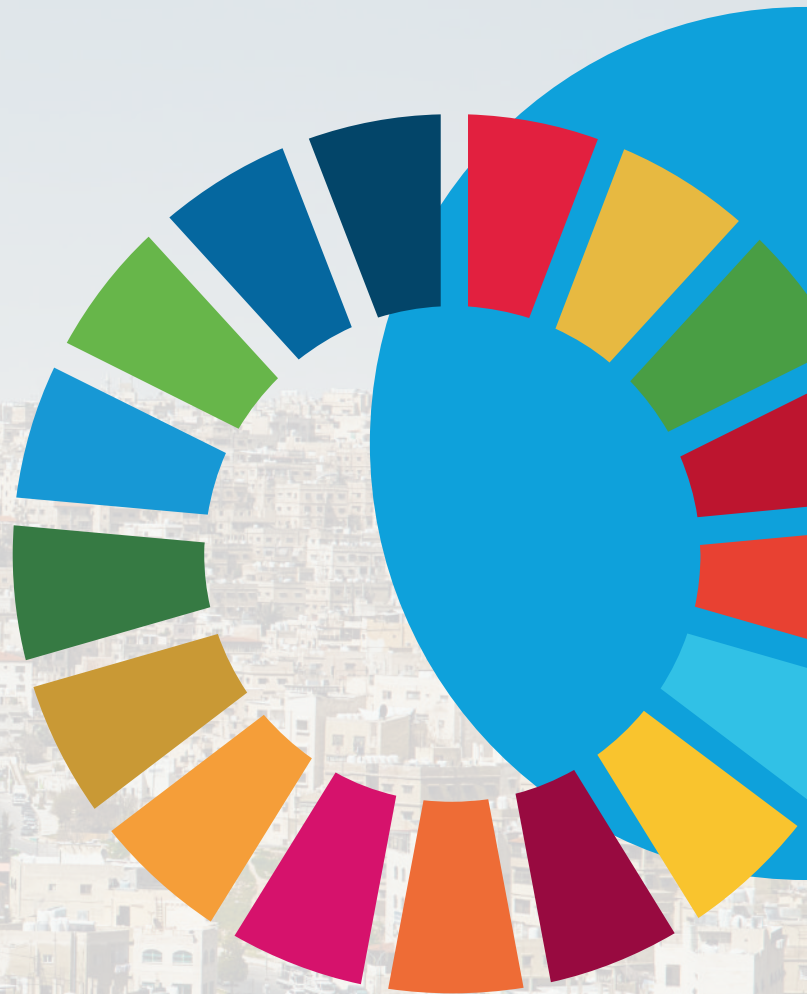


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Overview

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has supported Jordan in **drug control, crime prevention, criminal justice**, and countering **cross-border organized crime** since 2004.

Jordan remains a relatively stable country in a region marked by extreme volatility. However, external shocks over the past decade have threatened this stability. The onset of the Gaza war on October 7, 2023, has exacerbated Jordan's economic and social challenges, while **growing regional instability** has created opportunities for organized criminal groups to operate, posing risks to public safety and security.

The **Jordan Programme Office** collaborates with Jordanian authorities, civil society, donors, and key ministries to enhance institutional capacity and **develop sustainable responses to counter multifaceted organized crime**.

UNODC operates in Jordan under the Regional Framework for the Arab States (2023-2028), which aims to **contribute to peace and security, human rights, and development** by making the region safer from drugs, crime, corruption, and terrorism, while also working to reduce violence and inequalities.

The UNODC Jordan Programme Office applies **six key accelerators** across all programmatic interventions to speed up progress and maximize efforts towards fast-tracking the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**:

Strong Partnerships

Women and Girls

Innovation, Science, and Forensics

Human Rights

Youth and Children

Inclusive and People-Centered Programming



Overview



The Regional Framework for the Arab States (2023 - 2028)

The **Regional Framework for the Arab States (2023-2028)** outlines key focus areas and accelerators that shape UNODC's interventions and guide its work in Jordan.



Key Achievements

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CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES



Delivered to **frontline officers** at selected border crossings and officers from border agencies.

267

OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS



Trained on **Cross-Border Crime, Anti-Money Laundering, Financial Crimes, Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants (TiP/SoM), Counterterrorism, Harm Reduction.**

8

BORDER LOCATIONS



Provided with essential **technical equipment** including hardware and software.

9

OPERATION ROOMS



Established at different border crossing points and in the capital Amman to enhance **Integrated Border Management.**

179

ESSENTIAL MEDICAL SUPPLIES



Provided to the **National Drug Treatment Center** to deliver effective healthcare services to patients with Opioid Use Disorder, including furniture, ICT equipment, first aid kits, blood pressure monitors, among others.

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UNODC's initiatives take place **across the country** to achieve a broader impact.



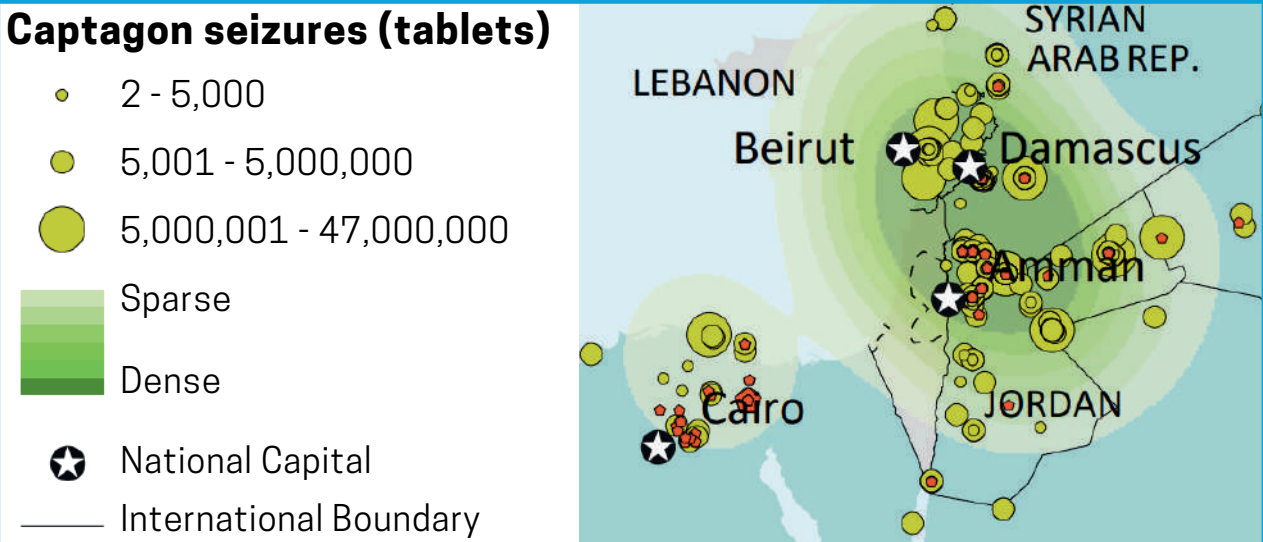
A Balanced Approach to Drug Control



The production, trafficking, and use of drugs are inextricably linked, negatively impacting public health, security, stability, the environment, and the enjoyment of human rights. As drug trafficking attempts and consumption are on the rise – particularly of *Captagon* tablets– implementing a comprehensive approach to drug control has become a top priority in Jordan. UNODC supports this effort in the areas of demand and supply reduction, from prevention, treatment, care, and rehabilitation, to crime prevention and international cooperation, in line with the National Drug Control and Prevention Strategies and the National Mental Health and Substance Use Action Plan.

UNODC is actively engaged in two **National Committees**: one dedicated to updating the **Drug Strategy** and the other focused on developing the **National Drug Treatment Protocol**.

The project “**Upholding the Right of People Living in Closed Settings in Jordan to Health, Including Primary Health Care Services and VCT (Voluntary Confidential Counselling and Testing)**” was launched in 2024 to enhance gender-sensitive healthcare in Jordan’s prison system.



Main seizures of “Captagon” drug in the Middle East 2019–2023. © UNODC World Drug Report 2024.

A Balanced Approach to Drug Control



Under the “**HIV and AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care Services in Prisons Settings**” project in Jordan, UNODC has supported the National Drug Treatment Center with capacity building, essential medical supplies, and technical equipment, including laptops, monitors, urine drug tests, and oximeter. In addition, UNODC supported the Ministry of Health through capacity-building and a study visit to Egypt, facilitating regional knowledge and expertise exchange on Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) and best practices in evidence-based treatment approaches.

Through the Middle East Harm Reduction Association (MENAHR), UNODC facilitated training sessions for Ministry of Health officials on the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the OAT Programme. This contributed to expanding harm reduction programmes in Jordan and contributed to operationalizing the new Opioid Agonist Therapy Center in partnership with the Ministry of Health.



UNODC's visit to the National Drug Treatment Center in Amman. Photo ©UNODC

Strengthening the Response to Organized Crime



Several UNODC interventions supported ongoing efforts of the national authorities to take effective action against increasingly sophisticated transnational organized crimes. These initiatives enhanced safety and security at Jordan's borders while ensuring the smooth flow of goods and passengers, all in accordance with the rule of law and international human rights standards.

In 2024, the UNODC-WCO “**Passenger and Cargo Control Programme**” (PCCP), which includes both the “**Container Control Programme**” (CCP) and “**Airport Communication Programme**” (AIRCOP), supported the detection, interception, and seizure of illicit goods and promoted inter-agency and cross-border cooperation to dismantle organized crime networks. PCCP provided trainings and essential equipment, including handheld analyzers, contraband detectors, and advanced inspection tools. The intervention boosted Jordan’s capacity to counter the trafficking of drugs, weapons, dual-use goods, and other contraband, contributing to improved detection rates, strengthened border security, and enhanced collaboration among security agencies.



UNODC’s capacity building activities with national partners. Photos ©UNODC

The “**Enhance Capacities to Fight Transnational Crime in Jordan**” project under the EU Action “**Support to Integrated Border Management in Jordan**” focuses on advancing the institutional capacity of the border agencies in detecting, investigating, preventing, and disrupting serious security and criminal threats including trafficking on Jordanian border crossings. In 2024, UNODC concluded the establishment of operation rooms at different border crossings and provided equipment and specialized training to advance inter-agency coordination and regional cooperation through the exchange of information.



Combating Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants



Jordan is an origin, transit, and destination point for trafficking in persons (TiP) and the smuggling of migrants (SoM). UNODC works closely with Jordan to prevent and counter these crimes, protecting victims and strengthening responses.

UNODC is supporting Jordanian law enforcement in addressing TiP/SoM cases through the global project “**Strengthening South-South Cooperation and Responses to Trafficking in Persons in Conflict Settings.**” In collaboration with the Jordanian Peace Operation Training Center, the project focuses on training professionals to identify and provide first response to TiP/SoM victims among refugees. This initiative is part of Jordan’s UN Peace Support Operations pre-deployment training and is the **first of its kind in the region** to be delivered in Arabic.

Under the framework of the Regional programme “**Preventing and Countering Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants (TiP/SoM) in the MENA Region (2024-2028),**” UNODC provided technical support for the development of the **National Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy** (2024-2027), launched in November 2024.

UNODC’s border management efforts focus on preventing TiP/SoM through specialized training for law enforcement officers. The **PCCP** programme equipped officers with risk management and profiling skills to identify and prevent TiP/SoM. In late 2024, UNODC organized advanced training for border officers on investigation techniques in TiP/SoM cases, as part of the project “**Enhance Capacities to Fight Transnational Crime**” under the EU Action “Support to **Integrated Border Management** in Jordan”.



Launching Ceremony of the National Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy in Amman. Photo ©UNODC

Action Against Corruption and Financial Crime



Corruption and financial crimes, including money laundering and the financing of terrorism, threaten democratic institutions, hamper socioeconomic development, and fuel and facilitate terrorism and organized crimes. UNODC provides tailored technical assistance to Jordan to prevent and counter these types of crimes, promoting stability and good governance.

UNODC is actively supporting Jordan in its efforts to counter **money laundering** and the **financing of terrorism**. This includes delivering regional training programmes to address technical assistance requests on financial investigations utilizing advanced technology, such as the UNODC's "**Workshop on Effectiveness of Terrorism Financing and Targeted Financial Sanctions (TFS)**" held in Amman.

Furthermore, UNODC organized an "**Advanced Strategic Analysis Course**" for **Financial Intelligence Units (FIU) analysts** representing Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force (MENAFATF) Member States in Amman, Jordan. The course provided insights into financial intelligence, along with practical tools and advanced methodologies for conducting strategic analysis, better-equipping participants to identify both national and sector-specific risks and develop targeted strategies and practical solutions to limit the spread of financial crime and strengthen overall resilience.



Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violence



UNODC supports Jordan's efforts to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism by providing technical assistance, enhancing capacity building, and fostering collaboration.

Under the cross-regional project “**Strengthening criminal justice capacities to detect, investigate and prosecute terrorism and foreign terrorist fighter offences, through increased knowledge and inter-regional cooperation** in Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia selected countries”, UNODC Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) has continued its assistance to Jordan in raising awareness of emerging terrorism threats and enhancing capacities for detecting, investigating, and prosecuting related crimes.

In 2024, UNODC organized a regional workshop in Amman on “**Enhancing International Cooperation and Mutual Legal Assistance in Terrorism-Related Cases**”, facilitating bilateral discussions among participating countries: Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Yemen. Participants agreed on mechanisms to enhance and expedite cooperation in terrorism cases, including mutual legal assistance and extraditions, by utilizing both formal and informal channels of communication.



UNODC's regional workshop on terrorism-related legal assistance in Amman. Photo ©UNODC



Testimonies



“ The use of the new inspection tools has made our work **more efficient**. We’re able to conduct thorough inspections without delaying legitimate trade, which is crucial for maintaining economic stability. ”

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL AT AQABA PORT

UNODC’s training on investigation techniques in cases of TIP/SoM.
Photo ©UNODC



“ Being the only woman in the unit can be challenging, but the training has **given me the confidence and skills** to perform my duties. I hope to see more women joining and making a difference in the future. ”

FEMALE OFFICER

“ The support from UNODC has made a **real difference on the ground.** ”

OFFICER FROM THE GENERAL INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT



“ The training is not just about detecting contraband. It’s about securing Jordan’s borders while facilitating trade, which is vital to our economy. It’s a delicate balance, but thanks to PCCP, we’re now **better equipped** to manage it. ”

OFFICER FROM THE BORDER AND RESIDENCY DEPARTMENT

“ The regular coordination meetings between different agencies have not only **built trust** but also enhanced our ability to quickly exchange critical intelligence. The results have been clear in the number of seizures we’ve made. ”

PORT CONTROL UNIT MEMBER AT THE JABER BORDER CROSSING



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