



# UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

## Vision



UNODC trained drug-detecting dogs in action.

UNODC was established in 1997 to address the interrelated issues of drug control, crime prevention and international terrorism in all its forms.

Our Headquarters is located in Vienna, Austria, with programmes that cover over 150 countries. A specific country programme for the Islamic Republic of Iran was launched in 1999, although UNODC support programmes had existed earlier. This opened a new chapter in United Nations support for Iranian drug control policy-making and marked also a new stage of participation by the international community in the Iranian drug control, legal reform, drug prevention and HIV control efforts.

UNODC implements measures that reflect the three international conventions on drug control and the conventions against transnational organized crime and corruption. The three pillars of UNODC's work are:

- Field-based technical cooperation projects to enhance the capacity of Member States to counteract illicit drugs, crime and terrorism.
- Normative work to assist States in the ratification and implementation of the relevant international treaties, the development of domestic legislation on drugs, crime and terrorism, and the provision of secretariat and substantive services to the treaty-based and governing bodies.
- Research and analytical work to increase knowledge and understanding of drugs and crime issues and expand the evidence base for policy and operational decisions.

## Work in Iran

In the Islamic Republic of Iran we are focused on delivering quality and evidence-based services to the country.



Strengthening Families Programme: training children and their families on life skills.



Mr Yury Fedotov, UNODC Executive Director, inspects narcotics seized with UNODC support in December 2011.



Narcotics and ammunition seized by the Anti Narcotics Police in Sistan and Baluchestan Province.

Our office also acts as the interlocutor and promoter of regional cross-border cooperation among Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan to tackle serious organized crime and drug trafficking challenges.

UNODC's cooperation programme for the Islamic Republic of Iran for the period 2011-2014 aims to enhance and promote cooperation between national stakeholders and international donors in drug control and crime prevention. The programme covers three main thematic areas and includes:

1. **Illicit drug trafficking and border management:** UNODC supports national authorities upon request to enhance border management, drugs, precursors and amphetamine type stimulants interdiction capacities through national, regional and international initiatives.
2. **Drug demand reduction and HIV control:** UNODC supports the implementation of comprehensive drug

demand reduction, HIV control and harm reduction programmes. We support easy access of intravenous drug users, their spouses and prison inmates to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care services, and various national authorities and non-government entities in the implementation of innovative approaches on drug demand reduction.

3. **Crime, Justice and Corruption:** UNODC supports the national process to introduce relevant legislative and institutional regulatory frameworks including through regional and international cooperation as custodian of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). We support national anti-corruption bodies on effective measures to counter corruption, and national authorities in actions to counter trafficking in cultural properties, art and antiquities in accordance with national laws and international standards.