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UN Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT)

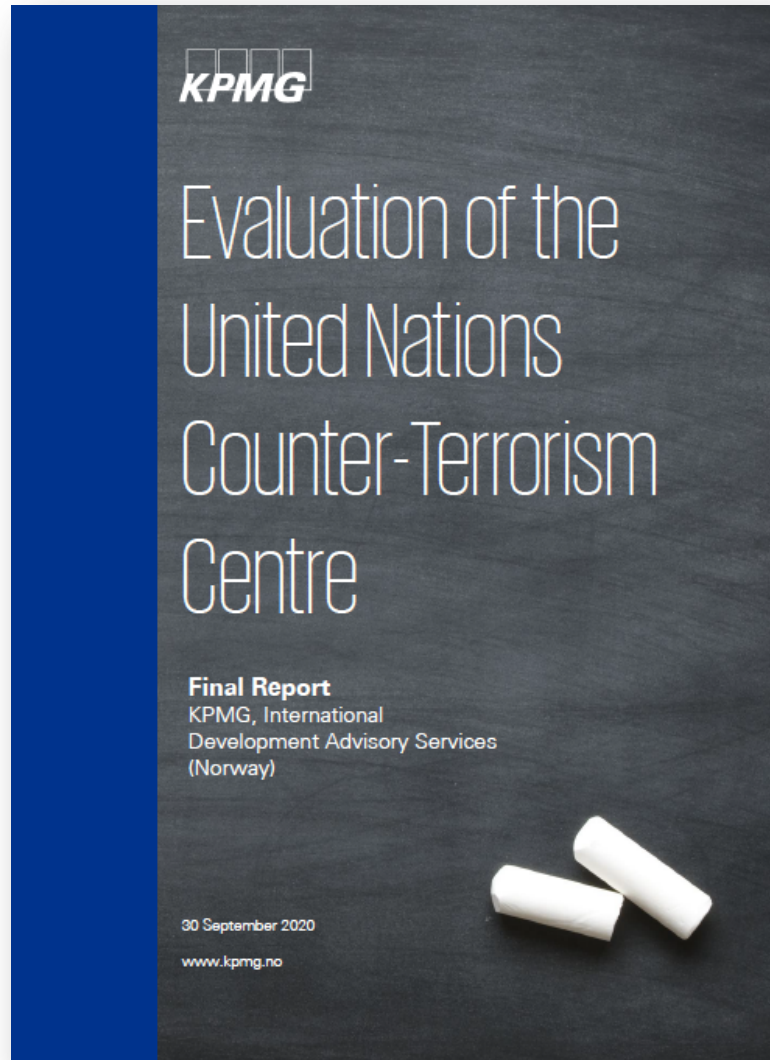
21st Meeting of the UNCCT Advisory Board

27 October 2020



1. KPMG Evaluation

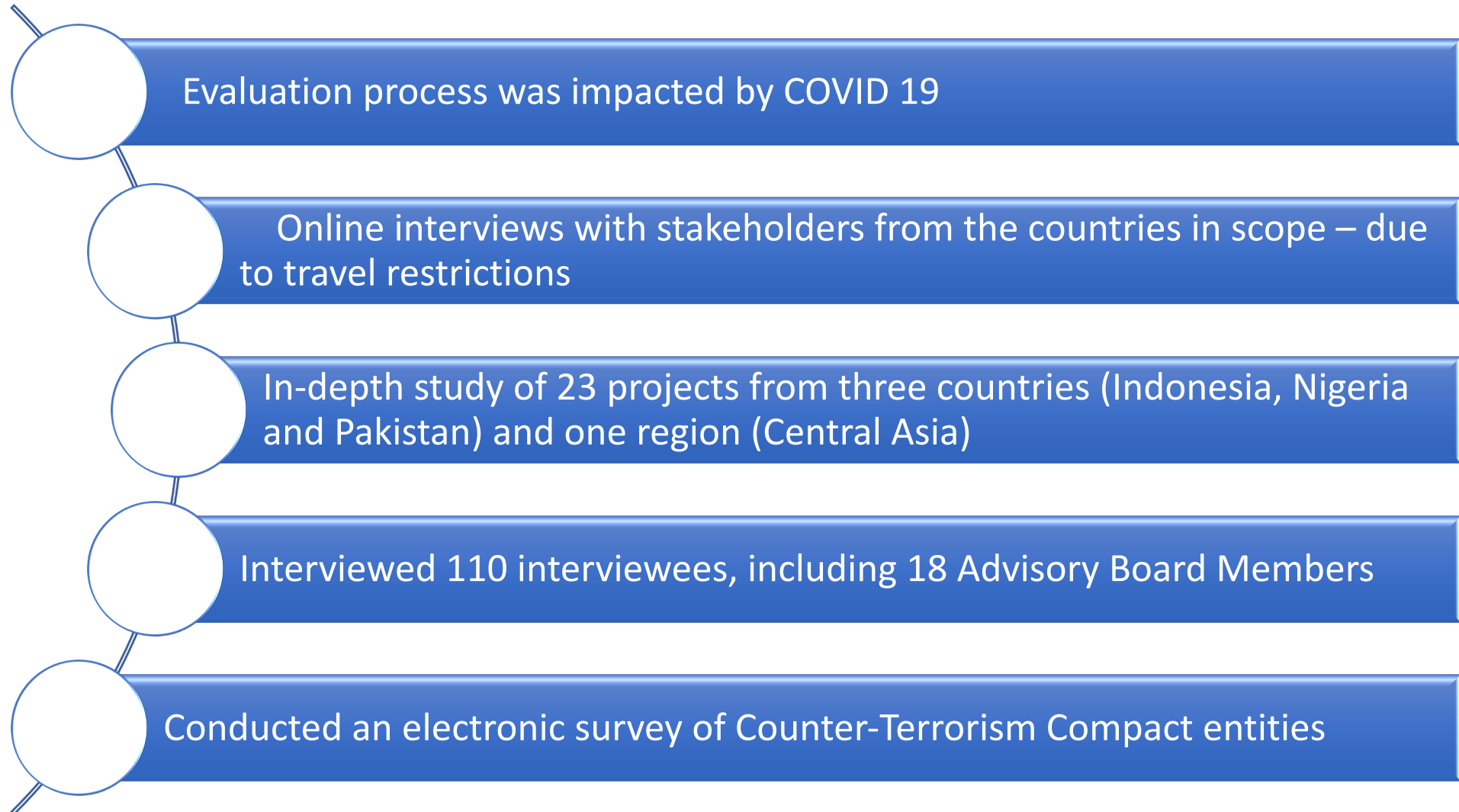
Background



- In 2020 UNCCT 5-Year Programme coming to an end, and KPMG was contracted to undertake an evaluation of the Programme:

*“to produce for the Office of Counter-Terrorism a strategic forward-looking evaluation report that will evaluate the current status and performance of UNCCT, including by undertaking an assessment of the progress made towards the attainment of the UNCCT 5-Year Programme outcomes in a balanced manner, and provide information that **will guide future orientation of capacity building, and for the UNCCT's further development as a Centre of Excellence**”*

Evaluation Process



Key Findings

1. UNCCT has benefited from the transfer to UNOCT through **enhanced access to political and diplomatic support**, and access to **support services**
2. UNOCT has enabled UNCCT's **deeper integration into the United Nations' counter-terrorism architecture**
3. **Strategic and programme governance, monitoring and evaluation**, as well as **information management** identified as **key areas for improvement**
4. UNCCT has **not yet achieved 'Excellence'**

Key Findings (cont.)

5. Assessment against **OECD/UNEG Criteria** of Effectiveness, Efficiency, Relevance, Coherence and Sustainability:

- **Effectiveness** of the 5-Year Programme could not be determined, but the trend is positive
- **Efficiency** of the 5-Year Programme is satisfactory, focusing on the period since 2017
- **Relevance** of the 5-Year Programme to the United Nations' Global Counter Terrorism Strategy was found to be satisfactory
- **Internal coherence** of UNOCT was diminished by maintaining two capacity-building units, i.e. SPIB and UNCCT
- **Sustainability** of the 5-Year Programme could not be determined due to in part, the lack of evidence on the outputs and outcomes achieved

Key Recommendations

Based on the findings, KPMG has made **16 recommendations**, including:

- R.2: Convened by the UNCCT Advisory Board Chair, board members and UNCCT/UNOCT Senior Management should arrive at a position that **enables the outcome monitoring of UNCCT programmes**.
- R. 8: The next programme cycle to be oriented around a **six-year strategic plan**, subject to a biennial review and **synchronized with UNGCTS** biennial review
- R: 14: Consolidate into a **single capacity development unit** within UNOCT by integrating the Special Projects and Innovation Branch into UNCCT
- R. 15: Recommendations aimed at instilling **'a results-oriented culture'**:
 - improving **monitoring and evaluation**
 - re-organising M&E function: evaluation to be moved to the OUSG and monitoring to PMU
 - improving **strategic guidance in programme design**

Management Response

- Report provides useful suggestions that will **support UNCCT's development as a Centre of Excellence** in tandem with the recommended **"culture of excellence"**
- UNOCT has **agreed to all recommendations** in principle
- Some recommendations **will require more information and time** before implementation
- Comprehensive **management responses have been prepared** in response to the recommendations
- UNOCT is developing an **Action Plan** for the implementation of the management response



2. Quarterly Programme Highlights Reporting: Q2 and Q3 Results



Flagship Programmes:

- PCVE
- Prosecution, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Suspected Terrorists & FTF
- STRIVE Asia
- Youth Engagement
- Border Security
- Cyber Security
- Counter Terrorist Financing
- WMD/ CBRN Terrorism
- South-South Cooperation
- Civil Society
- Human Rights
- Victims of Terrorism

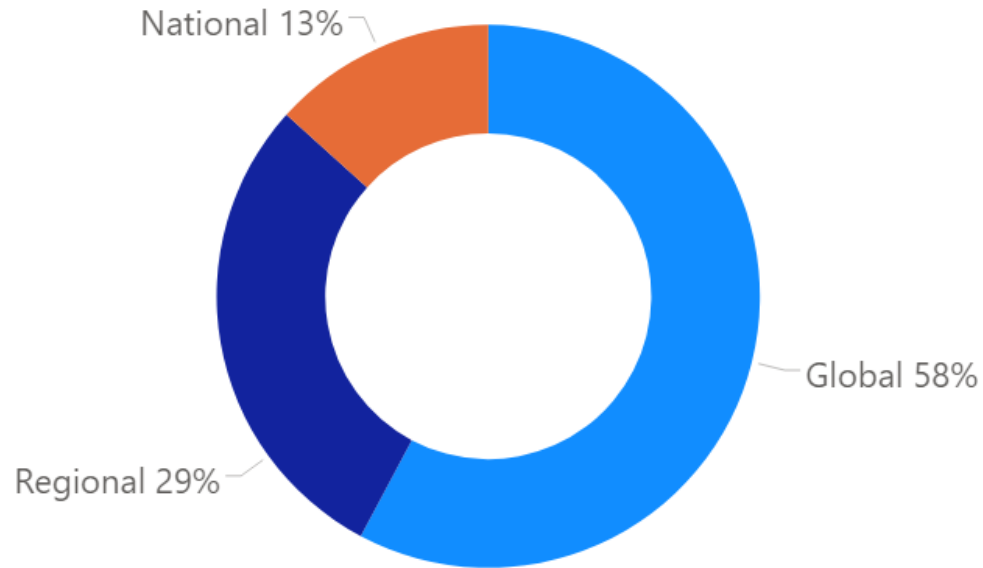
UNCCT is implementing 45 programmes and projects, engaging beneficiaries from 172 countries



Geographical Scope & Distribution by Pillar

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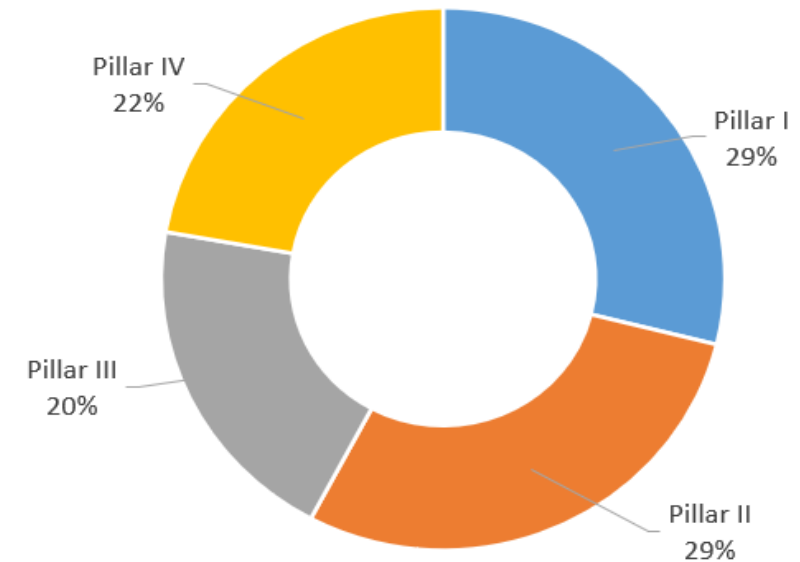
Scope	Projects
Global	26
Regional	13
National	6
Total	45



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Distribution by Pillar:

Pillars	Projects
Pillar I	13
Pillar II	13
Pillar III	9
Pillar IV	10
Total	45



■ Pillar I ■ Pillar II ■ Pillar III ■ Pillar IV



Adapting to COVID-19

- Focus on staff well-being: monitoring and facilitating measures for staff welfare
- Adapting to COVID-19 travel restrictions: implementing online delivery of capacity development activities, prioritizing UNCCT Flagship Programmes
- Continuous engagement with Member States and implementing partners
- Continue enhancing the Center's visibility

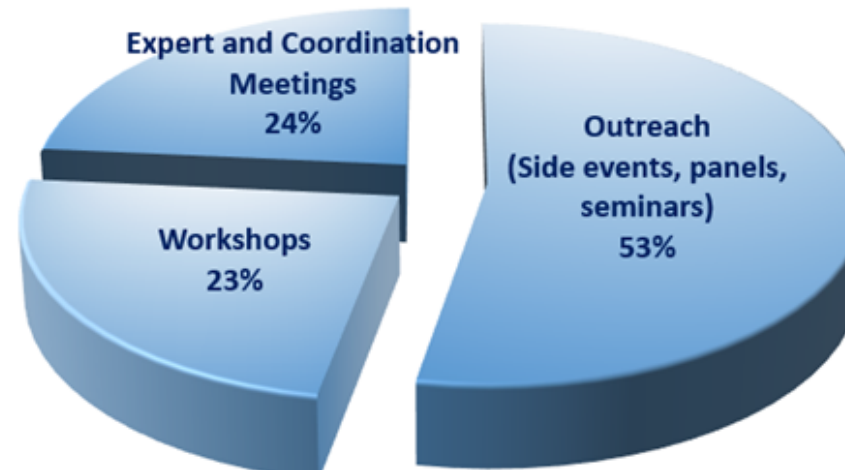




In Q2 and Q3 of 2020 UNCCT has delivered:

- 28 outreach events
- 21 workshops
- 17 expert and coordination meetings
- 1 scoping mission – Tajikistan
- 1560 beneficiaries engaged through workshops

2nd Quarter 2020 Activities



Type	Count
Outreach (Side events, panels, seminars)	9
Workshops	4
Expert and Coordination Meetings	4
Scoping Missions	0

3rd Quarter 2020 Activities



Type	Count
Outreach (Side events, panels, seminars)	19
Workshops	17
Expert and Coordination Meetings	13
Scoping Missions	1

Expenditures and Utilization Rates

As of 30 September 2020:

- Utilization against the released budget of **US\$29 million** is **US\$13.3 million** or **46%** of the total released budget
- The utilization rate is **down 4%** compared to Q3 2019

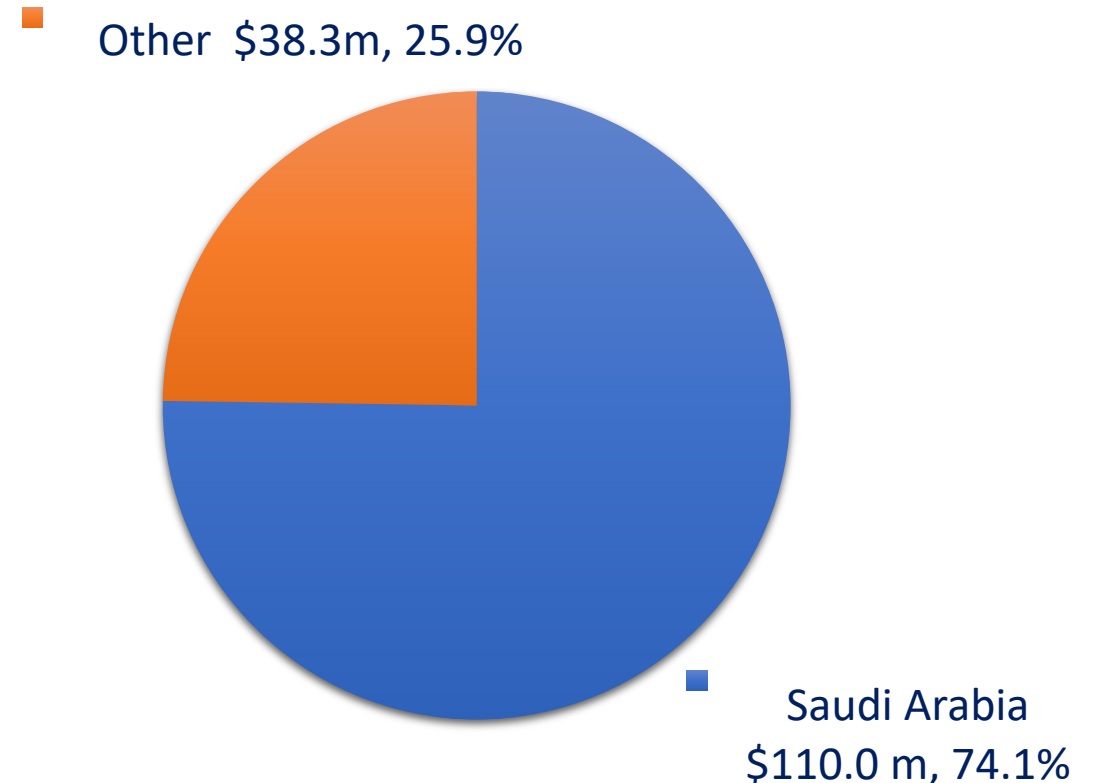
Pillar	Pillar Description	2020 Budget (US\$) (a)	2020 Expenditures (US\$) (b)	Utilization Rate (%) (c) = b/a	Expenditure distribution by pillar (%) (d)
I	Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism	5,710,814	2,346,817	41%	20%
II	Combatting Terrorism	16,496,405	7,702,881	47%	56%
III	Supporting International Cooperation on Counter-Terrorism	3,753,330	1,425,439	38%	13%
IV	Human Rights and Victims	3,048,271	1,846,151	61%	11%
TOTAL		29,008,820	13,321,288	46%	100%

*Includes funds allocated from the UN Sub-Fund for Peace and Security administered by the EOSG.

Cumulative Contributions

31	Donors to UNCCT	Contributions/ Allocations for UNCCT USD	% of total
1	Saudi Arabia	110,000,000	74.15%
2	European Union	9,995,744	6.74%
3	United States	5,458,903	3.68%
4	Japan	4,384,945	2.96%
5	Norway	3,806,300	2.57%
6	Spain	2,476,816	1.67%
7	EOSG PDF funds (China) ^{/c}	2,068,080	1.39%
8	Canada	1,485,743	1.00%
9	Russia	1,441,500	0.97%
10	United Kingdom	1,434,721	0.97%
	21 other donors	5,788,386	5.9%
Total Contributions to UNCCT		148,341,139	100.0%

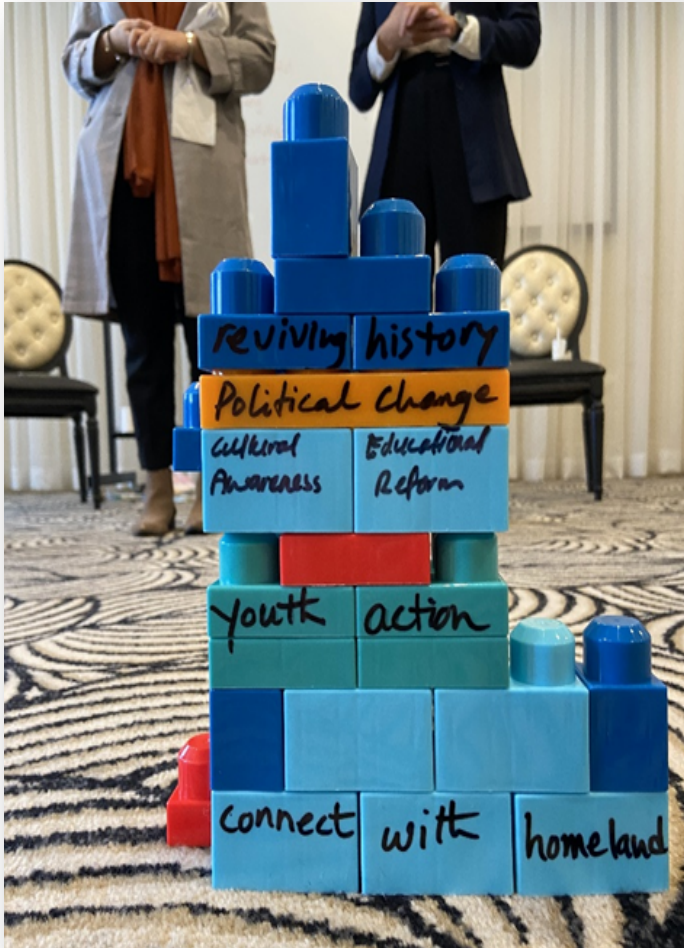
Cumulative contributions to UNCCT by 31 Dec 2019
US\$ million and % of total





3. Update on Capacity Building Activities

Pillar I



Brainstorming during Youth engagement workshop.

StratCom

- In August, delivered a workshop on strategic and crisis communications during COVID-19 - senior CT officials Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, and Uganda - jointly with IGAD's International Centre of Excellence

Youth

- In June, rolled out a hybrid peer-to-peer approach to engagement of young women and men in Australia, Sweden and Sudan, using contextualized methods tailored to each Member State.

Pillar II

Countering the Financing of Terrorism (CFT)

- Second virtual workshop for Bahrain's private sector on the protection of the non-profit sector from terrorist abuse on countering the financing of terrorism

Cybersecurity and New Technologies Programme

- A webinar for Malaysian officials on methodologies for CT investigations (SEARCCT and CTED)

Border Security and Management (BSM)

- GCTF Watchlisting Guidance Manual - series of webinars on the legal, policy, and operational implications of Watchlists



CFT workshops for Bahrain's non-profit sector.

Pillar III



Child Returnee Project: “Returning home, rebuilding lives” video.

Joint Plan of Action

- HL review of the Joint Plan of Action and preparing the launch of the phase IV of the joint UNOCT-UNRCCA project in Central Asia

Child Returnees Project

- Virtual technical assessment in Tajikistan (UNOCT/UNCCT-UNODC). Consultations with the Government of Tajikistan – legal and policy review

Strive Asia Programme

- Engaging with the Tajik authorities on the review of the National Strategy and its action plan for 2021-2025

Iraq

- Engagement with the Government of Iraq and support on the development of a national CT strategy

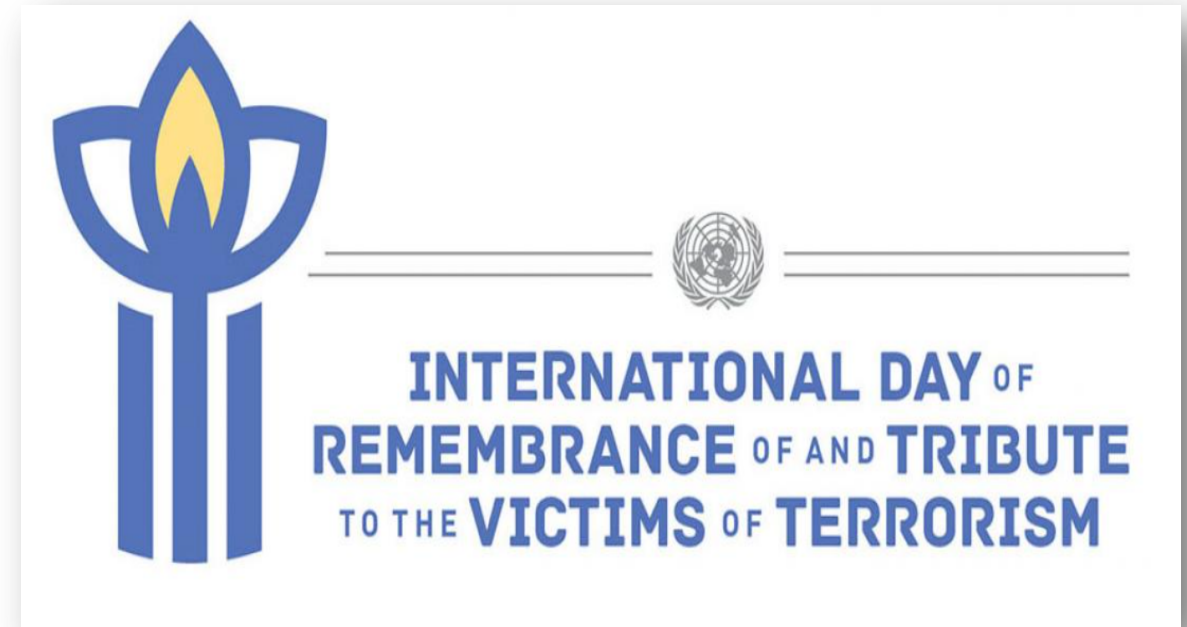
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Victims of Terrorist Support Programme

- Third commemoration of the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism with the Group of Friends of Victims of Terrorism.

Violent Extremist Prisoners (VEP) Project

- Series of training webinars for prison staff in Kazakhstan, Tunisia, and Uganda to strengthen the management of VEPs and their disengagement, rehabilitation and reintegration.



Thanks to all Advisory Board Members for your ongoing support and look forward to our continuing collaboration!

