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# COVID 19 – “The Perfect Storm”

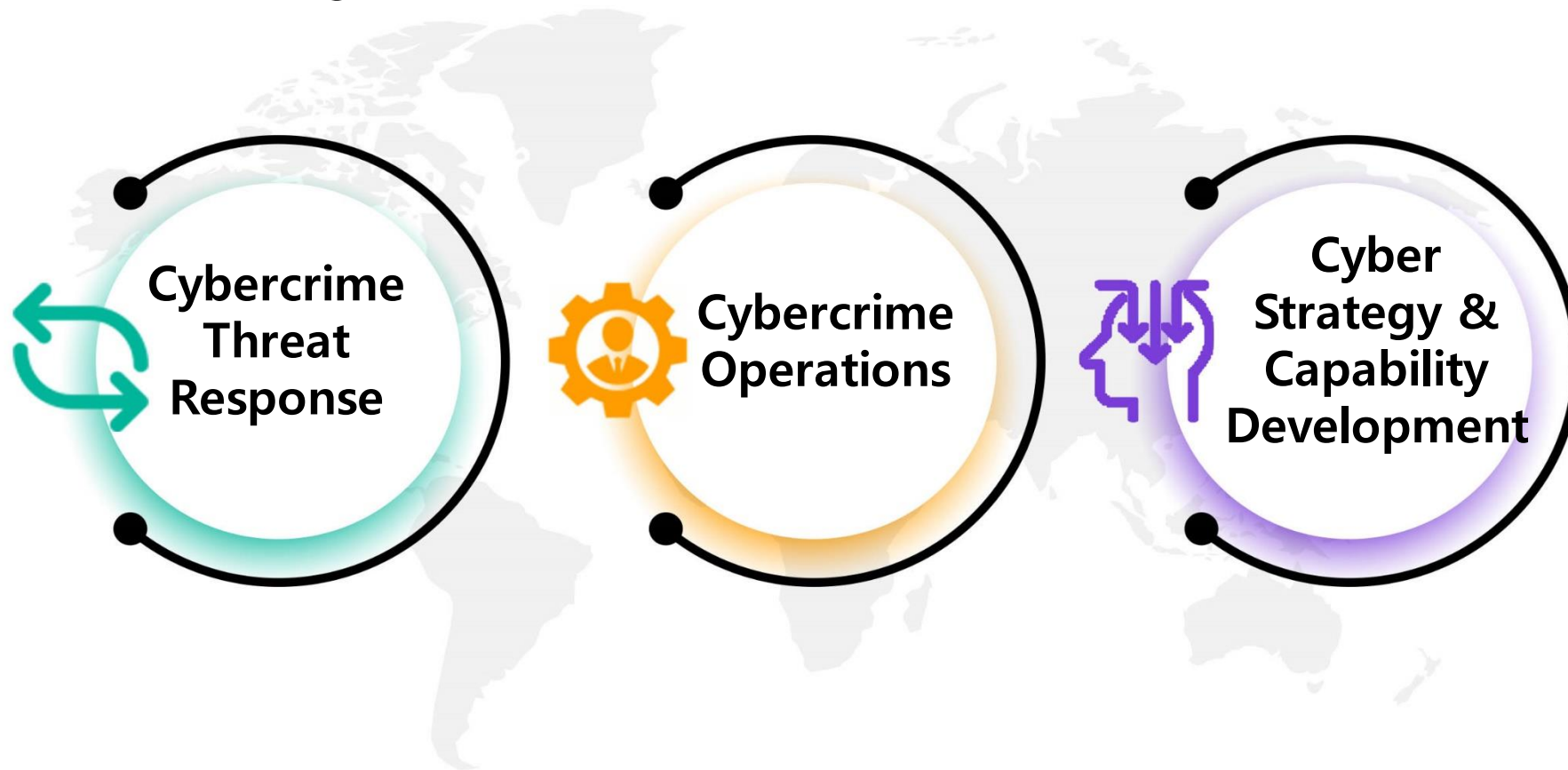
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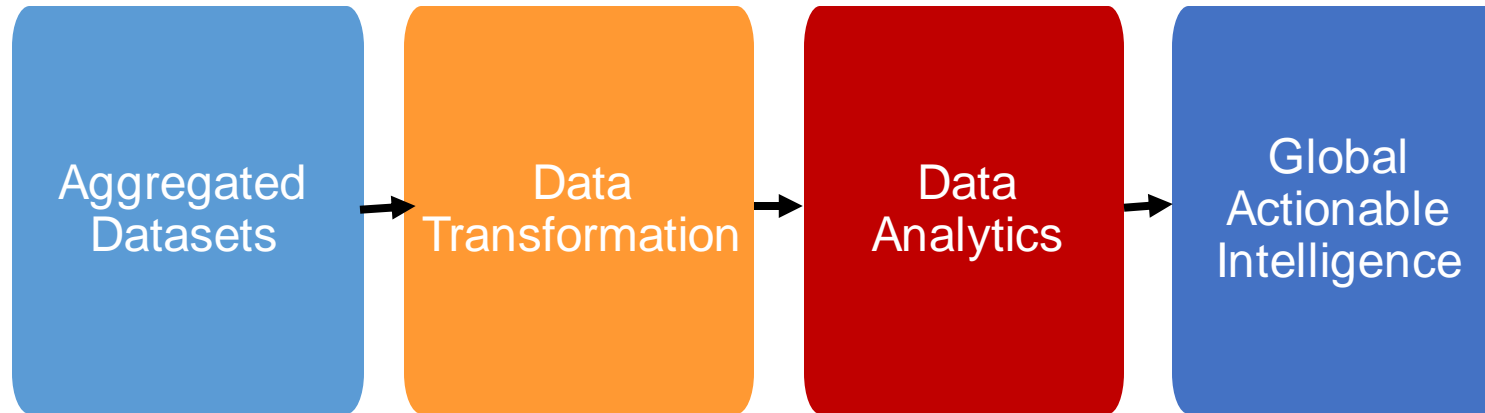
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# INTERPOL Global Cybercrime Programme

**Mandate:** Reducing the global impact of cybercrime and protecting communities for a safer world



# Operating Model for Threat Response



## Key Products

- Cyber Activity Report
- Cyber Threat Advisory
- Threat Assessment Report
- Prevention and disruption strategies
- Evidentiary opportunities to operations

**In-house  
Tools &  
Platforms**

**Member  
Countries  
Data**

**Private  
Partners  
Data**



# Regional Approach for Coordination

## Regional Cybercrime Operations Desks

- ☐ Africa
- ☐ Americas
- ☐ Asia
- ☐ Europe
- ☐ Middle East



**AFRICA**  
**JOINT**  
**OPERATIONS AGAINST**  
**CYBERCRIME**

# The perfect Storm

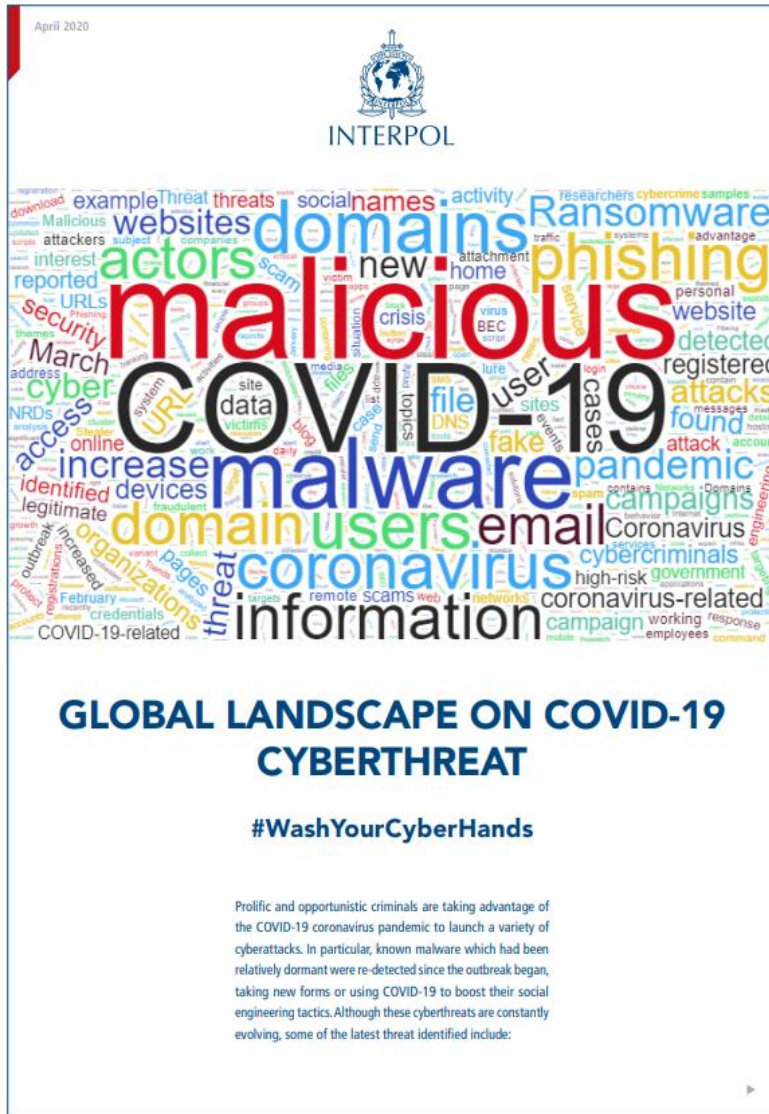
- COVID as a lure – preying on the fear of many
- Lock down
- Changes in the global environment – new opportunities and many more vulnerabilities
- Rapid digitalization
- New naive users
- Scams and the attacks that were launched

# Threats

- Scams
- Malicious domains
- Malware, Phishing
- Extortion (Ransomware against critical infrastructure)
- Misinformation / fake news



# Response to COVID-19 Cyberthreats



- Global Malicious Domain Taskforce
- INTERPOL Purple Notices
- Cyber Activity Reports
- Operational support to member countries
- IGFACTF
- Global Awareness Campaign #WashYourCyberHands!





# Together we can make a Difference



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