

New Publications

SMALL ARMS SURVEY 2003: Development Denied

Small Arms Survey, Switzerland

The 2003 Small Arms Survey yearbook, subtitled *Development Denied*, addresses the impacts of small arms availability and misuse on human development. It includes a detailed analysis of small arms issues in Yemen, the Republic of Georgia and the Republic of Congo; as well as a review of global and regional small arms norms, with particular emphasis on the UN Programme of Action on small arms. As with each annual yearbook, the 2003 edition includes new figures for global and regional firearm production, stockpiles, and transfers. The Small Arms Survey yearbook is the premiere source of public information and research analysis on small arms issues. For information on how to order, or to download chapter summaries, visit http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/publications/yb_2003.htm

PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST:

Human Security Perspectives on Small Arms Availability and Misuse

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Switzerland

Putting People First frames the debate over small arms and light weapons with one clear, over-riding objective: to make people safer. It emphasises the human toll of armed violence from various standpoints: health, humanitarian, human rights, development and disarmament, includes a Ministerial Foreword from the Human Security Network of States (13 states including South Africa, Norway, Jordan, Chile, Thailand, Mali) and a preface from Sergio Vieira de Mello, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights who was killed in the bombing of the UN Headquarters in Baghdad in August 2003. For more information, visit www.hdcentre.org

IN THE LINE OF FIRE: Surveying the Perceptions of Humanitarian and Development Personnel on the Impacts of Small arms and Light weapons

Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Switzerland

In the Line of Fire examines the impacts of small arms as measured by humanitarian and development agency workers. It is the result of the first phase (2001-2002) of a multi-agency project, the 'Security and Risk in Humanitarian and Development Action Study' focusing on the Balkans and Southeast Asia. It is based on a survey distributed in seven languages to contacts in 39 countries. The study confirms that civilians are frequently the victims of small arms use and abuse and that most humanitarian and development members feel threatened by small arms on a regular basis. It also finds that humanitarian and development interventions are adversely affected by the prevalence and misuse of these weapons. For more information, visit www.hdcentre.org

BRIEFING 16: Regulation of Civilian Possession of Small Arms and Light Weapons

Biting the Bullet, UK (Saferworld, International Alert, BASIC)

This monograph argues that efforts to establish international norms with regard to civilian possession must be maintained and strengthened in order to strengthen other efforts to prevent and reduce trafficking and proliferation of weapons. Widespread civilian possession has been shown to have a devastating impact on societies, not only on mortality and casualty rates, but on the overall human security situation. In light of these huge costs in terms of human security there is a real need to build and maintain a people-centred approach to devising regulation. For more information on Biting the Bullet Briefing 16, visit <http://www.international-alert.org/publications.htm#bullet>

BRIEFING 17: Strengthening Embargoes and Enhancing Human Security

Biting the Bullet, UK (Saferworld, International Alert, BASIC)

Despite the frequency with which arms embargoes have been imposed, there are significant problems with their implementation. This briefing considers the effect of arms embargoes and the enforcement, oversight and monitoring of UN arms embargoes by examining 8 case studies including Angola and Liberia. For more information on Biting the Bullet Briefing 17, visit <http://www.international-alert.org/publications.htm#bullet>