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# Strengthening Pakistan's Response to Counter Terrorism Financing



## NEWSLETTER

### *Output 1.1*

## Improve the knowledge and skills of Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), Investigators, Prosecutors, and Judicial Officers dealing with Counter Terrorism Financing

Under the Activity 1.1.1 – 'Enhance the operational capacity of FIA and Provincial CTDs with the delivery of requisite equipment including computers, furniture etc.'; UNODC held several consultation sessions with NACTA, which is responsible for leading Pakistan's Action on Counter Terrorism (PACT), in order to improve the efficiency and productivity of the LEA's. NACTA requested UNODC for the provision of a video conferencing solution for better connectivity amongst the head office and provincial offices of Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Quetta, and Peshawar. This will assist NACTA in enhancing efficient communication on a day-to-day basis throughout Pakistan and significantly reduce the costs associated with travel. The following equipment is vital for achieving this objective:

1. Video Management Control Unit
2. LED Screens
3. Speakers



To accomplish Activity 1.1.2 – 'In Collaboration with NACTA organize awareness raising workshops for Investigators, Prosecutors and Judges on UN Resolutions 1267 and 1373'; UNODC and NACTA organized a two-day Joint Investigator-Prosecutor Workshop on Countering Terrorism Financing on 21st and 22nd January 2019 in Lahore, and 24th and 25th January 2019 in Karachi. Both the workshops proceeded along the same lines; the first day commenced with a round of presentations on the subjects of emerging terrorist financing threats, sources, and typologies; challenges and approaches for FIUs, investigators, regulators, and the private sector; Pakistan's national legal and institutional framework for countering the financing of terrorism,





in line with the UNSCR 1267 and 1373; the UN framework and conventions for preventing terrorism financing, in addition to the FATF standards; and the challenges and opportunities for the private sector in working closely with LEAs in detecting and countering the risks posed by terrorism financing.

The second day was designed around case preparation guidelines in terrorism financing cases followed by a case study related to Suspicious Transaction Reports. Later on, a small-group approach and analysis of a scenario-based exercise were held on terrorist financing investigations and prosecutions; each group's representatives then presented the findings. At the closure of each workshop, participants were awarded certificates followed by an open platform for discussion in which the trainees expressed their appreciation to the facilitators, and especially to the Government of Japan for their valuable contribution in enhancing the skills and knowledge of investigators and prosecutors.



NACTA Website Link

<https://nacta.gov.pk/joint-investigator-prosecutor-workshops-on-ctf/>

UNODC Website Link

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/joint-investigator-prosecutor-workshops-on-countering-terrorism-financing.html>

To ensure compliance with Activity 1.1.3 – 'Assist NACTA in organizing training programmes for LEAs on investigation methods related to Counter Terrorism Financing'; on the 17th and 18th of December 2018, UNODC in collaboration with NACTA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), organized a training on Counter-Terrorism Financing for federal and provincial law enforcement officers in Islamabad. The first day commenced with presentations on the aims and objectives of the recently launched project entitled "Strengthening Pakistan's Response to Countering Terrorism Financing", which has been made possible with the financial support of the Government of Japan; different investigation approaches and sources available to investigators; and on Pakistan's obligations related to the UN



Security Council Resolution 1267. In the second half of the session, the participants completed eLearning training modules on Financial Investigation and Net Worth Analysis. The second day session continued with presentations on the national framework of Pakistan, which promotes conformity with the UN Security Council Resolution 1373; a policy on Financial Investigation in Terrorism Cases; Risk-Based Approaches for the Financial Sector; the State Bank of Pakistan's directives on determining risk levels of customers; products for detecting terrorism financing; and on Interviewing and Debriefing in relation to Financial Investigations, where the role of the Joint Investigation Teams dealing with complex cases was highlighted. Towards the end, the participants were awarded certificates, and they



expressed their appreciation to the facilitators; especially the Government of Japan, who made this training possible.

UNODC and NACTA organized a two-day workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism in Islamabad and Lahore on 14th and 15th January 2019, and 17th and 18th January 2019, respectively. The two workshops proceeded along the same lines, the first day commenced with presentation-based workshops on the subjects of the Government of Japan funded Strengthening Pakistan's Response to Counter Terrorist Funding programme; International and National Frameworks for Countering Terrorist Financing, Understanding Terrorist Financing and Sources of Intelligence; Developing a Financial Intelligence Strategy; and Gathering Evidence and Conducting Financial Investigations. The first day culminated with a group exercise to reinforce the lessons learned, and short presentations from each of the groups formed.

The second day proceeded with presentations on Identifying Potential Targets for Counter Terrorist Investigations; Surveillance, Searches, and Undercover Operations; and on Personal and Company Financial Profiles. Subsequently, two group exercises on Terrorist Financial Investigation Strategies and Tactics, and on Case Preparation in Terrorist Financing Investigations were conducted where practical scenario-based approach was designed. The groups were given a



Suspicious Transaction Report for investigation, and after the completion of the exercise, each group presented their findings.



NACTA Website Link

<https://nacta.gov.pk/federal-provincial-training-for-law-enforcement-officials-on-ctf/>

<https://nacta.gov.pk/federal-provincial-training-for-leas-for-cft/>

UNODC Website Link

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/joint-investigator-prosecutor-workshops-on-countering-terrorism-financing.html>

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/federal-provincial-training-for-leas-for-countering-the-financing-of-terrorism-held-in-islamabad-and-lahore.html>

**Achieving Activity 1.1.4 – 'Hold workshops to familiarize the law enforcement officials of FIA and a Provincial CTD on GoAML developed reports (STRs & CTRs) in multi-disciplinary settings to enhance their knowledge on technical reports' was deemed as one of the most important component of the project. On the 18th and 19th of March 2019, UNODC in collaboration with NACTA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), organized a multi-agency workshop in Islamabad on Countering Terrorism Financing (CTF) for officials from the State Bank of Pakistan, Securities and Exchange Commission,**



Financial Monitoring Unit, Counter Terrorism Departments, and Intelligence Agencies.

On the first day, presentations were delivered on the United Nations framework for countering terrorism financing and international standards; emerging threats, sources, and typologies, with an emphasis on the challenges faced by the law enforcement and regulators; GoAML (an STR analysis system), reporting, and sharing of information; and a case study focusing on terror attacks in Pakistan over the recent years.

The second day commenced on a similar pattern, with presentations on the risk-based approach model which the financial sectors should adopt for effectively detecting terrorism financing; a group exercise on risk profile evaluation of potential bank clients, followed by a case study of banks fined for having insufficient strong compliance controls; presentations on the United Kingdom's model for countering terrorism financing and working with the financial sector; and a group exercise involving a scenario of a suspect stopped from entering Pakistan with large quantities of cash and forged documents.



#### **NACTA Website Link**

<https://nacta.gov.pk/multi-agency-workshops-for-regulators-and-law-enforcement-officials-on-cft/>

#### **UNODC Website Link**

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/multi-agency-workshops-in-islamabad-and-karachi-for-regulators-and-law-enforcement-officials-on-countering-the-financing-of-terrorism.html>



To support Pakistan's efforts in countering terrorism, Activity 1.1.5 – 'Hold workshops in a multidisciplinary setting for the CTD investigators, AT Prosecutors and Judges to enhance their knowledge and skills in dealing with TF cases' was designed. For this activity the UNODC organized a training workshop on terrorism financing from 26th till 28th February 2019, in Islamabad- this event was made possible through Japan's financial support. The aim was to conduct interactive training with clear and operational objectives, and a mock trial exercise was adopted as the methodology. Through this method, participants confronted their learnings and experiences found in the treatment of terrorism financing cases and related serious offences. 35 attendees, including 3 women, actively participated in the workshop.

This workshop was the first of its kind, as it was the first time that Investigating Officers, Prosecutors, and Honorable Judges actively worked together in a workshop, allowing for a mutually beneficial rhetoric and experience sharing process, while improving inter-disciplinary cooperation and enhancing communication in the process. The opening remarks were given by the Senior Programme Officer of UNODC Syed Arslan, DG CT Division MOFA Ahmed Farooq, and DG CTF NACTA Muhammad Iqbal. After



formally introducing the participants, working methodology, and workshop objectives, Philip Divett, Programme Officer UNODC/TPB, shared a presentation on the United Nations Framework for Countering the Financing of Terrorism and its related International Standards.

Subsequently, Mr. Divett elaborated information on the Emerging Terrorist Financing threats, sources, and

typologies; and Challenges and Approaches for FIU's, Financial Investigators and Regulators. Later, Nadeem Shirazi from NACTA gave a presentation on Pakistan's National Legal and Institutional Framework for Countering the Financing of Terrorism. On the second day of the workshop, a group exercise on Terrorist Financing investigations and prosecutions was held in which participants were divided into groups to consider and analyze scenario-based cases. At the end of the session, representatives from each group presented a short summary of their groups' analyses and observations.

On the final day of the trainings, the participants continued to work along the same lines as the day before, and the honorable Judges presented their respective groups' findings. After the presentations, Arsalan Malik from UNODC gave closing remarks. On behalf of NACTA, Muhammad Iqbal expressed his appreciation for the attendees' participation in this remarkable workshop, where Investigating Officers, Prosecutors, and Honorable Judges came together on one platform. He also extended his thanks to UNODC for facilitating the event.



**NACTA Website Link**

<https://nacta.gov.pk/mock-investigation-and-trial-of-terrorism-financing-and-related-serious-offences/>

**UNODC Website Link**

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/mock-investigation-and-trial-of-terrorism-financing-and-related-serious-offences.html>

Under the Activity 1.1.6– 'In collaboration with NACTA, develop training manual on CFT for Law Enforcement Agencies and the Prosecution Departments in provinces', the UNODC in close consultation with NACTA and other provincial-level stakeholders developed a Training Manual for the LEAs on Countering Terrorism Financing. This manual is the first-of-its-kind issued for the LEAs and Prosecution in order to assist them in cases relating to countering terrorism financing. The aim of this manual is to help increase familiarity of the investigators in the context of international laws vis-à-vis the Pakistani legislation. The manual helps in clarifying the powers of financial investigators and also provides a detailed methodology for the gathering of evidence for financial investigations.

## **Output 1.2**

### **Improve coordination and information sharing in terrorism financing cases while enhancing public outreach capacity of NACTA to raise awareness**



For the Activity 1.2.1 – 'Organize joint specialist trainings between NACTA, FMU, FIA and Provincial CTDs on Counter Terrorism Financing and its associate risks at provincial levels', a workshop similar to the multi-agency workshop on Countering Terrorism Financing (CTF) was held for the officials from the State Bank of Pakistan, Securities and Exchange Commission, Financial Monitoring Unit, Counter Terrorism Departments, and Intelligence Agencies on 18th and 19th March and 21st and 22nd March 2019 in Islamabad and Karachi respectively.

The presentations included; the United Nations framework for countering terrorism financing and its international standards; emerging threats, sources, and typologies, with an emphasis on the challenges faced by the Law Enforcement and Regulators; GoAML (an STR analysis system), reporting, and sharing of information. These presentations were followed by a case study focusing on terror attacks in Pakistan in recent years. A risk-based approach model was also shared to strengthen the financial sectors for effectively detecting terrorism financing along with a group exercise on risk profile evaluation of potential bank clients, followed by a case study of banks fined for having insufficient strong compliance controls. The latter part of the day contained information-sharing

on the United Kingdom's model for countering terrorism financing and its working with the financial sector. A group exercise, involving a scenario of a suspect stopped from entering Pakistan with large quantities of cash and forged documents, was also designed to involve participant perceptions. Mr. Khurram Rana from the FIA delivered a session on case preparation guidelines for the LEAs when dealing with terrorism financing cases. The workshop in Karachi was attended, inter alia, by Mr. Katsumoto Biyajima from the Embassy of Japan, who addressed the participants and reiterated the Government of Japan's support in delivering technical assistance to the LEAs in Pakistan in close cooperation with the UNODC.



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Under the Activity 1.2.2 – 'Assist NACTA in organizing awareness raising events to promote greater transfer of knowledge to the private sector on terrorism financing', a national conference was conducted by UNODC, NACTA, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in Islamabad on 29th March 2019. This initiative was the first-of-its-kind on promoting 'Public-Private Partnership in Countering the Financing of Terrorism'. The Conference brought together 90 key stakeholders under one roof, belonging to the public and private sectors, to discuss and deliberate upon challenges and opportunities in forging a partnership to reach common objectives and goals for effectively combatting terrorism financing.

After the opening comments, speakers from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Pakistan Banks Association, Exchange Companies Association, Western Union, Bank Alfalah, and United



Bank Ltd (UBL) highlighted the risks identified by their organizations in identifying terrorism financing, along with specific measures adopted to counter the said risks. All speakers appreciated the role played by NACTA and other stakeholders in developing a national risk assessment, which has become a guiding

document for both public and private institutions.

During the last session, the panel members answered questions put forward by the participants. Mr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director General Counter-Terrorism Financing NACTA, delivered his closing remarks in which he noted that NACTA remained committed and available to provide strategic guidance and support to institutions and organizations, public and private alike, in combatting terrorism, including its financing.



**UNODC Website Link**

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/national-conference-on-promoting-public-private-partnership-in-counteracting-the-financing-of-terrorism.html>



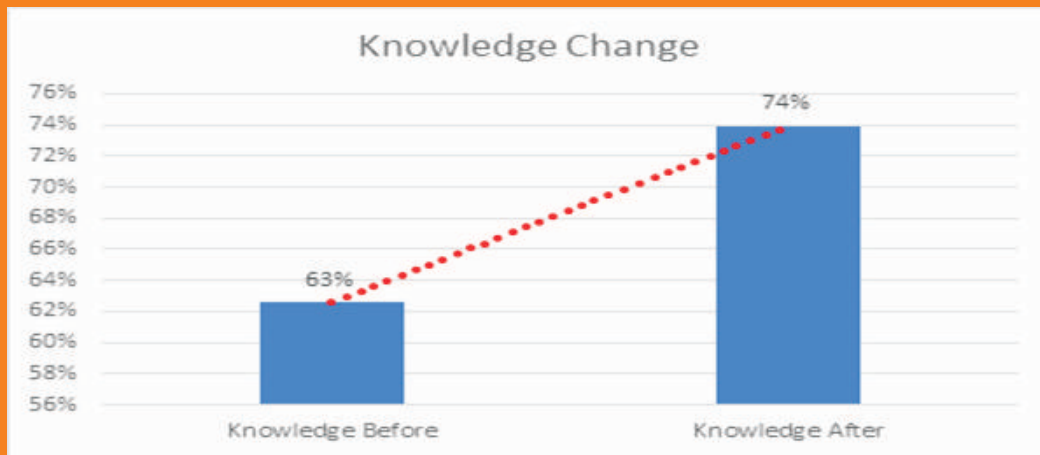
To accomplish Activity 1.2.3. – 'Assist NACTA in developing key messages including knowledge and information products (brochures, pamphlets, etc.) for increasing public awareness related to terrorism financing and its risks' the UNODC in consultation with NACTA prepared key messages for conducting awareness-raising campaign for the public on countering the financing of terrorism under The campaign has been initiated to utilize different mediums and tools to engage the stakeholders in a variety of ways. Mass media and specific outreach engagement tools will assist in increasing awareness regarding terrorist financing. The campaign will create widespread awareness amongst the masses on this issue and will sensitize the public regarding the intensity of this menace. Tools utilized to help in this campaign are as follows:

1. Social Media Campaign
2. Radio Messages
3. Streamers
4. Newsletter

# Overall Impact

Trainings	Knowledge Before	Knowledge After	Total Change
♦ 1st Investigator-Prosecutor Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism	79.94	80.73	1%
♦ 2nd Investigator-Prosecutor Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism	40.24	59.77	49%
♦ Federal-Provincial Training for LEAs on Countering Terrorism Financing	79.62	90.8	14%
♦ 2nd Federal-Provincial Counter Terrorism Financing for LEAs	73.69	77.12	5%
♦ 3rd Federal-Provincial Counter Terrorism Financing Training for LEAs	62.87	80.38	28%
♦ Specialized Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism	45.12	66.79	48%
♦ Training on Mock Investigation and Trial of Terrorist Financing and Related Serious Offences	72.28	76.38	6%
♦ Specialized Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism	46.94	59.67	27%
	63%	74%	22%



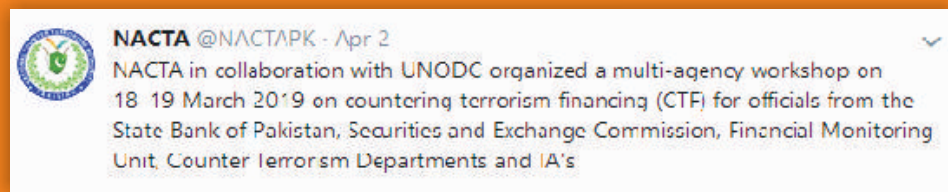


## Training

Trainings	Participants
♦ 1st Investigator-Prosecutor Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism	23
♦ 2nd Investigator-Prosecutor Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism	24
♦ Federal-Provincial Training for LEAs on Countering Terrorism Financing	33
♦ 2nd Federal-Provincial Counter Terrorism Financing Training for LEAs	27
♦ 3rd Federal-Provincial Counter Terrorism Financing Training for LEAs	20
♦ Specialized Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism	32
♦ Training on Mock Investigation and Trial of Terrorist Financing and Related Serious Offences	35
♦ Specialized Workshop on Countering the Financing of Terrorism	35



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