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COORDINATING AGENCY:
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE

OVERVIEW

The National Agenda aims for the UAE to be among the safest countries in the world by becoming a world-leader in security and justice, emergency preparedness, reliability of police services and road safety.

Furthermore, the National Agenda reinforces the importance of making the UAE's judicial system among the most efficient in the world.

Over the years, the UAE has proven to be a role model for multiculturalism and social harmony. It is a model for an inclusive society with guiding principles of tolerance and justice. UAE’s Vision 2021 and National Agenda strives to preserve a cohesive society that is proud of its identity and sense of belonging. UAE aims to be a pluralistic country that integrates all segments of society while preserving the UAE’s unique culture, heritage and traditions and reinforces social and family cohesion.

In 2016, UAE became the first country in the world to appoint a federal Minister for Tolerance (see Box that follows).
Box

TOLERANCE AND SOCIAL COHESION1

With more than 200 nationalities living peacefully and successfully in the UAE, the UAE society has been an undisputed example of being a tolerant and inclusive country. Now, the Federal Government is keen to promote acceptance and understanding as core values of the society.

The post of the Minister of State for Tolerance was first introduced in 2015 when His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Prime Minister and Vice-President of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, announced structural changes to the Cabinet, reinforcing the UAE’s commitment to eradicate ideological, cultural and religious bigotry in the society. Sheikh Lubna Al Qasimi was the first Minister of State for Tolerance. In 2017, His Excellency Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan was appointed as Cabinet member and the Minister of State for Tolerance in the UAE.

National Tolerance Program

The UAE’s National Tolerance Program was launched in collaboration with federal and local government entities. The program has five main themes: 1) Strengthen government’s role as an incubator of tolerance, 2) Consolidate the role of family in nation building, 3) Promote tolerance among young people and prevent them from fanaticism and extremism, 4) Enrich scientific and cultural content, 5) Integrate international efforts to promote tolerance and highlight the leading role of UAE in this area.

Anti-discrimination/Anti-hatred law

In July 2015, H.H. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, has issued a Federal Decree (Law No. 2 of 2015) on combating discrimination and hatred. The law is intended to provide a legislative basis for the values of tolerance, co-existence and acceptance. It aims to fight discrimination against individuals or groups based on religion, caste, doctrine, race, color or ethnic origin.

UPDATES ON SELECTED SDG TARGETS:

DEATH RATE DUE TO ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Road death per 100,000 population at UAE level.

TARGET AND OBJECTIVE OF INDICATOR:

To promote safe driving and travelling on UAE roads and to reduce the death rate due to road traffic injuries to 3 per 100,000 by 2021. Guidelines from the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Global Status Report on Road Safety are used to calculate this indicator. Specific guidelines entail calculating the deaths per 100,000 of population and a 30-day period to monitor the possible casualties. UAE participated in the WHO Status Report.

The effectiveness of traffic awareness campaigns is monitored across all Emirates on a quarterly basis by the Directorate of Traffic Coordination to ensure that the most pressing and current traffic issues are addressed and that policy interventions are carefully targeted.

POLICY INITIATIVES:

- Develop a comprehensive traffic reports mechanism (template/statistics/monitoring systems) Deliver training to enable employees to prepare accurate traffic reports including a coverage of the circumstances of each accident and the effective enforcement of the Federal traffic law. Utilizing the terms and classifications in the traffic report for consistency and accurate statistics is also part of this endeavor.

- Review and update traffic regulations Launching awareness campaigns to define new procedures and rules of traffic control according to Ministerial decrees and the regulations of the traffic laws.

- Develop an effective partnership model with clearly specified roles and responsibilities to ensure road safety

- Review and update vehicle specifications and standards according to local and international guidelines

- Implement and monitor an annual check of safety mechanisms such as brakes, air bags, fire extinguishers and tires.

- Continuous review of standards is necessary to align with technological enhancements in new model vehicles. This will be achieved in collaboration with car companies and the Ministry of Economy’s standardization unit.

- Promote traffic culture standards in the community through traffic awareness programs

- Programs will be developed in schools, relayed through the mass media leveraging key partners.

- Implementation of safety standards on 5 roads annually Roads with high rates of accidents In each of the seven emirates of Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah and Fujairah will be selected for the implementation of safety standards.

- Improve road infrastructure and design Continual assessment of road infrastructure to enhance its quality and design of road infrastructure to meet the objectives of the UAE Government.

- Develop and approve drivers’ training school standards

- Efforts focus on a standard curriculum for training across all driving schools which will harmonize drivers’ training and retaining programs across all Emirates.

- Control drivers’ behavior through necessary training programs

- Programs have to undertake mandatory training programs before getting or renewing a license to raise awareness of the right behavior on the roads. The framework of penalties - fines, demerit points etc. - will be instituted to address dangerous driving.

NUMBER OF VICTIMS OF INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE PER 100,000 POPULATION

DEFINITION

Willful murder refers to killing another person deliberately and illegally. Data includes serious attack that causes death and death caused by terrorist attacks.

POLICY INITIATIVES:

- Implement national intelligence model

- To ensure seamless information exchange, integration with partner agencies, and enhancing efficiency of operations, risk management etc.

- Launch programs for witness and victims protection

- To encourage the public to cooperate with authorities a program has been launched to protect witnesses before, during and after trial.

- Develop methods of investigation in dealing with criminal cases

- Seventeen specialized crime scene units have been activated equipped with the most modern crime scene technology that will enhance the effectiveness efficiency and ultimately impact of tasks related to crime scene investigation. A Federal unit with specialist expertise and equipment, modeled along the lines of UK MFT (Major Investigation Team), model has been created. This will serve as a headquarter for investigations of serious crimes such as murder, kidnap or blackmail among others.

- Develop a security awareness program

- A media campaign is being developed that aims to raise awareness about the importance of being vigilant to ensure personal security and suggesting ways in which the public can cooperate with law enforcement agencies to fight crime by reporting suspicious events or criminal activities in their neighborhoods. Awareness-raising initiatives will also be developed in cooperation with other ministries. A recent example is the implementation of a Homicide Prevention Program that focuses on incidents known to represent a future risk to life. It takes into account the fact that threats to kill another person and instances of serious domestic abuse and disturbance are the most common causes of homicides globally and therefore preventative measures by law enforcement authorities are essential.

- Promote integrity of security databases and optimally utilize smart systems

- Efforts are being undertaken to develop warning and control systems to respond to emergencies related to public safety through public-private partnerships. These projects aim to support UAE’s Vision 2021 in making the UAE one of the safest countries in the world by remotely connecting 150,000 buildings and public facilities to ensure the highest levels of protection and life.

- Promote the use of technology in law enforcement

- Technology and policing go hand and hand in creating secure societies and in ensuring the safety of both officers and those whom they serve.

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3 In case of life threatening injuries due to traffic accidents, persons are monitored for a period of one month. If deaths occur during this period, they are included in the data. Deaths of UAE nationals and residents that occur outside the UAE are not included

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4 Guidelines from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) publications were used as references for Department’s Drug strategies, NM Level 3 Strategic Assessment and to define other serious attacks (including terrorist attacks)
DUBAI POLICE: A FORCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. QUALITY EDUCATION & CAPACITY BUILDING

Dubai Police recognizes the importance of continuous learning and development for its personnel. To this end, the force provides various training programs and workshops to enhance the skills and knowledge of its members. These training sessions cover a range of subjects, including law enforcement techniques, community service, and technology. By investing in the education and capacity building of its officers, Dubai Police aims to ensure that they are well-equipped to handle the challenges of their roles effectively. The force also encourages officers to pursue higher education and advance their professional development.

2. SMART TRANSFORMATION FOR A SMART CITY

Dubai Police is committed to adopting smart technologies to enhance its operations and improve public safety. The force utilizes advanced tools, such as drones and artificial intelligence, to monitor and respond to incidents quickly and efficiently. This approach not only enhances the safety and security of the city's residents but also streamlines police operations, making them more effective and responsive to the community's needs.

3. THE RIGHT TO A SAFE LIFE: YOUR PROTECTION—OUR HAPPINESS

Dubai Police is dedicated to protecting the safety and well-being of its citizens. The force is committed to providing a secure environment for all residents and visitors. To achieve this goal, Dubai Police implements comprehensive strategies and initiatives aimed at preventing crime, reducing violence, and enhancing community safety. Whether it’s through patrolling, law enforcement, or community engagement, Dubai Police remains vigilant in its commitment to ensuring the safety and happiness of its community.

4. CLIMATE ACTION: THE ZERO CARBON DUBAI

Dubai Police is actively involved in environmental initiatives aimed at reducing its carbon footprint. The force recognizes the importance of sustainability and is committed to adopting practices that minimize its impact on the environment. This includes initiatives such as using energy-efficient technologies, promoting alternative modes of transportation, and participating in community clean-up drives. By taking these steps, Dubai Police contributes to the overall efforts of the city in achieving its goal of being a zero-carbon society.

Case Study

The history of Dubai Police dates back to 1956 when it was founded to ensure the safety and security of the residents. The force has since evolved to become a dynamic and effective law enforcement agency, serving its community with dedication and professionalism.

Dubai Police's focus on sustainable development is evident in its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The force recognizes the importance of aligning its operations with these goals, which aim to address global challenges such as poverty, inequality, and climate change. By doing so, Dubai Police contributes to the development of a more sustainable and inclusive society.

Dubai Police's efforts in promoting sustainable development are not limited to its own operations. The force also works closely with other organizations and stakeholders to raise awareness and promote sustainable practices. This includes collaboration with local businesses, educational institutions, and community groups to encourage the adoption of sustainable habits and behaviors.

In conclusion, Dubai Police’s commitment to sustainable development reflects its ongoing efforts to create a safer, more secure, and environmentally responsible society. By integrating sustainability into its daily operations, the force not only enhances the quality of life for its community but also sets a positive example for others to follow.
MEASURABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING CRIME

- 80% reduction of human trafficking cases from 2010 to 2016.
- Refunding over AED 128 million (US$ 33.7 million) to unpaid workers in 2015 - 2016.
- Providing support services to over 105 community cases in 2015 - 2016.

UAE Ranked # 1
For (Best) Government Decisions - World Competitiveness Yearbook by IMD 2017

UAE Ranked #2
For (Highest) Public Trust in Politicians - Global Competitiveness Report by the World Economic Forum 2017/18
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