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## Strategic Initiatives: Regional Integration



**Combating Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: Government of Bangladesh and UNODC Collaborate**

Drugs and illicit trafficking are a major concern in Bangladesh. Illicit drug use causes significant health and social problems. Bangladesh is also a transit country for illicit drugs, with its long coastline, porous borders and proximity to the Golden Triangle and Golden Crescent, which are the two major illicit opiate producing areas in the world. Bangladesh is also a transit country for methamphetamine and synthetic drugs.

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**Women's Health: Cambodian Women Police officers in healthcare initiative**

In May 2018, supported by Pan Asia Women's Health Initiative, Cambodian Women Police officers, Female UNODC staff and Cambodian Women Health Workers, conducted a training consultation, in Phnom Pen, Kandaloung and Kampot, under the theme "Gender Based Violence and Sexual Harassment".

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**Activities of the Revitalized Anti-Human Trafficking partnerships**

In May, the UNODC Regional Office for South Asia, in collaboration with the UNODC Maldives Liaison Office, organized a consultation with the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee (AHTC) and Anti-Human Trafficking Secretariat (AHTS) of the Maldives. Participants from the Government of Maldives, Maldives Police Service, Maldives Immigration, Maldives Customs, Maldives Coast Guard and Maldives Ministry of Defence, Maldives Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maldives Ministry of Gender, Family and Human Rights, Maldives Ministry of Education, Maldives Ministry of Health, Maldives Ministry of Tourism, Maldives Ministry of Youth and Sports, Maldives Ministry of Home Affairs,