

# COSTA RICA

## PARTICIPATING UN ORGANIZATIONS



## KEY PARTNERS

Ministry of Health; Ministry of the Interior; Police force and the Prosecutors' Offices; Directorate of Immigration and Foreign Affairs; Public institutions which focus on gender equality; Social Security Services; Local governments

## BUDGET (USD)

2,300,000

## DURATION (MONTHS)

18

## MOST RELEVANT SDG GOALS



## STATUS

Joint Programme funded.



## Joint Programme

Strengthening coordination and exchange of information between law enforcement in prosecution of smuggling of migrants and human trafficking transnational crimes

## SUMMARY

With a strong emphasis on human rights and gender, this Joint Programme aims at combatting the smuggling of migrants, human trafficking and other transnational crimes which persists in Central America as confirmed by recent police investigations and interviews with migrants along the borders of Panama, Costa Rica and Northern Triangle countries.

This joint initiative strengthens cooperation between prosecutors and police, in particular in the area of data collection and analysis. As women account for 80% of all identified victims of trafficking in North and Central America and the Caribbean, the strengthening of law enforcement capacities will be complemented by a specific gender equality and human rights focus such as the establishment of a Commission on Gender and Access to Justice or the development of referral mechanisms between the health, social services and law enforcement sectors.

Extensive consultations with extra-regional and Central American migrants at sites along the border of Costa Rica were instrumental in the development of the proposed programme, which will be implemented in close partnership with a variety of government partners.

The initiative has strong potential for cross-border collaboration and aims explicitly at replication/expansion in other Central American countries.