

Responses: Border Liaison Office (BLO) Network



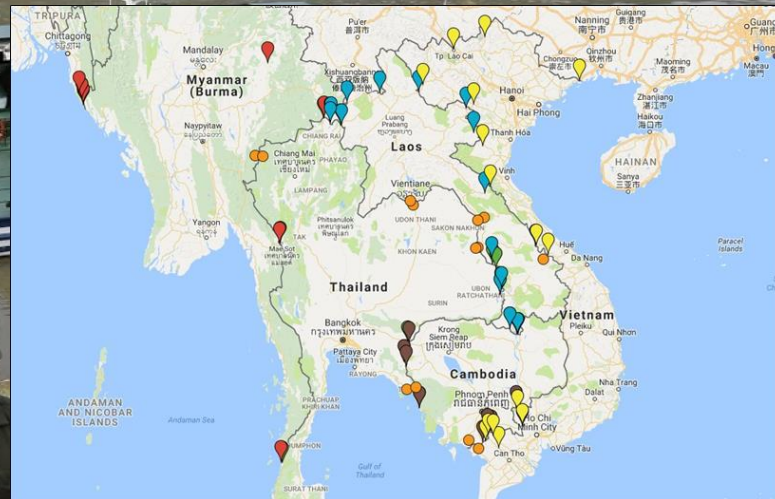
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Border Liaison Office (BLO) is solution adopted by countries in ASEAN to address the risks of Transnational Organized Crime (TOC)

- Operating since 1998
- In 5 countries
- In 76 locations
- With 638 Officers (as of Jan 2018)
- In 2016-2017 more than 4000 instances of cross-border cooperation

BLO is present in all the Mekong-Sub Region in multiple border locations





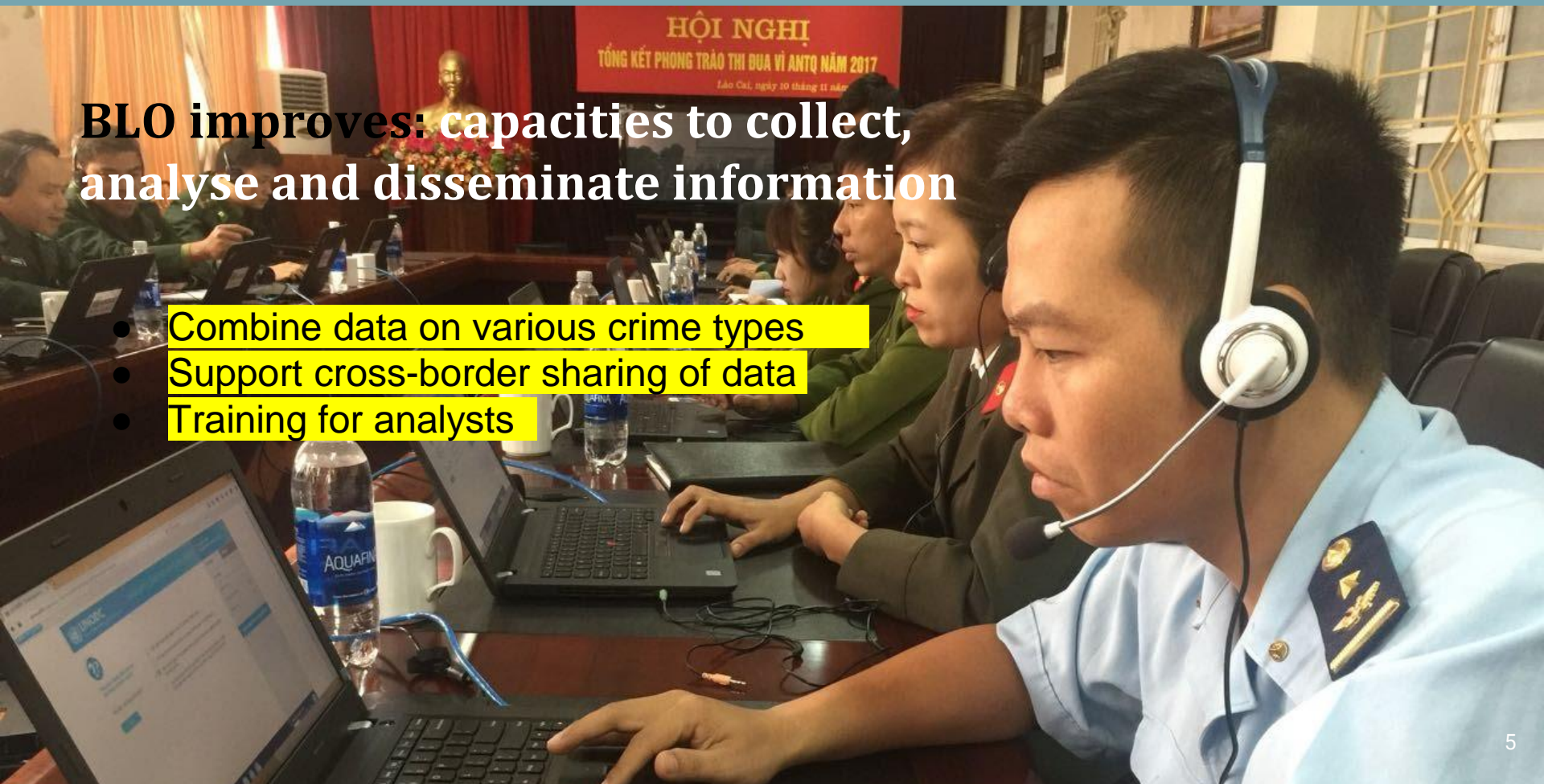
BLO improves: cross-border cooperation through multi-agency mechanisms

- Establish Standard Operating procedures (SOP)
- Streamline judicial cooperation
- Create data standards



BLO improves: capacities to collect, analyse and disseminate information

- Combine data on various crime types
- Support cross-border sharing of data
- Training for analysts





BLO enhances: staff knowledge and skills via technical training

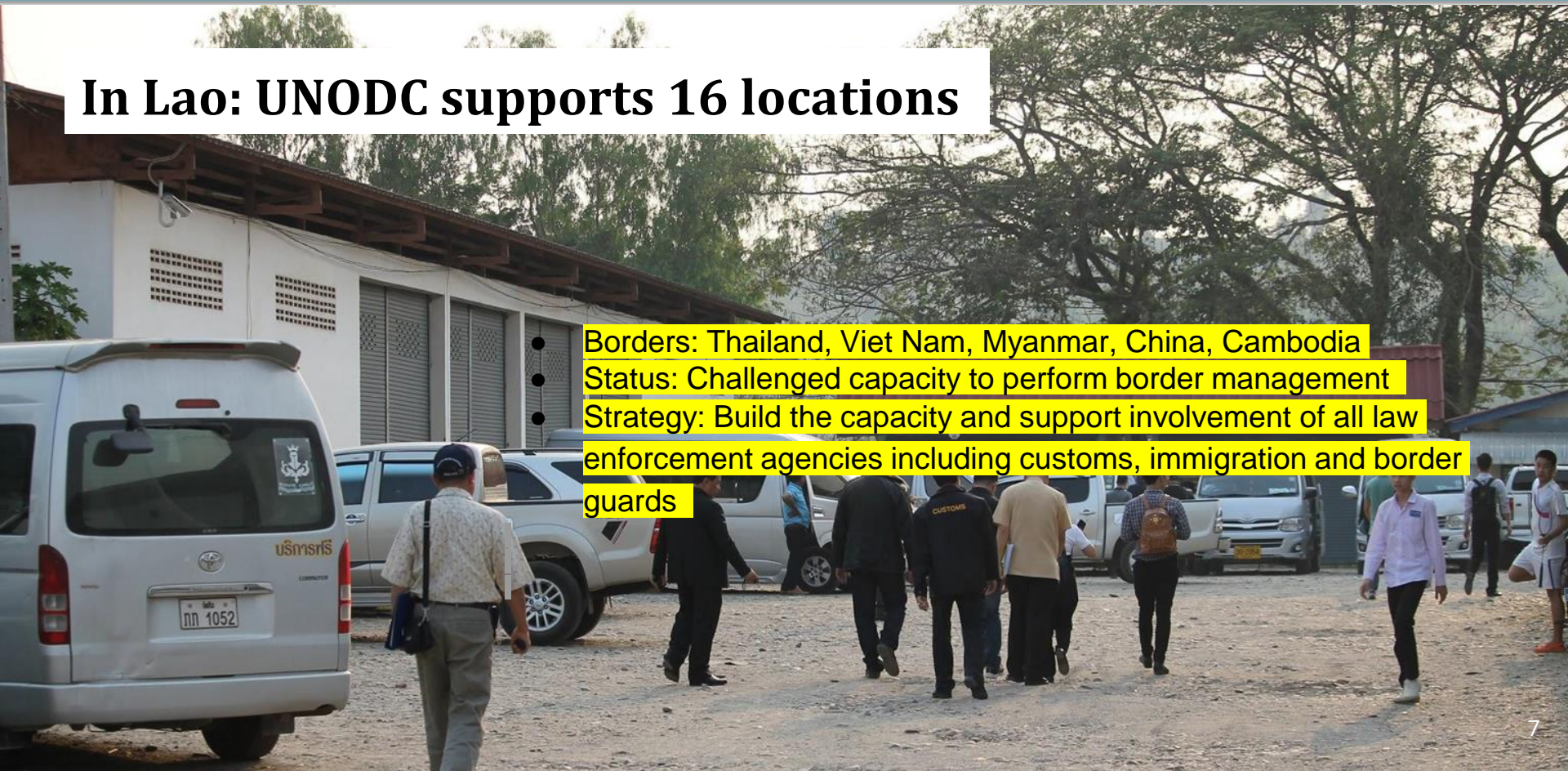
- Core operational front-line training
- High-value skills for investigations
- Support training academies for new recruits





In Lao: UNODC supports 16 locations

- Borders: Thailand, Viet Nam, Myanmar, China, Cambodia
- Status: Challenged capacity to perform border management
- Strategy: Build the capacity and support involvement of all law enforcement agencies including customs, immigration and border guards





In Viet Nam: UNODC supports 16 locations

- Borders: China, Cambodia, Lao
- Status: Significant investments in maintaining BLO Network and interest in expanding cooperation with neighbours (i.e. Cambodia)
- Strategy: Partnership with government and focus on improving cooperation between law enforcement and judiciary



In Cambodia: UNODC supports 14 locations

- Borders: Thailand, Lao, Viet Nam
- Status: Challenged capacity to focus on addressing the full spectrum of TOC creates a difficult environment
- Strategy: Continue to build the capacity of government and support the involvement of other law enforcement agencies including environment and finance.

In Thailand: UNODC supports 11 locations

- Borders: Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, Malaysia
- Status: BLO Network fully endorsed and adopted by provincial government - this situation provides a blueprint for the region
- Strategy: Work with government in and advocate the BLO Network and approach across the Mekong Region



In Myanmar: UNODC Supports 11 locations

- Borders: China, Thailand, Lao, Bangladesh, India
- Status: Territorial integrity complicates (i.e. Shan State) ability of government to control TOC. Challenges in operational capacity create a difficult operating environment
- Strategy: Provide technical support to government and involve all law enforcement agencies

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Expanding to Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines

- Indonesia: Assessment mission in Q2 2018
- Malaysia: Discussion with Government for assessment mission
- Philippines: Establish the special requirements of maritime BLO





UNODC works with China, Bangladesh and India

- China: Established partnership to support linkages with Mekong BLO locations
- Bangladesh: Assessment to determine locations to establish new BLO locations
- India: Working to identify effective approach for cross-border cooperation



UNODC Supports BLO in 5 key areas:

1. Training of officers to increase operational capacity

In 2017-2018

- Build skills on controlled delivery & investigations
- Provide practical knowledge on testing illicit substances
- Use of data as primary indicator for operations
- Awareness on migrant smuggling dynamics
- Insights on gender and human trafficking

UNODC Supports BLO in 5 key areas:

2. Assisting to build adequate infrastructure and facilities

In 2017-2018

- **Provide support to Government of Viet Nam for new BLO locations**
- **Deliver support to Government of Myanmar for BLO locations in Rakhine**

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UNODC Supports BLO in 5 key areas:

3. Proving up-to-date equipment and physical assets

In 2017-2018

- Drug & precursor testing kits delivered to all BLO locations in Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar
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- Crime scene investigation materials delivered to all BLO locations in Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia



UNODC Supports BLO in 5 key areas:

4. Systems for modern information management

In 2017-2018

- **Build skills on controlled delivery & investigations**
- **Provide practical knowledge on testing illicit substances**
- **Use of data as primary indicator for operations**
- **Awareness on migrant smuggling dynamics**
- **Insights on gender and human trafficking**



UNODC Supports BLO in 5 key areas:

5. Effective and regular cross-border communications

In 2017-2018

- **Confirmed standard operating procedures (SOP) in Viet Nam and Cambodia**
- **Assessment for new cross-border arrangements between Viet Nam and Cambodia**
- **Identify demand for cross-border cooperation in Lao**
- **Identify demand for ASEAN cooperation with Bangladesh and India**





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Member States are fully committed to BLO.
Varying levels of capacity and financial investment put strain on region to effectively tackle TOC and prepare for increased ASEAN trade.

