

Assessing and Addressing CT-PVE Gaps in National ROLSI Areas in UN Mission Settings

Project to be implemented on behalf of and bringing together all relevant components of the Department of Peace Operations, which is represented by OROLSI on CT-PVE matters, and in close partnership with UNOCT and CTED based on existing framework agreements

Brief description of the project

UN peace operations are increasingly deployed in environments in which violent extremist groups operate. While UN peace operations cannot provide a military response, UN peace operations have a comparative advantage to promote the rule of law and strengthen justice and security institutions of host Governments to prevent violent extremism (PVE) and counter terrorism (CT), in accordance with the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

The project will establish, where UN peace operations are deployed, a mechanism to identify policy and operational national capacity gaps in rule of law and security institutions areas and how the UN peace operations can help assess and address these gaps. Based on the identified needs, the project will also facilitate the development of national CT-PVE strategies, where UN peace operations are deployed, through the provision of the necessary technical expertise. With this project, a stronger evidence base for CT-PVE capacity-building programming is expected and an all-of-UN approach will be adopted.

The project draws on the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and the Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism as well as relevant Security Council mandates.

Implementation of this project is predicated on requests from host-Governments and is undertaken in accordance with OROLSI's mandate and relevant UN policies.

- Objective of the project

This project establishes a mechanism to assess and respond to gaps in the capacities of national justice and security authorities to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism.

- Why is the project required

Through the establishment of this mechanism, an effective and streamlined assessment tool will be developed by experts that will be used by Mission personnel in the conduct of assessments. As a result, better coordination and technical support for the development of national mechanisms to prevent/counter violent extremism and terrorism based on good practices is expected. Specifically, the project will identify how to ensure rule of law and security institutions have the necessary legal, strategic and institutional frameworks and accountability mechanisms to address terrorism and violent extremism through a holistic approach.

- What is the expected impact of the project?

Through this project, OROLSI would significantly contribute to ensuring that DPO maintains its relevancy as a technical, expert-level service-provider capable of meeting the demands of Member States and the Organization writ large on a rapid and effective basis. The implementation of this project ensures that the technical expertise, advisory support, and perspectives of OROLSI, as a system-wide service provider, are provided in a timely and coherent manner in response to requests from across the UN system.

Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Proposed Activities

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of the extent and nature of threats posed by terrorism and violent extremism in the host country 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create guidance and toolbox for national capacity gap assessment methodology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting assessments of threats posed by terrorism and violent extremism and mapping of existing national capacities to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened national rule of law and security institutions where UN peace operations are deployed to combat terrorism and prevent violent extremism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create compendium of OROLSI component-specific capacity-building capabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compilation of a compendium of areas in which ROLSI components can provide CT-PVE technical support in accordance with relevant Security Council mandates and, when available, national CT-PVE strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National CT-PVE Strategies/Action Plans developed and adopted in 6 to 10 Member States where UN peace operations are deployed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create templates for National CT-PVE Strategy and stakeholder consultation process; Deploy senior experts to UN peace operation settings to produce 6 to 10 National CT-PVE Strategies/Action Plans, with stakeholder consultations on both completed drafts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deployment of senior advisors and technical experts to support the development and adoption of National CT-PVE Strategies/Action Plans.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall security in countries hosting UN peace operations is enhanced; and trust deficits between national authorities and communities is reduced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide recommendations on how existing interventions and established coordination mechanisms could be enhanced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a CT-PVE work plan for UN peace operations, in consultation with the host-Governments and United Nations partners outlining activities and timelines, as well as specific projects; Implementation of the projects, monitoring, and evaluation, and their adjustment, as necessary, including based on best practices and lessons learned

- **Implementation Timeline**

This project is designed to be implemented over a period of three years, but this proposal is budgeted for one year, with the option of extending to a second and third year if funding is made available.

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

The project output and outcome will contribute directly and explicitly to A4P commitments related to strengthening the impact of peacekeeping on sustaining peace and to improving the safety and security of peacekeepers. The project will also contribute directly and explicitly to A4P+ priorities, especially towards strengthening cooperation with host countries, focusing on helping them assess and respond to gaps in the capacities of national justice and security authorities to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism.

- **How gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project? How does it help the Department to implement their Women, Peace and Security and Gender Parity commitments?**

UN policies pertaining to gender parity and equality will be adhered to in the recruitment process, in the day-to-day management of the team, and the design of all activities. OROLSI deploys approximately 15,000 personnel globally. Our far-reaching presence enables field staff to engage closely with communities, an operational advantage that provides opportunities to identify the specific needs and perspectives of women, men, girls and boys. Gender analysis informs our operational support and policy development. Adherence to the UN Human Rights Due Diligence Policy is prioritized, when applicable, and gender-related data and perspectives are given due consideration through the process.

- **Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them, including with regards to the impact of COVID-19 (if relevant).**

There is a risk that it may be hard to engage directly with national counterparts as a result of limited travel to conduct the assessments due to the COVID-19 crisis. This risk can be mitigated by relying on pre-existing personal contacts between national counterparts and colleagues working in the respective PKOs. The project will aim to advance emerging COVID-19 knowledge awareness and its impact within fragile, conflict and post conflict settings for more effective countermeasures and interventions.

- **Proposed Budget**

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
Programmes	4x seed money for launch of national CT-PVE programmes or projects, based on assessment	\$80,000
Consultants	1x Level C for 12 months, 1x Level E for 60 days	\$166,200
Personnel costs	Coordination Officer, Political Affairs (P3) for 1 year	\$215,395
Travel: Personnel and Consultants	Trips to designated host countries to conduct assessments and provide CT-PVE technical support	\$60,000
Contractual Services	Graphic designer and other services, Conference Facilities and Services, and Operating Expenses	\$35,000
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$72,357
		Total: \$628,952