



Linkage to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



The implementation of UNTOC (2000) and its Protocols directly contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially the following:

- SDG 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
- SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
- SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
- SDG 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Target 5.2: Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.

NIOOC-CGR supports promoting access to justice for women and girls of Pakistan; we support the development of legislation and policies that protect their rights and prevent, as well as respond

to, violence against women and girls; also believe in developing institutional and professional capacities for respecting, protecting and fulfilling the rights of women and girls; and support creating the conditions for women and girls to be in a position to claim their rights and be active agents of change.

Target 8.7: Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.

This is a challenge for poverty-driven and economically constrained milieu of Pakistan. However, NIOC-CGR is firmly in support of eliminating human trafficking and modern slavery. We are also opposed to bonded labour and keep highlighting this in our policy papers and reports.

Target 16.2: End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.

Target 16.3: Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all.

NIOC-CGR is fully committed to the rule of law and good governance in Pakistan. A very strong advocacy campaign has been our sustained effort in this regard. We are for ending abuse, exploitation and violence against children. Equality of justice is our constant refrain in policy briefs and papers.

Target 16.4: By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime.

NIOC-CGR fully supports in strengthening anti-money laundering legal frameworks and developing capacities of national agencies to investigate money laundering and terrorism financing, disrupting illicit financial flows and supporting the recovery of stolen assets.

Target 16.a.1: Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, particularly in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime.

NIOC-CGR has monitored organized crime in Pakistan very closely, especially since the outbreak of Covid-19 in March 2020. Various policy briefs have been written in this regard. Similarly, to strengthen the institution of police, a sustained advocacy campaign was launched in 2020. A comprehensive study on countering extremism was also carried out and released in early 2021. Gaps in CE laws in Pakistan were identified. Currently, NIOC is carrying out a project on “Forging an Effective Society and State Response to Serious and Organized Crime in Pakistan.” NIOC is uniquely placed to forge a partnership with national and international stakeholders in implementation of UNTOC review mechanism.

Target 17.16: Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries.

NIOC-CGR is committed to strengthening multi-stakeholder collaborations, bring together government, civil society, international partners, the private sector, academia and other

stakeholders reflected in SDG 17. We would also like to support UNODC's Civil Society Unit in 'Stakeholder Engagement for UNTOC – SE4U, Its Review Mechanism and Related Activities.' NIOC will try to foster greater partnerships between NGOs, academics, and the private sector.

Target 17.17: Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships.

NIOC-CGR is well positioned to convene multi-stakeholder alliance against organized crime at national level and is committed to carry out advocacy campaigns to raise awareness about OC and to forge partnerships that can broaden and strengthen public and private support for the tackling of Pakistan's serious and organized crime and criminal justice-related issues.



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