

Military Expenditures & Peace and Security

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

World military expenditure is on the rise and arms competition remains a largely unchecked global problem. In 2019, global military expenditure rose to \$1.9 trillion, the largest annual increase in a decade. Global military spending is now 76% higher than the post-cold war low in 1998.

The United Nations Charter recognizes as a principle "the least diversion for armaments of the world's human and economic resources".

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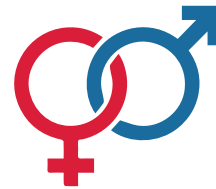
The Impact of Excessive Military Spending



Excessive military spending negatively impacts **inclusive** and **sustainable development**, both directly and indirectly.

Excessive military spending is not just **socially and economically unproductive**. It can create **distrust** and **worsen military tensions** thus **damaging the international security environment**.

Gender Equality



Excessive military spending stands in stark contrast to the greater investment in social infrastructure and services required to buttress human security and gender equality. Curbing unrestrained military spending has been a chief objective of the women's movement for peace.

What we aim to do ...

Reprioritizing our resources is critical for promoting peace and security and ultimately achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.



Repurposing just 3% of global annual military spending to education could **achieve quality universal primary and early secondary education** for all.



Extending basic water, sanitation and hygiene to unserved populations would **cost less than 2% of annual military spending**.



Eliminating extreme poverty and hunger would **cost about 13% of annual military spending**.

