Project ENACT: INTERPOL activities in 2018

Within the framework of Project ENACT, INTERPOL’s role is to assist police agencies in Africa to adopt proactive strategies to combat organized crime, improve investigations and exchange information. 2018 has mainly focused on training activities, capacity building and analytical reports. In addition to the organization of two analytical conferences, two analytical units were opened in Malawi and Uganda. Five regional analytical reports (Southern, West, Central, North and East Africa) on organized crime were produced as well as a continental report. Law enforcement versions of these reports were distributed to the Chiefs of Police and a public version was published on the ENACT and INTERPOL websites.

All the activities planned for year 2 were achieved.

Results and activities for 2018

- Six criminal intelligence analysis training courses were organized in Africa in 2018. A total of 129 officers from 16 countries were trained in criminal intelligence analysis. If we combine the number of participants in years 2017 and 2018, we have trained 239 officers from 34 African countries so far.

- Two courses combining criminal intelligence analysis and the INTERPOL Instructor Development Course/IDC were organized this year. A total of 32 African officers from 18 countries are now INTERPOL Certified Instructors and can teach analysis in a very structured way at national level.

- There is a growing need to connect further with the national Heads of Analysis in the African member countries in order to gather better quality information and intelligence, and to share new developments in the field of criminal intelligence analysis. Therefore, two conferences were organized by ENACT in 2018, entitled “Understanding and Countering Organized Crime in Africa with Criminal Intelligence Analysis”. A total of 136 senior officers from 47 African countries attended.
Five regional analytical reports (South, West, Central, North and East Africa) on organized crime and a continental report were produced. Law enforcement versions were distributed to the Chiefs of Police and a public version was published on the ENACT and INTERPOL websites. The production of these reports followed a strict methodology. During the missions to different African countries, the ENACT regional analysts communicated the national crime priorities, which have been discussed during the last EAPCCO, SARPCCO and CAPCCO Annual General Meetings, and gathered related data. Based on the information collected and the data available in the INTERPOL databases and the INTERPOL crime programmes, the regional analysts produced a questionnaire, which was sent to member countries in order to collect further data for the regional analytical reports.

One of Project ENACT’s planned activities is to support 4 pilot countries, namely Uganda, Malawi, Congo and Niger, to create their own analytical units to better fight organized crime. This includes providing them with the relevant equipment, training and mentoring as well as an I-24/7 extension.

The Malawi unit was opened on 20 July 2018. The analytical unit is now able to work on specific criminal cases and to complete analytical reports. They also produce monthly reports on the evolution of criminality in Malawi to establish trends.

The Uganda unit was opened on 19 November 2018.

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