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UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT  
IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (UNRCPD)

**Regional Initiatives on Peace and Disarmament**

**Portfolio 2010-2012**

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## UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

UN General Assembly resolution A/42/39D of 30 November 1987: to provide, upon request, substantive support for initiatives and other activities, mutually agreed upon by the Member States of the Asia Pacific region, for the implementation of measures for peace and disarmament, and to coordinate the implementation of regional activities in Asia and the Pacific.

### PROGRAMMATIC AREAS

- **Capacity building and training**
  - Law enforcement capacity building: Training the Trainers (TtT) aimed at combating illicit SALW/firearms trafficking
  - Disarmament and non-proliferation education
- **Outreach and advocacy activities**
  - Regional and sub-regional conferences, seminars and workshops aimed to promote better understanding of Conventional and WMD related instruments, including SC Res. 1540, NPT, and Geneva Declaration on Armed Violence, as well as promote universality & effective implementation.
  - To serve as catalyst in forging dialogue, confidence building and cooperation
- **Technical Assistance activities**
  - SALW/Firearms policy and legal assistance in harmonization of national norms with international arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation instruments
  - Technical support for stockpile management & weapons destruction
  - Establishment of national commissions/mechanisms
  - Strengthening/Improvement of national/sub-regional/regional registers

### PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 2010/2012

1. Training the Trainers for Law Enforcement Community in Asia and the Pacific to Combat Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons (p. 2)
2. Enhancing Public Security and Stability in Asia and the Pacific through Armed Violence Reduction and Prevention (p. 5)
3. Training for Strengthening the Capacity of the Media in Advocating and Promoting Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (p. 8)

All projects of the UNRCPD are implemented upon request of UN Member States.

## **FUNDING**

The UN General Assembly in its resolution 64/63 appeals to all Member States, in particular those within the Asia-Pacific region, as well as international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations, to make voluntary contributions, the only resources of the Regional Centre to strengthen the programme of activities of the Centre and the implementation thereof.



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<b>PROJECT:</b>	<b>Training the Trainers for Law Enforcement Community in Asia and the Pacific to Combat Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons</b>
<b>DISARMAMENT FOCUS:</b>	Public Security Programme
<b>PROJECT TIMEFRAME</b>	2010-2012 (24 Months)
<b>GEOGRAPHICAL FOCUS</b>	Asia and the Pacific
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## **BACKGROUND**

A number of countries in Asia and the Pacific have been ravaged by internal and cross-border armed conflicts, most of which have been fought primarily with Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW). Illicit arms trafficking is fuelling both urban crime and armed insurgents, leading to heavy loss of human life, posing a threat to political stability, disrupting economic activities, displacing thousands of people, and seriously hindering social and human development.

To address this public security threat, UNRCPD conducts a Training the Trainers (TtT) Programme for Asia and Pacific States aimed at building the capacity of law enforcement community to better control legal firearms trade and to prevent its illicit trafficking. Efforts to build capacities of law enforcement agencies through training are vital for those countries to combat the illicit flow and use of arms and ammunition in a sustainable manner. Effective national, regional and international cooperation in controlling SALW also requires well-trained law enforcement personnel.

UNRCPD has adjusted the TtT programme, originally designed in 2002 by the UN Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean in collaboration with INTERPOL and the Organisation of American States, and used to train more than 2,000 law enforcement officials in 30 different States. To ensure its effectiveness, the TtT programme takes into account the special needs of transit countries as well as specialized measures for bi-national border controls.

## **OBJECTIVE**

To strengthen the capacity and expertise of law enforcement agencies in three countries in Asia and the Pacific in preventing and combating the illegal trade in firearms through standardized training.

## **CONTENT AND DESIGN**

The training consists of three courses in three countries targeting 300 law enforcement personnel. It will be specifically tailored to the situation and needs of countries from the Asia and Pacific requesting such training.

The training will be conducted as follows:

- A survey will be conducted of issues related to the control of SALW import, export, transit and re-export, including legislative and policy assessments in three countries requesting training and provide recommendations on implementing SALW related international instruments including the UN Firearms Protocol, the UN PoA on SALW, and the International Tracing Instrument.
- Nine Training the Trainers courses for law enforcement personnel on special investigative techniques to control legal firearms trade and to prevent its illicit trafficking (3 courses per country) will be undertaken in consultation with countries requesting such training;
- A national coordinating body will be set up, such as National Commission on SALW, upon request; and
- Public awareness campaigns on devastating consequences of illicit flow of SALW in the three countries requesting the training will be developed.

## **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Strengthened the capacity of up to 300 personnel from law enforcement agencies in three countries in special investigative techniques to control legal firearms trade and to prevent its illicit trafficking;
- Created specific training modules tailored to the region's specific conditions and needs, including case study material;
- Identified lessons learned, best practices and experiences of standardized operating procedures which will be shared for further application among countries in the region; and
- Increased public awareness on the illicit trafficking in SALW to mobilize public support for international, regional and national policies.

## **BENEFICIARIES**

National law enforcement agencies, regional law enforcement communities, women's organisations and civil society in three countries.

## **PARTNERS**

UN Country Team and Offices (i.e. UNDP, UNODC), Interpol, ICRC, regional organizations such as ASEAN, PIF and SAARC, and relevant civil society organizations including women organisations working on SALW.

<b>BUDGET ITEMS</b>	<b>AMOUNT IN US \$</b>
• Project Personnel	160,000
• Operations and Implementation Costs	360,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET REQUIRED</b>	<b>520,000</b>

<b>TOTAL SECURED FUNDING</b>	<b>0,00</b>
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