Project Proposal
On Women, Peace and Security
Final draft of 9 May 2017

Project Title:
Project in Asia and the Pacific
On Gun Violence and Illicit Small-Arms Trafficking from a Gender Perspective

General Information

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| Theme:           | i) Women, Peace and Security  
|                  | ii) SALW control, PoA, ATT |
| Activity:        | i) 3 sub-regional workshops  
|                  | ii) 1 all-regional seminar  
|                  | iii) 1 handbook |
| Beneficiaries:   | Women NGO leaders and MPs |
| Location for workshops: | Nepal, Thailand, India, and Papua New Guinea |
| Timeframe:       | June 2017 - November 2018 (18 months) |
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Brief Overview

With the aim of promoting non-proliferation and arms control, and particularly a gender perspective in this area, the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (UNRCPD) proposes a project made up of four events; three sub-regional workshops (for South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific), and one conclusive all-regional seminar (for Asia and the Pacific). These events will be organized mainly for women leaders of NGOs focused on gender issues and women’s empowerment, as well as for members of parliament (MPs) engaged in security and disarmament, from Asia-Pacific countries most affected by gun violence.

As called for by the UN General Assembly and Security Council\(^1\), the project seeks to further disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control objectives by strengthening the participation of women in the region in the combat against illicit trade in small arms and light weapons (SALW) mainly by: (i) enhancing understanding of the differentiated impact of gun violence on women and men; (ii) empowering NGOs focused on gender and women’s

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\(^1\) UN General Assembly resolutions on women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control: 65/69, 67/48, 68/33, 69/61 and 71/56.  
UNSC resolutions on Women, Peace and Security, particularly 2122 (2013) and 2242 (2015), as well as  
UNSC resolutions on Small Arms and Light Weapons, especially 2117 (2013) and 2220 (2015).
empowerment, and other women civil society leaders, to assume a greater role in SALW-control efforts; and (iii) bringing them together with disarmament-engaged MPs for possible cooperation on this endeavour. Concretely, the efforts to combat illicit SALW trafficking will focus on national implementation of the UN Programme of Action on SALW (PoA)\(^2\), as well as the ratification of/accession to, and implementation of, the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT).

**Background**

The illicit trafficking of SALW affects many countries in the Asia-Pacific region, and many of these countries continue to experience relatively high levels of gun violence. Moreover, from a regional perspective, Asia and the Pacific has the lowest rate of State Parties to the ATT and national reports submitted in relation to the PoA. The PoA and the ATT are the two central international instruments for combating SALW trafficking.

By its resolution 1325 (2000), the UN Security Council recognized, for the first time, the importance of the full participation and involvement of women in all efforts for maintaining and promoting peace and security for those efforts to be fully effective. In view of disarmament as a specific means of contributing to peace and security, UN General Assembly resolution 65/69 encouraged the representation of women in all decision-making processes related to disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control. It further underlined the relevance of strengthening women’s participation in organizations in the field of disarmament. The subsequent resolutions adopted by the Security Council and General Assembly on this issue created a robust framework and called for the implementation of the women, peace and security agenda. In particular, the General Assembly resolutions further stressed the need to better understand the impact of armed violence (particularly SALW violence) on women and girls, to empower women to participate in the implementation of arms-control efforts, and to promote women’s role in combating the illicit SALW trade.\(^3\) This framework has been further augmented by, inter alia, the reference in the ATT (article 7.4) to gender-based violence, as well as the references of the latest Biennial Meeting of States on the PoA\(^4\) to the value of gender perspectives in SALW violence and control.

In addition, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include the objectives both to strengthen peace (Goal 16, Target 16.4, on reducing illicit arms flows) and to enhance gender equality (Goal 5, Target 5.2, on eliminating violence against women, and Target 5.5 on ensuring women’s participation in policy decision-making). The SDGs are largely viewed as inherently linked, such that progress on Goal 16 contributes to progress on Goal 5, and vice-versa.

The proposed project seeks to build the capacity of and assist women from national NGOs and other civil society organizations, and parliamentarians, to promote the women, peace, and security agenda by making use of its synergies with the agenda on combating illicit SALW trade, including the PoA and the ATT. Specifically, it aims to empower women leaders and NGOs in the region that focus on gender and women’s empowerment issues, and mobilize them to initiate the promotion of SALW-control efforts. This will be

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\(^3\) See footnote no. 1

\(^4\) I.e. the outcome document of the Sixth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the PoA, in 2016.
done by: (i) training the women NGO leaders on SALW issues; (ii) coaching the women NGO leaders on advocacy and awareness raising, and identifying how the NGOs can best engage in SALW-control efforts; and (iii) bringing them together with MPs engaged in security and disarmament from their respective countries to foster cooperation on SALW-control initiatives.

**Objectives**

Further to multiple resolutions of the UN General Assembly and Security Council\(^5\), the main objective of the project is to:

- Empower NGOs that focus on gender and women’s empowerment to participate in discussions on, and initiate advocacy and awareness raising for, efforts to combat illicit SALW trade and enhance national SALW-control. These efforts would primarily be towards national implementation of the PoA, as well as ratification of/accession to, and implementation of, the ATT.

The project also aims to:

- Enhance the understanding of NGOs and MPs of the impact that illicit SALW trafficking and gun violence has on women and girls, as well as men and boys, in Asia and the Pacific, and enrich the discussion and decision-making on SALW control with a gendered perspective.

- Empower NGOs to carry out peace and disarmament education on SALW-control, including by applying their own gender perspective to these issues.

- Give NGOs focused on gender and women’s empowerment, and especially women leaders of these NGOs, in Asia and the Pacific the opportunity to network, share ideas and strategies, and develop cooperation with MPs.

- Contribute to reaching UN Sustainable Development Goals 16 on peace (Target 16.4) and Goal 5 on gender equality (Target 5.2 and 5.5); see page 2 above.

**Main Activities I — 3 sub-regional workshops**

The main activities of the project are the organization of three sub-regional workshops for women leaders of the NGOs and security and disarmament-engaged MPs, followed by a concluding all-regional seminar for the same NGOs and MPs.

The sub-regional workshops will take place for South Asia (India), Southeast Asia (Thailand) and the Pacific (Papua New Guinea) in 2017-18 (dates TDB), respectively. Each of them will last four days and cover the following three main topics:

- **Gendered impact of gun violence [Day 1]**
  Briefings, national presentations and discussion on the gendered impact of gun violence and illicit SALW trafficking, particularly in the countries attending the respective workshops, and with a focus on the impact on women and girls, which is often overlooked.

- **SALW in global international agreements [Day 2]**
  Briefings on following issues:

\(^5\) See footnote no. 1.
- SALW basics (terminology, concepts etc.);
- International agreements for SALW control (PoA and ATT) and their main provisions, including gender aspects;
- National implementation and international tools for enhancing control of SALW and ammunition, and reducing armed violence, including the International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS) module on women and gender.
- Ways these agreements could assist the NGOs in meeting their objectives, and how their insight as gender-focused groups could assist implementation of the SALW agreements.

**Facilitating NGO and MP initiatives to reduce gun violence [Day 3 and 4]**
- Coaching followed by discussion and Q&A on possible NGO, and joint NGO-MP, initiatives on promoting SALW-control.
- Briefings for NGO and MP participants, followed by sessions where participants will share experiences and discuss strategies for advocacy, awareness raising, peace and disarmament education, and legislative initiatives in parliaments, for combatting illicit SALW. The aim is to empower women in arms control, and strengthening national promotion and implementation of the PoA, as well as ATT implementation/ratification.
- NGOs and MPs to consider and discuss opportunities for their coordination and cooperation.

**Main Activities II — one regional seminar**

Subsequently, one all-regional seminar will take place in Nepal in August 2018 (date tbd), with the participation of the same NGOs and MPs from the three previous sub-regional workshops. It will last three days and consist of the following four main elements:

**Findings from the sub-regional workshops [Day 1]**
Summary of the most relevant findings from each of the three sub-regional workshops to be shared with all participants.

**Discussing initiatives taken [Day 1/Day 2]**
Exchanges of experiences and lessons-learned on initiatives planned or taken by the participating NGOs, or the NGOs and the MPs jointly, on combatting illicit SALW and strengthening national PoA and ATT implementation/ratification. Discussions on advantages/disadvantages of different approaches, and on challenges and their solutions.

**How to organize effective NGO initiatives [Day 2/Day 3]**
Presentation/coaching by IANSA or others followed by discussion on the elements and consideration necessary to initiate NGO, or joint NGO-MP, action and measures on women, peace and security, including analysis of successful initiatives.

**Most promising initiatives and next steps [Day 3]**
Identification of the most viable ideas for NGO initiatives, or NGO-MP cooperation, on SALW-control and PoA and ATT implementation/ratification, incl. awareness raising, peace and disarmament education, advocacy, and legislative initiatives in parliaments. Consideration of possible needs for further assistance/capacity building. Outline of concrete next steps for action.
Main Activities III — Handbook

After completion of all the four events, a handbook that summarizes the project will be produced with a view to increase the sustainability of the project’s results, particularly to retain the increased capacities of the NGOs. The handbook will equip all staff of the NGOs with a collection of, and easy reference to, the main points of the training and coaching, as well as with the conclusions, summaries and key documents of the project (incl. full contact details to assist the NGOs networking with each other and the MPs). It will be published in an e-version and a quality hard-copy-booklet version, and distributed mainly to the NGO participants and other relevant parties.

Participants

Both the three sub-regional workshops and the one regional workshop will have the following participants:

- **Women leaders of gender-focused NGOs**
  One or more senior women leaders and other staff of leading national NGO(s) focused on gender issues or women’s empowerment (or gender and disarmament), from the countries in the Asia-Pacific region most affected by gun violence.6

- **Security/disarmament-engaged MPs**
  At least one member of parliament (MP) who is focused on the issue of security and/or disarmament from each of the countries in the region most affected by gun violence, as mentioned above (possibly identified/invited in cooperation with the Parliamentarians for Global Action network or the Inter-Parliamentary Union organization).

- **Trainers from IANSA etc.**
  Trainers from the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA), an international arms-control NGO with significant experience in facilitating women-and-arms-control training events, or other relevant trainers.

- **Government representatives** from host country (i.e. from the most relevant ministries/agencies)

- **Speaker(s) from Small Arms Survey, ATT Secretariat, Reaching Critical Will** and possibly academia, as relevant.

- **Representative(s) from UN Women, as relevant**

- **UNRCPD representatives**

  In addition, uniquely for the Pacific sub-regional workshop, a few Government officials — predominantly from ministries of foreign affairs, defence, and law enforcement — will also be invited. This is due to the special circumstances regarding many small Pacific island States, specifically the small governments and overlapping responsibilities, as well as the very high relevance to provide an opportunity for capacity building for their small and geographically-isolated administrations.

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6 The rate of homicides by firearms per 100,000 people per year was one important basis for assessing the level of gun violence.
Events layout

The project’s three sub-regional workshops are planned as follows:

1) **South Asia** (sub-regional workshop)
   - In New Delhi (India), October 2017 (tbc).
   - For NGOs and MPs from six countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
   - Participation of a total of at least 14 women leaders from NGOs, and 6 MPs, from the above countries.

2) **Southeast Asia** (sub-regional workshop)
   - In Bangkok (Thailand), February 2018 (tbc).
   - For NGOs and MPs from six countries: Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Timor-Leste and Thailand.
   - Participation of a total of at least 14 women leaders from NGOs, and 6 MPs, from the above countries.

3) **The Pacific** (sub-regional workshop)
   - In Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea), June 2018 (tbc)
   - NGOs, MPs and Government officials from five countries and one autonomous region: Fiji, Papua New Guinea (and possibly including from its Autonomous Region of Bougainville), Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.
   - Participation of a total of at least 14 women leaders from NGOs, 5 MPs, and 8 government officials from the above countries.

   In addition, uniquely for the Pacific sub-regional workshop, a few Government officials (predominantly from ministries of foreign affairs, defence, and/or law enforcement) will also be invited. This is due to the special circumstances regarding many small Pacific island States, specifically the small governments and overlapping responsibilities, as well as the very high relevance to provide an opportunity for capacity building for their small and geographically isolated administrations.

The project will be concluded with one all-regional workshop with the participation of the MPs and the most senior women NGO leaders who took part in the sub-regional workshops.

4) **Asia and the Pacific** (regional seminar)
   - In Kathmandu (Nepal), September 2018 (tbc)
   - Participation of a total of one woman leader from a gender NGO and one MP from each of the 17 countries (tbc) participating in the three sub-regional workshops, thus, a total of at least 17 NGO leaders and 17 MPs (tbc).

**Expected Results**

1) The understanding of the differentiated impact that illicit SALW trafficking and gun violence has on women and girls, as compared to men and boys, is enhanced among participants.

2) The participating women leaders and staff of NGOs focused on gender issues and women’s empowerment obtain understanding on the issue of SALW, including the PoA and the ATT.
3) Opportunities for the NGOs to engage in the SALW-control efforts are identified, including awareness raising, advocacy and cooperation with MPs.

4) The NGOs and disarmament-engaged MPs are given the opportunity to develop ties, share ideas, discuss strategies and cooperation on national SALW-control initiatives, fostering partnerships among civil society and the legislatures.

5) Leading NGOs focused on gender issues and women’s empowerment in the region are given the opportunity to network, share ideas and develop joint strategies, promoting a south-south civil-society cooperation.

6) A handbook will be produced by the end of the project, summarizing its main content, with a view to ensure the sustainability of the project’s results.

7) The NGOs are equipped to carry out peace and disarmament education on SALW-control issues.
### Activities for 2017 – 2018

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*Note: This is an indicative timeline as the situation will have to adapt to unforeseen obstacles as they arise.*
**Main Stakeholders**

The project will be designed, organized and executed by UNRCPD, in consultation with the four host governments (India, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, and Thailand), IANSA or another provider of trainers, and the donors.

**Relation to UNRCPD Objectives and Mandate**

The project is in accordance with UNRCPD’s mandate as the only UN regional entity specialized in non-proliferation, disarmament, and arms control in the Asia-Pacific region. As the regional branch of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, a central part of UNRCPD’s mandate is to promote such norms in the region. In addition, UNRCPD possesses regional knowledge and relevant experience with organizing capacity-building events and has access to high-quality international experts.

**Reporting**

The donor(s) will receive a final summary report, as well as an accounting of the funds used, within a reasonable time after the event. The donors will also receive a copy of materials produced for the events.

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

A survey will be given to the participants at the beginning and end of each event to assess their acquisition of knowledge and general satisfaction in relation to the event. UNRCPD will also conduct an after-action review of the project.

**Visibility**

Information about the project and each event, including the name of the donor(s), will be publicized through UNRCPD’s outreach media, particularly its website, twitter page, newsletter, fact sheet, and other publications. The donors will, moreover, be acknowledged at the workshops as well as mentioned in UN reports wherever relevant and possible.

**Impact on Women**

With its focus on women and arms control, the project is envisioned to have multiple positive impacts on women, particularly (many of which have already been mentioned):

- Enhancing understanding of gun violence’s impact on women.
- Empowering and mobilizing gender-focused NGOs to participate in arms-control efforts.
- Identifying roles gender-focused NGOs can play in the effort to control SALW.
- Providing gender-focused NGOs opportunity to share ideas and develop joint strategies.
- Strengthening the gender perspective in discussion and decision-making on SALW control.
• Supporting UN’s Sustainable Development Goals on gender equality (Target 5.2 and 5.5).

**Sustainability**

The project aims to empower and mobilize gender-focused NGOs to engage in arms-control efforts, and to continue to engage in this effort long after the event. By training and coaching senior women leaders of NGOs on SALW matters, it is expected they will carry this knowledge back to their NGOs and disseminate it to their staff. At the same time, the MPs will gain an understanding of the gender aspect of illicit arms trafficking, and hopefully disseminate this during parliamentary debates and among their constituencies.

Another main element in the project’s sustainability would be the development, printing and distribution of a handbook following the completion of all events. By summarizing the project, this booklet will sustain the project’s results, particularly by retaining the capacity building done of the NGOs (as more fully described on p. 5 above).

This handbook, and other key documents related to the project, will be shared with the other UNODA Regional Centres with a view for them to replicate it in their regions.

Finally, to facilitate long-term information sharing after the project’s completion — between UNRCPD and participants, and among the participants themselves — a private online forum will be set up to provide a platform for ongoing gender-and-arms-control-relevant dialogue. The Centre will also update participants on its activities by regularly circulating its Newsletter etc. through its mailing list.

**Potential Project Continuation**

Following a successful execution of the project, the same concept could be used for additional workshops, which, instead of SALW, may focus on other disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control issues, or be more targeted on peace and disarmament education. Alternatively, a second project can be considered, likewise with a focus on gender, gun violence and SALW control, but also with government participation.
### Total Budget
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**TOTAL**  **USD $481,200**