

Supporting the Development of Anti-Corruption Strategies in Mission Settings: Implementation of the Joint Department of Peace Operations-United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Initiative on Achieving Peace Through Integrity: Anti-Corruption Efforts in Post-Conflict Environments

○ **Brief description of the project**

- Objective of the project

Pursuant to the political declaration adopted by the General Assembly in June 2021 at its first special session against corruption, DPO’s Justice and Corrections Service (JCS) and UNODC’s Corruption and Economic Crime Branch are jointly developing a knowledge product entitled “Achieving Peace Through Integrity: Anti-corruption Efforts in Post-conflict Environments”. It aims to provide strategic and practical guidance, to UN peacekeeping operations and special political missions in their efforts to address corruption in conflict settings.

This follow-on project aims to provide expertise and support for the implementation of key anti-corruption approaches and tools, provided through the Practical Guide, based on priority areas identified by UN missions, in view of enhancing the rule of law engagement on corruption prevention and the core objectives of integrity, transparency and accountability.

- Why is the project required?

Peace operation settings are characterized by high levels of corruption that constitute a significant conflict driver. Corruption undermines the rule of law and efforts to ensure both state effectiveness and state legitimacy. The project is required to help address endemic corruption, which undermines the rule of law and state effectiveness and legitimacy, in conflict affected settings with a view to building and sustaining peace.

Once finalized, the practitioner’s guide will provide useful guidance to UN mission leadership and components, based on pre-existing and innovative policies with adapted technical tools available, to operationalize and implement these recommendations. However, it is anticipated that missions would require additional support, at the onset, towards the implementation of the core anti-corruption tools and to the development of mission-specific anti-corruption strategies.

- What is the expected impact of the project?

The expected impact of the project is to equip peacekeeping missions with anti-corruption strategies, foster integrity and accountability and, where feasible, adopt an anti-corruption lens as part of their efforts to build and sustain peace. Where a host country requests assistance, Missions and partner UN entities should be able to respond jointly and positively by providing adapted support.

○ **Expected outcomes, outputs and proposed activities**

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
Rule of law and security institution components of concerned UN field missions are better equipped to provide tailored anti-corruption assistance to national authorities in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responsible mission components are aware and sensitized to anti-corruption tools and approaches ○ Mission-specific anti-corruption strategies are in place to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Preparation of public communication materials to support implementation of the practitioner’s guide ○ In-person and virtual meetings to raise awareness of UN mission components on the existing and adapted corruption prevention tools

strengthening their capacities to prevent and fight corruption	strengthen national anti-corruption capacities	○ In-person and virtual support for implementation of priority anti-corruption strategies or initiatives
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- **Implementation timeline**

One year. Following the finalization of the guide in 2023, JCS will work with UNODC to organize a series of in-person and virtual expert meetings and workshops, and provide joint in-person support to concerned missions to assist in the development of mission specific anti-corruption strategies.

- **Explain how the project will further the implementation of the A4P+ priorities**

The project furthers the implementation of A4P+ **Priority 1** on ‘Collective coherence behind a political strategy, and more specifically **Result 1.1.**: Clear political strategies articulated, bringing on board Member States, regional partners and other actors, whereby under **Deliverable 1.1.3** HQ intensifies specific relevant actions to strengthen political support to missions. In this regard, JCS will focus upon ensuring further coherence of political strategies encompassing the rule of law element, namely through the provision of support, jointly with UNODC, towards achieving peace through integrity and reinforcing anti-corruption efforts in post-conflict environments”.

- **How have gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department implement its women, peace and security and gender parity commitments?**

The guide draws on the conclusions of UNODC’s Guides *The Time is Now: Addressing the Gender Dimensions of Corruption* (2021) and the forthcoming *Gender-related judicial integrity issues* to ensure gender considerations are fully incorporated into the initiatives aimed at implementing anti-corruption tools and in the development of mission-specific anti-corruption strategies.

- **Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them.**

Corruption-related work involves political sensitivities and complex institutional dynamics, even more so in post-conflict settings. The project will mitigate political risks associated with its implementation by ensuring a continuous and open dialogue with national counterparts, and by strengthening in-mission capacities to undertake regular monitoring and analysis of the political situation and dynamics in target countries.

- **Proposed budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
Operational expenses	Preparation of public communication materials to support implementation of the practitioner’s guide	\$30,000.00
Travel	Substantive support to the development of mission-specific anti-corruption strategies through in-person deployment of three UN anti-corruption experts to one mission to support implementation of priority anti-corruption initiatives and strategies	\$30,000.00
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$7,800.00
Total:		\$67,800.00