



ICITAP Ethiopia Police Development Program

Program Summary

ICITAP initiated its program of support to Ethiopia in 2003 utilizing Africa Regional Anti-Crime funding allocated and administered by the Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL). Assistance focused on developing the capabilities of the Ethiopian police to investigate narcotics cases and a complementary effort to establish a community policing approach to law enforcement.

To improve investigative capabilities for drug cases, ICITAP focused on the sustainable improvement of instructor and curriculum development for trainers in the Anti-Narcotics Unit and the National Police College. A May 2003 assessment yielded a strategy to provide instructor and curriculum development training to prospective instructors in the Counter-Narcotics Unit and trainers at the Police Training College to develop a solid training infrastructure to effectively address the requirement for continuous and effective drug investigation training. The assessment also dealt with issues related to community policing and skills-based basic recruit training—two other projects for which ICITAP received INL funding.

Program Activities

In August 2003, an ICITAP consultant reviewed the Ethiopian Federal Police's existing Drug Investigation Course and offered recommendations for enhancing the curriculum. The consultant and a co-instructor presented two iterations of a two-week Instructor and Curriculum Development Course at the Sendafa Police Training College to 60 Ethiopian trainers.

From January to May 2005, two ICITAP instructors presented an 18-week Basic Skills Development Program to instructors from the Ethiopian Federal and Regional Police.



Basic Skills Development Program

From May through June 2005, an ICITAP technical advisor worked with the Ethiopian Federal Police to develop a community policing curriculum to form part of the police in-service training.

The Basic Skills Development Program was significant because it produced, with input from experienced Ethiopian police officers, a single, unified, skills-based curriculum for basic recruits.

Future Objectives

- ICITAP will meet with Ethiopian police and officials from the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa to reassess the direction of the law enforcement development program in Ethiopia.

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