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Terrorist Financing Disruption Strategies

Cutting off financing channels for terrorists and depriving them of funds and property is one of the most effective ways to undermine terrorist activities.

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Standards provide jurisdictions with a number of powerful tools to counter terrorist financing. Effective implementation of such tools can stop flows of funds into the hands of terrorists, and significantly contribute to broader counter terrorism efforts.

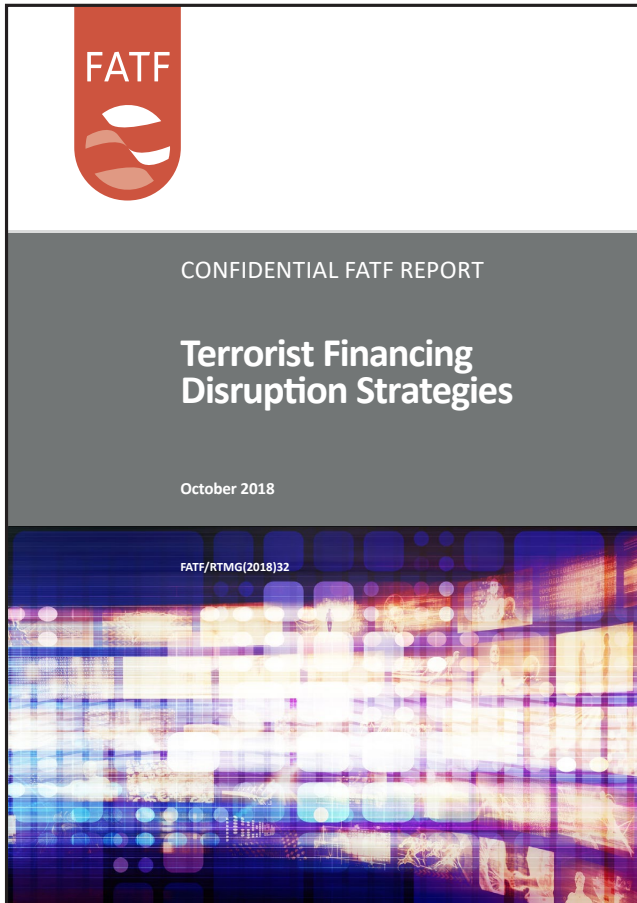
In October 2018, the FATF issued a non-public report *Terrorist Financing Disruption Strategies*, which provides comprehensive guidance to operational authorities on disruption actions against financing of terrorist groups and individual terrorists. The guidance also identifies novel ways in which competent authorities can effectively work together to disrupt terrorist financing. The strength of the guidance is that it contains experiences from a diverse set of countries.

Tool

Objective

Targeted financial sanctions	Block terrorists access to their funds and assets held and prevent the use of the financial system
Criminal Sanctions & Alternative Charges	Undermine activities of terrorists, their financiers & facilitator networks through criminal justice measures
Cross Border Cash Disruption	Limit the ability of terrorist groups to transfer cash across national borders
Sanctions for Legal Entities	Impede the capability of terrorists to use front and shell companies to raise, move and use funds
Alternative Methods	Other means to disrupt terrorist financing (non-public advisories and alerts, imposing travel bans, etc.)

A combined and intelligent application of these tools could also provide valuable financial data on terrorists and their facilitators that would help to reveal previously unknown links between them and identify new targets for investigations.



Contact your domestic FATF Global Network central authority for further information and copies of the *Terrorist Financing Disruption Strategies* report and other confidential reports.

The FATF has produced a number of operationally focused products that cover various trends and techniques of terrorist financing, as well as practical tools and methods that could be used by competent authorities to mitigate risks of terrorist financing.

For more information, see:

www.fatf-gafi.org/publications/methodsandtrends

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