



ABOUT ICITAP FACT SHEET

What is ICITAP?

ICITAP is a law enforcement development and capacity-building organization, whose mission is to strengthen national security by advancing U.S. law enforcement operations abroad.

ICITAP works with foreign police, criminal and anti-corruption investigative entities, border and maritime security forces, as well as forensic, cyber, and correctional agencies to build capacity in a comprehensive array of law enforcement subject-matter areas.

ICITAP's vision is to serve as the U.S. Government's lead interagency partner to deliver impactful, criminal-justice, capacity-building solutions across the globe.

ICITAP in the U.S. Department of Justice

ICITAP is situated organizationally within the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Since its creation in 1986, ICITAP has operated in 112 countries and has become an internationally recognized leader in law enforcement development and training worldwide.

ICITAP builds the capacity of foreign law enforcement partners to combat corruption, transnational criminal organizations, and terrorist networks. ICITAP's engagement with foreign law enforcement is an essential tool within DOJ's strategic arsenal—a capability that strengthens national security, advances U.S. law enforcement operations abroad, and protects the homeland in three ways:

1. ICITAP provides foreign countries with the means to investigate and prosecute transnational crime before it reaches the borders of the United States;
2. ICITAP provides the United States with effective and reliable foreign law enforcement partners to address transnational criminal issues that can and do reach the United States;
3. ICITAP protects the homeland by advancing global peace, security, and good governance through the development of fair and effective foreign criminal justice systems that serve and protect all citizens, adhere to the rule of law,

ICITAP at a Glance

Program/Staffing

- 77 country programs worldwide
- 22 field offices, with deployed attachés
- 427 U.S. and host-country personnel
- Headquarters in Washington, DC

Funding Partners

- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Agency for International Development

Activity Statistics (FY 2023)

- 880 distinct training events
- 26,618 foreign participants trained
- 247 USG partnership activities
- 20 USG partners

and are recognized and respected partners in the international community.

Support for U.S. National Security & Foreign Policy

In support of U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives, ICITAP works within the U.S. interagency planning process to develop effective, professional, and accountable foreign law enforcement institutions that counter instability, transnational crime, terrorism, and violence that threaten U.S. interests.

Law Enforcement Expertise

While ICITAP is staffed by a dedicated team of law enforcement development and training experts, it also utilizes law enforcement specialists from numerous federal agencies from DOJ, DOD, DHS, Treasury, Agriculture, and Commerce.

ICITAP also uses non-federal law enforcement advisors and trainers from U.S. state and local agencies, as well as experts from foreign and indigenous law enforcement organizations. At all times, ICITAP maintains control over the development, implementation and management, and review of its programs.

Development, Implementation, and Monitoring Strategies

ICITAP has successfully pioneered a long-term, comprehensive, sustainable methodology to its program design, implementation, and evaluation. ICITAP ensures sustainability by tailoring all program elements in cooperation with the host country.

Programs that are flexible and scalable allow ICITAP to advance an institutional development focus designed around achievable outcome-driven goals and performance indicators that can be effectively measured and evaluated.

ICITAP is guided by international norms and standards where possible, which improves the potential for interoperability between the host country and U.S. and regional law enforcement agencies on matters of serious crime and terrorism.

At all times, ICITAP endeavors to professionalize law enforcement institutions that are a part of a fair and effective criminal justice system that serves and protects all citizens, adheres to the rule of law, and are recognized and respected partners in the international community.

Program Scope

Over the past three decades, ICITAP's missions have grown to encompass three principal types of assistance:

1. Professionalizing the capabilities of existing law enforcement institutions in emerging democracies
2. Advancing key allies' capacities to combat terrorism
3. Establishing or reconstituting law enforcement institutions in the context of post-conflict reconstruction (PCR) or international peacekeeping operations (IPO).

Prior PCR/IPO engagements include: Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, East Timor, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Panama, and Somalia.

Subject Matter Expertise

Listed below are ICITAP's areas of expertise, as well as the delivery methods and tools that ensure the careful and strategic execution of ICITAP's programs.

Areas of Expertise

- Academy and Instructor Development
- Basic Police Services
- Community Policing / Engagement
- Corrections / Prison Management
- Countering Violent Extremism
- Counterterrorism
- Counter-trafficking
- Counter-transnational criminal organizations
- Criminal Investigations
- Criminal Justice Coordination
- Cyber and Intellectual Property Crime
- Emergency Communications
- Forensics
- Information Systems
- Marine and Border Security
- Organizational Development
- Public Affairs / Strategic Communications
- Public Integrity and Anticorruption
- Specialized and Tactical Skills

Program Delivery Methods and Tools

- Assessments
- Equipment Donations
- Crime-Threat, Job-Task, Institutional-Development, and Training-Needs Analyses
- Mentoring
- Program Management
 - Field and HQ
 - Financial, Contract, Procurement
- Program Plans and Reviews
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Seminars and Workshops
- Study Tours
- Strategic Planning
- Technology Acquisition and Implementation
- Training Curricula Development
- Train-the-Trainer Programs
- USG Partnerships