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PROJECT LEADER

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR DIGITAL EVIDENCE RELIABILITY IN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Project Leader is a three-year initiative (October 2019 to August 2022) to provide sustainable **digital forensics** capacity building to law enforcement in order to support their investigations, operations and prosecutions against transnational crime in **South and Southeast Asia**.

SITUATION

Strong and mature digital forensics capability is vital to law enforcement efforts in combatting transnational crime and to ensure the resilience and national security of all countries. Digital devices are becoming ever more pervasive and form a critical source of information in investigations into all types of crime. Evidence in an electronic format, called 'electronic evidence' or 'digital evidence', can be difficult to obtain, interpret and understand. Without effective digital forensics capability, law enforcement bodies may fail to obtain crucial evidence, misinterpret its meaning or importance, or even unintentionally destroy it.

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RESPONSE

The objective of Project Leader is to strengthen organizational knowledge and operational capacity in digital forensics across four areas: first response, specialist digital forensic analysis, investigations, and prosecutions.

Sustainability is a key feature of Project Leader. This will be achieved through enhanced cooperation with police academies, a train-the-trainer approach, infrastructure development and technical support. It will also promote the use of e-learning, professional policing and gender mainstreaming good practices.

The project will also reinforce regional, interregional and international police cooperation by promoting INTERPOL's policing capabilities and its network of National Central Bureaus.

ACTIVITIES

- Training on the seizure and preservation of digital evidence for first responders
- Specialized training for digital forensics laboratories
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) workshops: INTERPOL will support the drafting and implementation of national SOPs for handling and analysing digital evidence.
- INTERPOL policing capabilities training: Electronic evidence very often resides in, leads to or can only be accessed through countries other than the one in which it was seized. Promoting effective use of INTERPOL policing capabilities to enhance international investigations, cooperation and information sharing is therefore vital.
- Digital forensics training sessions for cybercrime, counter-terrorism and transnational crime investigators
- Interagency scenario-based exercises
- Training on the basics of digital forensics for prosecutors: This session will focus on fundamental concepts of computing, computer forensics and electronic evidence.
- Train-the-trainer courses for first responders, digital forensic practitioners and investigators
- International digital forensics symposiums
- Provision of digital forensics equipment based on need to beneficiary countries
- Development of a digital forensics tools catalogue: It is essential that practitioners have access to and are able to share information on a wide range of digital forensics tools.
- Implementation of an online reference system on digital forensics to ensure a wider reach and sustainability.



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