Sierra Leone and South Sudan, Mauritania, Egypt, Jordan and Occupied Palestinian Territory, Mexico and Panama*. Achievements included:

- Training courses to paralegals and criminal justice actors; needs assessments; strengthening of the rule of law, local and state capacities for conflict prevention, peace building in communities.

## PRISON REFORM AND ALTERNATIVES TO PRISON

### Headquarters' activities:

- *Handbook on promising practices for the social reintegration of offenders and recidivism prevention*
- Draft *Handbook on strategies to reduce overcrowding in prisons* (to be finalised)
- The revision of the UN Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners, to be considered at the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the Commission

### Field activities:

Strategies, legislation and action plans in **21 countries**: *Afghanistan, Kyrgystan, Pakistan, El Salvador, Panama, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Libya, Nigeria, South Sudan, Uganda, Indonesia, Iran, Lebanon, OPT, Caribbean*. Achievements included:

- Development of alternatives to imprisonment; establishment of prison monitoring databases; building of functioning penitentiary systems focusing on rehabilitating prisoners; training of prison staff...

## JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN

### Headquarters' activities:

- *Criteria for the Design and Evaluation of Juvenile Justice Reform Programmes; Online training package for law enforcement professionals, social workers, prosecutors, judges, lawyers, health professionals and informal justice providers.*
- Support to the Interagency Panel on Juvenile justice

### Field activities:

Legislation, policies, strategies and plans for children in conflict with the law, victims and witnesses of crime, in **10 countries**: *Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Afghanistan, Brazil, Panama, India, Ecuador, Peru and Cape Verde, North Africa, West Africa and Central and Eastern Europe*. Achievements included:

- Promotion of social reintegration of children and youth in conflict with the law; training of staff in order to ensure wider dissemination of UNODC tools. Joint UNODC-UNICEF



training of policy-makers and practitioners on the Manual on the Measurement of Juvenile Justice Indicators.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

### Headquarters' activities:

- Assisted in developing 2 new instruments endorsed by the General Assembly:
  - Revised and updated Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Woman in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (GA Res 65/229)
  - UN Rules for the Treatment of Woman Prisoners and Non/Custodial Measures for Woman Offenders (Bangkok Rules; GA Res 65/228)
- *Handbook and Training Curriculum on Effective Police Responses to Violence against Women; Assessment tool on Gender in the Criminal Justice System.*

### Field activities:

Sustainable responses to gender-based violence, to the needs of women in prisons and development of alternatives to imprisonment for women offenders, in **17 countries**: *Jordan, Kenya, Mauritania, South Africa, Southern Africa, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Vietnam, Southern Cone, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Panama.* Achievements included:

- Need assessments; trainings to respond more effectively to gender-based and sexual violence; supporting women police stations; community awareness programmes.

## VICTIMS

### Headquarters' activities:

- Joint UNICEF-UNODC *Handbook for Professionals and Policymakers on Justice in Matters involving Child Victims and Witnesses of Crime.*

### Field activities:

Measures to empower victims through access to justice and assistance and protection services, in **15 countries**: *South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Vietnam, India, Kenya, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Panama.* Achievements included:

- Victim empowerment programmes; mass awareness campaigns; Trauma Counselling training to government staff and civil society organizations