

Bangladesh: TOT on anti-human trafficking



Bangladesh has become both a transit and destination country for trafficking in persons. The country has

witnessed a rise in the number of cases of trafficking of men, women and children. The Government of Bangladesh has been making concerted effort to address this problem. In light of these developments and in line with the National Plan of Action (2012-2014) to Counter Human Trafficking, UNODC is implementing a project in Bangladesh titled: Technical Assistance provided to the Government of Bangladesh in Strengthening Responses to Human Trafficking. Under this project, UNODC organized a two-day long training of trainers (ToT) in July 2014. The training was organized at the Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) and facilitated by the Centre for Women and Children Studies (CWCS). It was aimed at building the training capacity of law enforcement officials and public prosecutors to address rising trends in human trafficking. The training also focused on the various sections and penalties stipulated under the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act, 2012. The training was attended by law enforcement officials, public prosecutors and NGOs working in this field, and will contribute to increased cooperation among these agencies.

Upcoming events

Workshops on victim and witness protection and support in cases of terrorism

National Workshop: 11 – 12 September 2014, Kathmandu, Nepal

Regional Workshop for SAARC Countries: 15-16 September 2014, Kathmandu, Nepal

Maldives & Sri Lanka: Drug seizures reported

In South Asia, UNODC in collaboration with the World Customs Organization is implementing the Global Container Control Programme. Currently, one joint port control unit each at Male, Maldives and Colombo, Sri Lanka has been established. The following seizures have been reported in the month of July:

Maldives: The joint port control unit at Male Port reported a seizure of 300g of heroin in July 2014. This heroin was concealed in coir bundles in a container that arrived in Male.



Sri Lanka: A seizure of a major consignment of heroin smuggled from Pakistan was detected in Colombo Port in July 2014. Officers from the joint port control unit at Colombo, together with officials from the Customs Department, found the heroin in a container that held grinding machines imported from Pakistan. The search revealed 93.760 kg of heroin.

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India: Conference on Procurement Governance

Public Procurement Governance refers to principles of accountability, integrity and efficiency with regard to Government's purchase of goods and services. An important element related to public procurement governance is public procurement probity, provided for under article 9 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)– '*Public procurement and management of public finances*'. Procurement functions can be vulnerable to corruption. In light of this, UNODC supported a two-day international conference on Public Procurement Governance in August 2014 organised by Red Flag Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd. in New Delhi, India. This two-day conference brought forth greater awareness in procurement governance through sharing of good practices and knowledge on the issue. The consultation brought together close to 150 delegates with representation from small and medium enterprises, large multi-national companies and government departments. UNODC also participated in this consultation, providing greater awareness on the UNCAC provision on public procurement and its principles of competition, objectivity and transparency.

Internal News Corner

The Office welcomes on board:



Ms. Alpna Mittal

Alpna joined UNODC in June 2014 as a Technical Consultant on the regional project on HIV prevention amongst drug users.

Mr. Dorji Tshering

Dorji joined UNODC in Bhutan in May 2014 as a Finance and Administrative Assistant. He is responsible for providing support to UNODC's programme on anti-human trafficking in Bhutan.



Mr. Dorji Wangdi



Dorji joined UNODC in Bhutan in July 2014 as a National Project Coordinator. He is responsible for the overall management of UNODC's anti-human trafficking project in Bhutan.

Mr. Sushil Thapa

Sushil joined UNODC in Nepal in May 2014 as a Programme Associate. He provides support in the implementation of the project on HIV Prevention, Treatment and Care for Female Drug Users, Female Prisoners and Women Living with HIV and AIDS in Nepal.



Internal training for Office staff

UNODC, Regional Office for South Asia organized a three-day induction-



cum-refresher training for staff on administrative, finance, HR and communication protocols and procedures. The training was dedicated to the UNODC mandate and work. It was organized for new staff, but staff on board the UNODC Regional Office for South Asia also attended.