

Enhancing the capacity of the United Nations Police and host States to address transnational threats (TNT)

(a) **Brief description of the project (Not more than three paragraphs in total)**

(i) **Objective of the project**

The project aims to enhance the capacity of the United Nations Police (UNPOL) to support host States in responding to domestic and transnational criminal threats, including serious and organized crime (SOC), terrorism, and violent extremism, through the provision of expertise, technical assistance, training, and strategic partnerships in areas such as crime analysis and intelligence and cross-border police cooperation.

(ii) **Why the project is necessary and how it relates to the Department’s mandate and its high-level priorities?**

(iii) Given the growing recognition of the risks posed by TNT—as evidenced by Security Council resolutions 2185 (2014) and 2382 (2017) and the Secretary-General’s report on United Nations policing (2016)—the role of UNPOL in strengthening host-State police capacity to address these challenges has become more critical. The DPKO-DFS Policy on Peacekeeping Intelligence (2017) and the Strategic Guidance Framework for International Police Peacekeeping promote a central role for UNPOL Components within missions’ intelligence structures. Moreover, the Santos Cruz report (2017) highlighted the need for greater capacity in field missions to incorporate intelligence that can inform decision-making, operational planning, and resource allocation to increase the security of UN personnel and advance mandate implementation. Finally, the Secretary-General’s Action 4 Peacekeeping (A4P) initiative calls for better trained and equipped uniformed personnel and more integrated analysis to strengthen national ownership and capacity. Enhancing both UNPOL and host-State capabilities to identify and analyze the main drivers of conflict and spoilers to sustainable peace will help to achieve such outcomes.

What is the expected impact of the project and what are their success factors?

Police Components in field missions will be better equipped and prepared to help host-State counterparts to address TNT, thereby strengthening domestic and regional security. Tailored support to host-State law enforcement agencies and joint activities with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), INTERPOL, host States, police-contributing countries, and other partners in this shared responsibility are key to the success of these efforts.

(b) **Expected Outcomes, Outputs and Proposed Activities**

Outcomes	Outputs	Proposed Activities
Greater interoperability and coherence across UN missions to deliver support to address TNT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greater coherence of UNPOL criminal intelligence structures in UN missions. - Continuation and good-practice knowledge-sharing on responding to TNT issues across missions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operationalize SOPs for intelligence structures across missions. - Formalize job descriptions for crime intelligence personnel. - Maintain active SOC Focal Point Network through monthly VTCs, newsletter, and annual capacity-building workshop.
Enhanced operational and technical capacity of UNPOL and host-State law enforcement agencies (LEA) to address TNT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SOC capabilities and awareness of TNT reinforced in missions and for host-State LEA. - Stronger capacities of INTERPOL National Central Bureaus (NCB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct desk reviews and in-mission SOC assessments in at least two UN missions and formulate detailed recommendations. - Support implementation of recommendations,

	to support host-State LEA and UNPOL in addressing TNT.	including potential deployment of Specialized Police Teams (SPT) on SOC from Member States. - Organize with UNODC high-level meeting of UNODC Regional Representatives and Heads of UN Police Components to devise counter-SOC strategies. - Organize training for two INTERPOL NCBs and UNPOL officers, including assessment.
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(c) Implementation Timeline

Proposed activities will be undertaken from January to December 2019.

(d) How does this project relate to internal (DPKO and DFS) and external United Nations partners (ie. DPA, DM, etc)?

The project falls within the Uniformed Capabilities Development Agenda (UCDA), a joint DPKO-DFS initiative aimed at enhancing uniformed police and military capabilities within missions to address major spoilers of mandate implementation. Since this project covers TNT in all peace operations, DFS and DPA, as well as the Global Focal Point Arrangement, will be regularly consulted on administrative and technical issues, and experts from special political missions will be encouraged to participate in all related activities.

(e) How gender aspects been included in the design and implementation of the project?

Gender aspects have been considered throughout the process, including through consultation with the Police Gender Officer and awareness-raising through female police networks. Every effort will be made to achieve gender parity in terms of workshop speakers and participants, and assessments will take into account specific perspectives related to female police officers and civilians.

(f) Brief explanation of any risks that the implementation of the project may face and how to mitigate them.

The project aims to overcome the risk of high turnover in field missions by fostering sustainability and continuity. With the development of SOPs and standardized terms of reference, training curricula and job descriptions, it will provide a repository for any UNPOL officer assigned to handle issues related to SOC and TNT, thus integrating them into all levels of mission information collection, threat analysis, and planning.

(g) Proposed Budget

The below budget constitutes the total amount requested for the continuation of primary project activities into 2019. It is envisaged that a balance of approximately \$200,000 from the 2018 allotment will remain as of 31 December. In this case, any remaining balance would be applied to the proposed budget for the next calendar year.

Item	Brief Description	Total Amount
Personnel	Salary and standard costs for 1 P-4 Project Manager and 1 P-3 Criminal Intelligence Officer for 12 months.	P-4: \$242,995 P-3: \$204,795
Travel	SOC-capacity assessments; participation of field personnel in	0

	SOC Focal Point Network and criminal intelligence analysis workshops; training for INTERPOL and host-State LEAs; organization of workshop with UNODC (\$200,000; rolled over from 2018 allotment)	
Programme Support Costs (13%)		\$58,212
		Total: \$506,002