



Disarmament and Arms Regulation in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Armed violence is among the leading causes of premature death, and it victimizes even more people by spreading injuries, disability, psychological distress and disease.

Disarmament and arms control **reduce the impact of conflict on human health**, both mentally and physically.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Limiting the proliferation and uncontrolled circulation of weapons in communities **contributes to safe and non-violent learning environments for all**.

Disarmament education contributes to education on peace and non-violence, conflict resolution, sustainable development, gender equality, economic justice, human rights and tolerance.

5 GENDER EQUALITY



Men, women and others are affected differently by the proliferation and use of weapons. Young men are overwhelmingly responsible for the misuse of small arms. While men make up most direct casualties, women are more frequently victims of gender-based violence that small arms facilitate. Regulating arms and ammunition can **reduce gender-based violence** in both public and private spheres.

Empowering women and ensuring their **equal and meaningful participation in disarmament and arms control decision-making processes** can lead to more inclusive, effective and sustainable policy outcomes.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Excessive military spending harms economic growth and can produce undesirable social and political consequences. Reducing military budgets can **reduce the negative effects of this spending on economic and social development**.

Stemming the proliferation and easy availability of arms can **counter the recruitment and use of child soldiers**. Opportunities to build decent livelihoods can attract young people away from armed groups or gangs. Adequate arms regulation helps **prevent illicit transfers of weapons in support of human trafficking, modern slavery or forced labour**.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Measures for disarmament can reduce military expenditures and **redirect public resources and spending towards social and economic initiatives** that can contribute to greater equality.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Effective ammunition management mitigates the risk of storage depots accidentally exploding in populated areas. These explosions, when they occur, are humanitarian disasters that lead to death, injury, economic loss, displacement and destruction of infrastructure and private property.

Arms control measures increase urban safety and security by curbing the uncontrolled proliferation and misuse of small arms, particularly for gang-related violence.

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



Contamination from remnants of war, as well as the testing and use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, have disastrous environmental consequences. Disarmament and arms regulation **reduce the impact of weapons on the environment**.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Mobilizing sufficient resources in support of disarmament and arms regulation is critical to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Increased availability of high-quality, timely, disaggregated and reliable arms-related data can inform discussions about the relationship between disarmament, development, peace and security, leading to better decisions and policies.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



Disarmament is linked to Sustainable Development Goal 16, about peace, justice and strong institutions

Target 16.1

Disarmament and arms regulation contribute to **reducing deaths from armed violence** by prohibiting and restricting the use of certain types of weapons and by establishing effective controls of arms and ammunition.

Target 16.4

Effective disarmament and arms regulation **reduce illicit arms flows**, which can otherwise instigate, fuel and prolong armed conflict, terrorism and crime.

Target 16.6

Participation in military transparency and confidence-building measures, such as reporting on military spending and on arms imports and exports, promote accountability of national institutions and can foster cross-border dialogue and trust-building.

Target 16.8

The **active engagement of all States, especially developing countries**, in multilateral disarmament discussions leads to more effective and sustainable policy outcomes.

Target 16.a

Strengthening the institutional capacities of States to better control arms and ammunition and to engage in military confidence-building measures help prevent conflict, violence, terrorism and crime.



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