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Global Action against Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants (2015 - 2019)

The *Global Action to Prevent and Address Trafficking in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants* is a four-year (2015-2019) joint initiative by the European Union (EU) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) being implemented in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The programme forms part of a joint response to trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants and it is expected to be delivered in up to 15 strategically selected countries across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. A focus will be placed on assistance to governmental authorities, civil society organizations, victims of trafficking and smuggled migrants.



Aims and objectives: The programme aims to assist the selected countries in developing and implementing comprehensive national counter-trafficking and counter-smuggling responses. A dual prevention and protection approach has been adopted and includes six key responses linked to the following objectives:



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Strategy and policy development - Objective 1 (UNODC): Work with countries to develop strategies and policies to address trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants tailored to their national context.



Legislative assistance - Objective 2 (UNODC): Work with governmental authorities to ensure that domestic legislative frameworks meet international standards for criminalizing trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants.



Capacity building - Objective 3 (UNODC): Work with governmental authorities to enhance the capacity and knowledge of criminal justice practitioners to combat trafficking in persons, smuggling of migrants and assisting and protecting victims as well as vulnerable migrants.



Regional and trans-regional cooperation - Objective 4 (UNODC): Promote cooperation and information exchange with law enforcement officials on the identification, investigation and prosecution of offences related to trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants.



Protection and assistance to victims of trafficking and smuggled migrants - Objective 5 (IOM): Work with government authorities and civil society organizations to develop assistance and support programmes for victims of trafficking and vulnerable migrants, such as smuggled migrants.



Assistance and support to children among victims of trafficking and smuggled migrants - Objective 6 (UNICEF, IOM): Work with victim support services and relevant Government authorities to develop frameworks for protection and assistance of children.

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