

Combating the Illicit Trafficking of SALW through Border Management Assistance in Termez, Uzbekistan

The project is aimed at improving Uzbekistan's capacity to prevent cross-border trafficking, while at the same time facilitating the transfer of humanitarian aid. The focus is on the provision of specialised training for the officers of the law enforcement bodies guarding the border and of material assistance for the checkpoint. This follow-up project consists of: **two weeks of intensive training in Termez-Hayraton check-point** on 20-31 October 2003 to the relevant law enforcement agencies. In addition, **two international experts will stay at the Termez-Hayraton and another border complex for two months** to work with and guide the local officials in their everyday work with a view to following-up the lessons learnt during the intensive training period. The project also include **a ten weeks language course** focused on border management vocabulary for the local customs officials and border guards. Also a **provision of material resources** relevant to the training and daily work in the check point will be covered by the project.

Further Goals:

1. To enable the law enforcement authorities of Uzbekistan, specifically the border control and customs agencies, to search, seize and destroy illegally trafficked SALW in the border area;
2. To train the law enforcement authorities to identify and trace seized illegal SALW, in order to determine the pattern of illegal supply and prosecute the illegal trafficking;
3. To provide training in identifying forged and counterfeit documentation;
4. To train the law enforcement authorities to fully investigate and prosecute illegal cross-border trafficking in SALW;
5. To provide the law enforcement authorities with sufficient material resources to this end;
6. To contribute to the development of a national system of intelligence collection and analysis;

FOLLOW -UP TRAINING FRAMEWORK FOR THE TERMEZ-HAYRATON CROSS BORDER TRAINING PROGRAMME

- A) Intensive training period for 2 weeks (6 international experts)**
- B) Follow-up work for 2 months with the local officials (2 international experts)**
- C) Additional language training on border management vocabulary**
- D) Material resources**

A) Intensive training period for 2 weeks:

1. To enhance border checks at the crossing point
 - interviewing travellers, observing body language
 - detecting falsified travelling and custom documents
 - detecting falsified registration books and stolen vehicles
 - using document examination equipment4 days
2. To improve border checks at the railway
 - to inspect trucks and locomotives2 days

3. To improve co-operation between Police, Custom and the Frontier Guard at the crossing point
 - to update common standing order
 - to update common plans for exceptional/emergency situations2 days

4. To improve co-operation between Custom and Frontier Guard authorities in neighbouring States
 - to draft a model for co-operation2 days

B) Follow-up work for 2 months with the local officials:

Two international experts will stay at the border crossing complex to work together with the local officials, collect the information for the two week training period and follow-up the lessons learnt during the intensive training.

C) Additional language training on border management vocabulary:

Language training for Custom and Frontier Guard officers working at the crossing point

- Conducted in Termez by a locally hired teacher
- 10 weeks (one class a week) Handouts, homework, qualification

D) Material resources:

Material Resources in accordance with document examination equipment as recommended by the expert team in 2002 as well as in accordance with the UN ODC list of equipment requested by the government of Uzbekistan.