



# ABOUT ICITAP

U. S. Department of Justice  
Criminal Division  
*International Criminal Investigative  
Training Assistance Program*

## WHAT IS ICITAP?

ICITAP is a law enforcement development organization whose mission is to work with foreign governments to develop effective, professional, and transparent law enforcement institutions that protect human rights, combat corruption, and reduce the threat of transnational crime and terrorism, in support of U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives.

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

## AUTHORITY AND FUNDING

ICITAP's programs are funded and authorized by interagency agreements between ICITAP and these U.S. government (USG) partners:

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

## SUPPORT OF THE DOJ MISSION

As ICITAP works within the framework of the USG's foreign assistance strategy, it focuses on key DOJ concerns: international terrorism and transnational crime. DOJ efforts to protect the United States require effective international law enforcement partnerships, and strengthening national security calls for the promotion overseas of democracy, regional stability, and rule of law. ICITAP supports DOJ and USG missions through its development activities and its participation in foreign assistance planning efforts.

## ICITAP at a Glance

### Program/Staffing (as of 09/30/18)

- 35 country programs worldwide
- 17 field offices, with headquarters in DC

### Funding Sources

- State Department
- Defense Department
- USAID

### Activity Statistics (FY 2018)

- 936 distinct training events
- 14,527 foreign participants trained
- 210 USG partnership activities

## GLOBAL REACH AND PROGRAM SCOPE

ICITAP's reach has grown over the years, and currently encompasses programs in more than 30 countries. Programs vary in size and cover a range of functions including police, corrections, security, and forensics. Large, full-time programs are managed in the field by ICITAP federal personnel, and small programs are managed by regional assistant directors in ICITAP headquarters.

## DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

ICITAP focuses on long-term comprehensive, sustainable reform. When possible, ICITAP and its sister agency—the DOJ's Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training—integrate their programs and work with other federal law enforcement agencies to develop all three pillars of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections.

## **BREADTH AND DEPTH OF EXPERTISE**

Congress originally established ICITAP to provide training to police forces in Latin America and the Caribbean on how to conduct criminal investigations. Over the past nearly three decades, ICITAP's activities have grown to encompass three principal types of assistance projects:

1. Enhancing the capabilities of existing law enforcement institutions in emerging democracies and developing countries
2. Assisting key allies in combating terrorism
3. Developing law enforcement institutions in the context of post-conflict reconstruction or international peacekeeping operations

ICITAP has participated in the majority of U.S. and international peacekeeping operations, including those in Bosnia and Herzegovina, East Timor, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Kosovo, and Panama.

ICITAP's federal staff brings a tremendous range of law enforcement experience to the organization's work. More than half of that staff has worked in U.S. federal, state and/or local law enforcement agencies for an average of 20-plus years.

ICITAP enlists the professional assistance of numerous federal partners, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the U.S. Marshals Service; the Internal Revenue Service; the Department of Homeland Security; and the Bureau of Prisons. ICITAP also uses federal, state, and local law enforcement experts made available through its prime contractor. ICITAP at all times maintains control over the development, management, and review of its programs.

## **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 programs.

### **Law Enforcement Subject Areas**

- Organizational Development
- Terrorism and Transnational Crime (e.g., Trafficking in Persons, Organized Crime, Drug Trafficking, Cyber Crime, Intellectual Property Crime)
- Criminal Investigations
- Public Integrity and Anticorruption
- Specialized and Tactical Skills
- Forensics
- Basic Police Services
- Academy and Instructor Development
- Community Policing
- Corrections
- Marine and Border Security
- Information Systems
- Criminal Justice Coordination

### **Program Delivery Methods and Tools**

- Pre-Program, On-the-Ground Assessments
- Program Plans and Reviews
- Program Management
  - Field and Washington Headquarters
  - Financial, Contract, and Procurement
- Training Curricula Development
- Platform and On-the-Job Training
- Seminars and Workshops
- Internships Abroad
- Train-the-Trainer Programs
- Mentoring
- Equipment Donations
- Technology Acquisition and Implementation