

About the Small Arms Survey

About the project

The Small Arms Survey is an independent research project at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. The project was established in 1999 with support from the Swiss government and other interested governments. It serves as the principle international source of public information and analysis on all aspects of small arms, and as a resource centre for governments, policy-makers, researchers, and activists. The project has an international staff with expertise in security studies, political science, law, economics, development studies, conflict resolution, and sociology. The team works closely with a worldwide network of researchers and partners. The working language of the project is English, but many of the project's publications are published in other languages such as Arabic, French, German, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

Project objectives

The objectives of the Small Arms Survey project are:

- to be the principal international source of neutral and public information on all aspects of small arms;
- to serve as a resource for governments, policy-makers, researchers, and activists in terms of information and research on small arms issues;
- to be an independent monitor of national and international governmental and non-governmental policy initiatives on small arms;
- to be an outlet for policy-relevant research on small arms issues; and
- to be a forum for the sharing of information and the dissemination of best practice measures and initiatives dealing with small arms issues.

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