

Project information

ABOUT THE SMALL ARMS SURVEY

About the project

The Small Arms Survey is an independent research project located at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. Established in 1999, the project is supported by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and by sustained contributions from the governments of Belgium, Canada, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. The Survey is also grateful for past and current project support received from the Governments of Australia, Denmark, France, Germany, New Zealand, and the United States, as well as from different United Nations agencies, programmes, and institutes.

The Survey sponsors field research and information-gathering efforts, especially in affected states and regions. The project has an international staff with expertise in security studies, political science, law, economics, development studies, and sociology, and collaborates with a network of researchers, partner institutions, non-governmental organizations, and governments in more than 50 countries.

Project objectives

The objectives of the Small Arms Survey are:

- to be the principal source of public information on all aspects of small arms and armed violence;
- to serve as a resource centre for governments, policy-makers, researchers, and activists;
- to monitor national and international initiatives (governmental and non-governmental) on small arms;
- to support efforts to address the effects of small arms proliferation and misuse; and
- to act as a clearinghouse for the sharing of information and the dissemination of best practices.

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