

GCFFC - Information Wall 2024 - Selected Harms

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Organised Crime

1.1 458,000 Intentional Homicides (Murders) with 47% using firearms, including illegally trafficked firearms, with 100,760 (22%) organised crime related & 73,280 (16%) other crime related.

UNODC - 2021

1.2 Organised criminal gangs in southeast Asia are using torture & abuse to force hundreds of thousands of people into an online scam operation which generates billions of dollars per year.

UN OHCHR - 2023

Drugs/Drug Trafficking

2.1 An estimated 296 million illegal drug users of which 40 million people suffer from drug use disorders, meaning that their drug use is harmful to the point where they may need treatment.

The UNODC World Drug Report - 2023

2.2 Worldwide, in 2019 about 600,000 deaths were attributable to drug use. Close to 80% of these deaths are related to opioids, with about 25% of those deaths caused by opioid overdose.

The World Health Organisation - 2023

Arms/Arms Trafficking

3. 550,000 firearms seized with pistols 59%, shotguns (25%) and rifles (18%), revolvers 14% & sub machine guns (3%).

UNODC - 2017

Terrorism/Terrorism Finance

4.1 Over the past decade, terrorists killed an average of 21,000 people worldwide each year, ranging from 8,000 in 2010 to a high of 44,000 in 2014. Whilst responsible only for 0.05% of global deaths in 2017, in many countries as many as half say they are concerned about becoming a victim.

Global Terror Database - 2018

4.2 3,955 terrorist attacks, leading to 6,701 deaths in 2022.

Global Terror Database - 2023

4.3 Terrorist Groups designated by Countries such as Australia, Canada, EU, UK, US, India, Russia, China & Turkey number >150 groups, though there are probably >300 globally that are considered as such by at least the country the Group is opposing.

Complete Encyclopaedia of TO's - 2011

Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking

5.1 50 million people were living in modern slavery in 2021, according to the latest Global Estimates of Modern Slavery. Of these people, 28 million were in forced labour and 22 million were trapped in forced marriage. 6.3 million people were in situations of forced commercial sexual exploitation & 3.9 million people were in state-imposed forced labour. 3.3 million children were in situations of forced labour, accounting for about 12% of all those in forced labour. Over half of all children in forced labour were in commercial sexual exploitation. Domestic work, agriculture, and manufacturing are among the many other sectors where children in forced labour were found.

International Labour Organisation/
Walk Free/International Organisation
for Migration - 2020

5.2 160 million children – 63 million girls & 97 million boys – were in child labour globally in 2020, accounting for almost 1 in 10 of all children worldwide. 79 million children in hazardous work directly endangering their health, safety & moral development.

International Labour Organisation
(ILO) & UNICEF 2020

5.3 Estimates suggest half a million “modern day slaves” have been lured into working in scam compounds not just in South East Asia, though this is the main region of operations of organised scam gangs. Estimates of those held and forced into scam centres include those in Cambodia (100,000) and Myanmar (120,000), but also in Laos (85,000), China (30,000), Dubai, UAE (20,000), Philippines (15,000) & Other Countries (130,000).

US Institute of Peace - 2024

People Smuggling

6.1 2.5 million migrants were smuggled by people smugglers in 2016.

UNODC - 2017

6.2 8,565 deaths on migration routes in 2023.

IOM - 2024

6.3 In 2010, the two most prominent flows for smuggling migrants are from Africa to Europe and from Latin America to the US, with around 2.5-3 million migrants are smuggled from Latin America to the US every year, generating US\$6.6 billion for smugglers.

UNODC - 2010

Acquisitive Crimes

7.1 76 million victims of fraud.

SMF Survey - 2023

7.2 59 million victims of thefts.

2016 - UNODC - 2016

7.3 8 million victims of robberies.

2016 - UNODC - 2016

Bribery & Corruption

9.1 Corruption raises the cost of business, undermines public trust and hampers growth.

OECD - 2020

9.2 Curbing corruption could generate about US\$1 trillion in tax revenues annually.

IMF - 2019

9.3 Nearly 1 in 4 people paid a bribe when they accessed a public service in the last 12 months.

TI Global Corruption Barometer 2017

9.4 At least 1.2B people paid a bribe to access public services, such as health care & education, with 90M in CIS (1 in 3 - 2016), 56M in LATAM & Caribbean (21% - 2019) & 11M in the MENA region (22% - 2019), 130M in Africa (28% - 2019), 836M in Asia (19% - 2020), 106M in the EU (7% - 2021) & 106M in the Pacific (32% - 2021).

TI Global Corruption Barometer's
2016, 2019, 2019 & 2020 & 2021 2021

Fake Goods/Goods Piracy

10.1 Fake drugs account for up to 10% of developing markets pharmaceuticals.

World Health Organisation - 2018

10.2 436,271 deaths in Sub Saharan Africa linked to fake medicines, with fake anti malarial medicines responsible for 267,000 deaths & 169,271 from fake medicines related to severe pneumonia in children.

UNODC - 2021

10.3 EU consumers are exposed to a range of hazards from counterfeit goods, e.g. exposure to harmful chemicals to choking, electric shock & a range of injuries.

EU Intellectual Property Office - 2020

10.4 Estimated net job losses in 2013 globally, between 2 and 2.6 million, projected 4.2 to 5.4 million by 2022 due to Goods Piracy.

The International Chamber of
Commerce & The International
Trademark Association - 2017

Environmental/Green Crimes

11.1 “The world is being dredged of its natural resources with much of what we rely on for our livelihoods at risk”. This involves major biodiversity loss from illegal wildlife, fishing & logging.

UNEP & Interpol - 2016

11.2 2.25 million plant & animal species seized in 2021 from illegal wildlife traffickers.

UNODC World Wildlife Crime Report - 2024

Illegal Fishing

12.1 - 1 in 5 fish caught is illegally fished - IUUF accounts for up to 26 million metric tons annually.

Pew Charitable Trusts - 2017

12.2 Shark fishing kills an estimated 86 million sharks globally per year as of 2023, with 80% attributed to the shark fin trade.

Shark Stewards 2024

Illegal Logging

13.1 10% of timber imports are from illegal sources.

Chatham House - 2015

13.2 Illegal logging destroys forests globally, putting at risk unique wildlife & habitats. It increases emissions & depletes natural resources & undermines local development & legitimate businesses.

WWF - 2021

Illegal Wildlife

14.1 Between 2014 - 2018, the equivalent of 370,000 pangolins were seized globally, suggesting millions trafficked & killed.

UNODC - 2020

14.2 896 Elephant Ivory seizures in 2019.

CITES - 2019

14.3 15,000 elephants killed each year for their tusks.

WWF - 2021

14.4 499 rhinos were poached across South Africa in 2022.

SA Government DFFE - 2023

14.5 Approx 560 Rhino's killed globally in 2022.

Save the Rhino - 2022

Kidnap & Ransom

15. 129,000 kidnap victims estimated in 2017.

UNODC - 2017

GCFFC - Information Wall 2024 - Selected Estimated Proceeds & Profits

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Overall Financial Crime/Money Laundering & Organised Crime

1.1 ML worldwide is est in the hundreds of billions of US\$ with the proceeds from drug trafficking the largest generator but in some countries financial crime (bankruptcy, financial fraud, advance fee fraud etc) is considered as important.

FATF Annual Report - 1994 -1995

1.2 Estimates of the size of ML in the world at between 2 - 5% of then global GDP (US\$590B - US\$1.5 trillion)
IMF - 1998

1.3 Global financial crime proceeds estimated at US\$2.1 trillion (2-5% of Global GDP 2009), US\$1.6 trillion laundered, US\$870B by organised crime (not including Corruption, Tax Evasion or Cybercrime. [US\$2.6 trillion based on 2.5% of 2023 Global GDP]
UNODC - 2011

1.4 Global FC proceeds for 2018 est at US\$5.8 trillion (6.7% of GDP), of which US\$4.4 billion (5.1% of GDP) available for laundering and US\$2.4 billion or (2.8% GDP) for organised crime, based on sourced available information, including all financial crimes except tax crimes & proceeds of corruption
FCN Global Threat Assessment 2018

1.5 Around US\$2 to US\$3 trillion worth of illicit proceeds of crime are channelled via global financial system, with drug trafficking representing approximately 40 - 70% of OC income & a maximum of 2 - 3% of criminal assets being traced & confiscated.
Interpol SG - 2024

1.6 In the US, money laundering commissions, which amounted to 2 to 4% per transaction in the early 1980s, commonly reach 6 to 8% now.
FATF Annual Report 1990/1991

1.7 OC increasingly use money laundering syndicates to launder money for a commission of between 5% and 8% (Page 18)
Serious & Organised Crime Threat Assessment by Europol - 2017

1.8 Examples of 2 PML cases demonstrate commissions of between 3-5% on US\$ billions for laundering both proceeds of financial crime as well as TF monies (Boxes 1 & 13)
FATF Report on Professional Money Laundering 2018

1.9 2% in commissions paid by Mexican DTO's to Chinese PMLO
US Homeland Security / US ICE 2023

1.10 Chinese PMLO's do it quickly, (down from 6 weeks to same day) & at a fraction of the cost
Testimony to US House HFS Cttee by Former DEA Expert - 2023

1.11 The interception rate for AML efforts at the global level remains low. Globally it's appears that much less than 1% (probably around 0.2%) of the proceeds of crime laundered via the financial system are seized and frozen.
UNODC - 2011

1.12 Data collected by the US State Department suggest US\$3.1 billion seized in connection with ML activities in 38/62 countries analysed (2010 or latest year available) & >80% of this was seized in North America, equivalent to 0.2% of ML worldwide.
UNODC - 2011

1.13 98.9% of est criminal profits in the EU are not confiscated. Recent research from the Transcrime Institute (Savona & Riccardi, 2015) est that illicit markets in the EU generate about €110 billion annually, i.e. about 0.9% of the EU's GDP in 2010.
Europol - 2014

1.14 2.2% of the est proceeds of crime were provisionally seized or frozen in the EU, however only 1.1% of the criminal profits were confiscated.
Europol - 2014

1.15 This study estimates that the annual value of provisionally seized/frozen assets in the EU is around €2.4 billion, with about €1.2 billion fully confiscated each year at EU level.
Europol - 2014

1.16 US\$19.5B in confiscated assets identified for FATF member countries incl Indonesia & also UAE, largely from 4th round FATF MER's representing increases in overall amounts, but still less than 1% of likely est ML funds.
FCN 2022

Fraud including Retail Fraud & Scams
2.1 Fraud including public & private sector fraud, procurement, healthcare, welfare, insurance & company fraud (not including tax) estimated at a minimum of 3%, probably 6% & possibly 10% of Global GDP. At 3% in 2023 estimate of US\$3.1 trillion
Crowe Clark Whitehill, & UK's University of Portsmouth's Centre for Counter Fraud Studies (CCFS) 2018

2.2 eCommerce merchant losses to online payment fraud will exceed \$25 billion in 2024, from \$17 billion in 2020
Juniper Research - 2020

2.3 Global estimates from proceeds from retail fraud & scams estimated at US\$1.026 trillion in the last 12 months
Global Anti Scam Alliance - 2023

2.4 Global estimates from proceeds from reported retail fraud & scams est at US\$144B a year with romance baiting/pig butchering est at US\$65B
GCFFC Financial Scams Report - 2024

Drugs/Drug Trafficking

3.1 The global illicit drug market was estimated at US\$300 billion in terms of proceeds worldwide
United Nations - 1987

3.2 The proceeds from drug sales estimated at US\$122 billion in the USA & Europe of which 50 - 70% or as much as US\$85 billion could be available for laundering & one FATF member estimated that US\$30 billion might be subject to "international laundering"
FATF Annual Report - 1990

3.3 The global illicit drug market is est as at US\$321.6B in 2003
UNODC World Drug Report 2005

3.4 The Illegal Drug Trade re valued in 2017 at between US\$426 - US\$652 billion, with cannabis valued at US\$183 - US\$287 billion, Cocaine valued at US\$94 - US\$143 billion, Opiates valued at US\$75 - US\$142 billion and ATS valued at US\$64 - US\$90 billion
Global Financial Integrity - 2017

3.5 EU Illicit Drugs Market valued at €25.8 - €34.3 billion & mid range of €29.6 billion in 2017. Mid range estimates are Cannabis €11.6 billion, Cocaine €9 billion, Amphetamines €1 billion, MDMA €0.5 billion & Heroin €7.4 billion.

The European Monitoring Centre For Drugs & Drug Addiction - 2019

Bribery & Corruption

4.1 Corruption estimated at US\$1.5 - \$2 trillion (2% GDP).
IMF - 2016

4.2 An estimated €120 billion or around 1% of EU GDP is lost to corruption each year, with up to 20 to 25% through public procurement losses.
EU - 2013

4.3 36% think the Police & PEPs are highly corrupt.
TI Global Corruption Barometer 2017

4.4 150 of the 213 (70%) of grand corruption cases investigated involved the use of at least 1 corporate vehicle to hide beneficial ownership and the true source of funds.
World Bank - 2011

Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking

5.1 Profits from HT rose from estimates of US\$150B in 2018 to US\$236B in 2021, with profits from commercial sexual exploitation at US\$171B & forced labour at US\$65B.
ILO - 2024

5.2 Based on the ILO figures & additional information, GCFFC est proceeds from HT at US\$498B.
GCFFC - 2024

Acquisitive Crimes

6.1 Theft/Trafficking of Stolen Goods estimated at least at US\$270 billion
FCN Global Threat Assessment - 2018

6.2 US\$22.6 billion lost due to cargo theft
BSI - 2015

6.3 The market for all antiquities, both licit and illicit, is at most, a few hundred million dollars annually.
Rand Corporation - 2020

6.4 Almost US\$19B in cryptocurrency was stolen over 13 years to 2023, with US\$4.2B in 2022 and US\$2.3B in 2023
Crystal Intelligence - 2024

Environmental/Green Crimes

7. "Green" or Environmental Crime's amounted to around US\$70-213 billion pre 2014 (UNEP & Interpol & updated to an estimated US\$93-259 billion for 2016, or US\$84.5 - 253.3 billion by GEI in 2017 - with i) Illegal Timber Trade (UNEP/Interpol) at US\$30-100B (2014) & US\$50.7-152B (2016) & at (GFI) US\$52 - 157B (2016); ii) Illegal Unreported & Unregulated Fishing (UNEP/Interpol) valued at US\$11-30B (2014) & at US\$11 - 23.5B in (2016), & by GFI at US\$15.5B - 36.4B (2016); iii) Illegal Mining is a market estimated at US\$12-48B (UNEP/Interpol) (both in 2014 & 2016), & by GFI at US\$12-48B (2016); iv) Illegal Wildlife Trafficking (UNEP/Interpol) at between US\$7 - 23B (2015/2016), & by GFI at US\$5 - 23B(2013-2015); & v) Waste Dumping estimated (UNEP/Interpol) at US\$10 -12B (2014 & 2016).

UNEP, Interpol & Global Financial Integrity - 2014/16/17

Fake Goods/Goods Piracy

8. Goods Piracy est at US\$923B - US\$1.13T for 2013 with an est value at US\$1.9T in 2018. For example Digital piracy in movies, music and software was estimated at US\$213B in 2013 & projected at US\$384 - US\$585B for 2022.

ICC & International Trademark Association - 2017

Arms/Arms Trafficking

9. The legal trade in small arms and light weapons was estimated in 2014 to be valued at US\$17.3B & with the illegal arms trade at 10% - 20% of this or US\$1.73B - US\$3.46B.

Global Financial Integrity - 2017

Kidnap for Ransom

10. At the end of 2010, an estimated £1 billion (US\$1.3 billion) was estimated to have been paid out in ransom to kidnappers around the world. The estimated market value of kidnapping was higher than the US\$500 million previously reported

The Independent - 2010.