

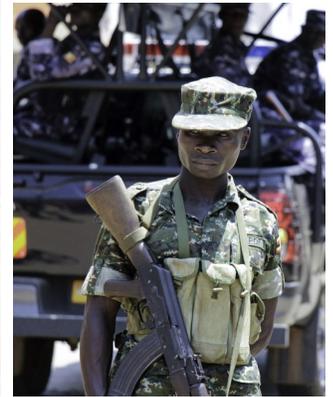


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womENACTion Mentorship Program: Advancing Gender Inclusion and Intelligence-Led Security in Africa

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MEET THE MENTEES & THEIR GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

Under the womENACTion Mentorship Program, launched by INTERPOL through the ENACT Project, four African female police officers were selected, out of 120 candidates, to conduct in-depth, field-informed research using criminal intelligence methodologies.

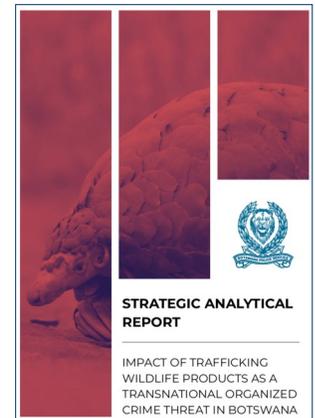
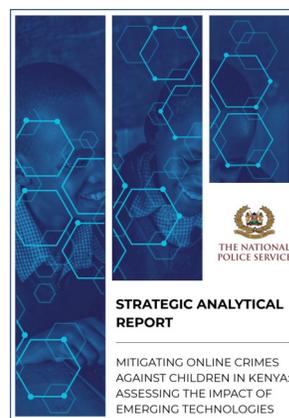
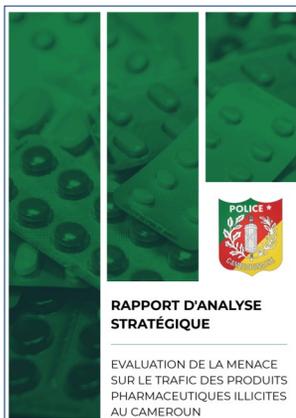
Their findings were presented during the ENACT Analytical Bootcamp in November 2025 and are now compiled here as actionable insights for national and regional stakeholders.

Beyond individual growth, womENACTion fosters a sustainable network of female intelligence professionals, amplifying women's voices in security decision-making and promoting gender inclusion in law enforcement across the African continent.



The Impact: Four Reports, Four Frontlines...

- ◇ Strengthened analytical rigor in data synthesis and strategic reporting.
- ◇ Elevated women as trusted leaders in intelligence analysis.
- ◇ Forged direct ties with national agencies and INTERPOL networks.
- ◇ All reports now embedded in national and regional intelligence products.





Drug Trafficking via Maritime Route in Cabo Verde

This report provides a comprehensive threat assessment of drug trafficking via maritime routes in Cabo Verde. It seeks to inform policymakers and law enforcement agencies on evolving trafficking dynamics, vulnerabilities, and priority actions to enhance maritime security.

Key Achievements:

- ✓ Documented record-breaking seizures.
- ✓ Identified key maritime routes, hotspots, and trafficking methods.
- ✓ Assessed the role of local and foreign actors, including organized criminal groups.
- ✓ Highlighted Cabo Verde's strong political will and effective international cooperation despite resource constraints.

Impact

The report underscores Cabo Verde's leadership in maritime interdiction and international cooperation. For donors, it illustrates how sustained investment in surveillance, intelligence-sharing, and judicial cooperation yields measurable results in disrupting global drug supply chains and preserving regional stability.



Mitigating Online Crimes Against Children in Kenya: Assessing the Role of Emerging Technologies

This report examines organized crime dynamics affecting the author's national context in East Africa, with a focus on identifying priority threats, enforcement challenges, and opportunities for strategic intervention. It was produced to support evidence-based decision-making by national authorities.

Key Achievements

- ✓ Delivered a structured threat overview grounded in intelligence analysis methodologies.
- ✓ Identified concrete operational and strategic gaps within current responses.
- ✓ Strengthened analytical skills through the womENACTion Mentorship framework.
- ✓ Formulated targeted recommendations aligned with national and regional priorities.

Impact

By translating complex crime patterns into actionable intelligence, the report contributes to stronger national ownership of organized crime responses. It demonstrates the value of investing in women-led analytical capacity as a multiplier for sustainable, locally driven security solutions.



The Impact of Trafficking Wildlife Products as a Transnational Organised Crime Threat in Botswana

This report analyses wildlife trafficking in Botswana, with a focus on understanding trafficking patterns, key actors, and institutional responses. It aims to support national authorities with actionable intelligence to strengthen prevention, detection, and prosecution of wildlife crime.

Key Achievements

- ✓ Mapped key trafficking routes and methods used by criminal networks.
- ✓ Identified critical institutional and intelligence gaps affecting enforcement.
- ✓ Provided a clear overview of the roles of national agencies and regional partners.
- ✓ Translated operational insights into strategic recommendations tailored to Botswana's context.

Impact

The report equips national authorities with evidence-based insights to improve intelligence-led policing and interagency coordination. It demonstrates how targeted analytical capacity-building directly strengthens wildlife protection, regional security, and the fight against transnational organized crime.



Trafficking of Counterfeit Medicines in Cameroon

This report examines the trafficking of counterfeit and substandard pharmaceutical products in Cameroon, a significant public health and security threat in Central Africa. It maps criminal networks, supply chains, and distribution routes, identifies key institutional gaps, and provides strategic recommendations to strengthen national and regional responses.

Key Achievements

- ✓ Delivered a national threat assessment of counterfeit pharmaceutical trafficking in Cameroon.
- ✓ Mapped criminal structures, supply chains, and transit corridors across land, sea, and air routes.
- ✓ Identified operational, legal, and intelligence gaps affecting enforcement capacity.
- ✓ Produced actionable recommendations aligned with public health, customs, and police priorities.

Impact

The report equips Cameroonian authorities with evidence-based insights to disrupt counterfeit pharmaceutical trafficking and protect public health. It demonstrates how targeted analytical capacity-building strengthens border controls, interagency coordination, and regional responses to organized crime.

Strategic Significance

- ✓ Mentees gained deeper insight into national crime trends and their evolution.
- ✓ Improved proficiency in structured criminal analysis, with greater methodological precision.
- ✓ Recognized the critical role of women in strengthening law enforcement intelligence.
- ✓ Confirmed that reliable data and inter-agency communication are foundational to evidence-based policing.
- ✓ Learned to balance tactical detail with strategic context, producing actionable, policy-relevant analysis.
- ✓ Mentorship from ENACT senior practitioners enhanced critical thinking, judgment, and professional resilience.

Why this matters?

Integrating a gender perspective into intelligence analysis is key to producing accurate, inclusive, and operationally relevant assessments. Recognising how security threats affect women, men, girls, and boys differently helps uncover blind spots and strengthens analytical quality.

Through the WomENACTion mentorship programme, female officers receive targeted mentoring and peer support, enhancing their analytical skills while contributing to more diverse, effective, and impactful national analytical capacities.

Editorial

As Project ENACT closed on 31 January 2026, we reflect on nine intensive years of dedicated effort to build and institutionalize criminal intelligence capacity across the African continent. Through strategic partnerships, targeted activities, and gender-inclusive programming, ENACT has left an indelible mark on law enforcement capabilities in Africa.

Hundreds of female police officers were empowered through the womENACTion initiative, pioneering gender equity in a traditionally male-dominated field.

As we close this chapter, we remain committed to a safer and a more inclusive Africa.

This is not an end, but a foundation for what comes next. We are actively exploring next steps and hope to return soon with a new initiative that builds on womENACTion's legacy.