With this first edition of the SALIENT newsletter, the teams of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) would like to inform partners and donors on the implementation progress of the SALIENT project. This edition is a summary of the annual report to PBF submitted in November 2022 as well as additional details on the scoping mission in Honduras.

Jamaica: Children from the Denham Town Community attending the launch of the SALIENT Joint Programme | Jamaica Information Service (JIS).

South Sudan: Interviewing security personnel in Rumbek town of Lakes State for Baseline Survey | UNDP South Sudan.

Cameroon: Training for journalists and civil society in the northern regions of Cameroon | UNDP Cameroon.
I learned the difference between conflict and violence. I want to use my learnings to change the school.

Youth programme participant, Jamaica
SOUTH SUDAN

DELIVERY RATE 11%
ALLOCATION RECEIVED: OCT 2021
12-MONTH NO-COST EXTENSION SOUGHT
REASONS FOR VARIANCE: SECURITY AND POLITICAL CHALLENGES

NEXT STEP: STAKEHOLDERS’ MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS, YOUTH AND SOUTH SUDAN NATIONAL POLICE SERVICE

RESULTS:

UNDP and UNMISS in collaboration with the South Sudan National Police Service completed a small arms baseline and perception survey on the operationalization of disarmament. It outlines the national priorities provided by the police and the target communities.

The survey has refined project activities to ensure they tackle societal issues that motivate civilians to possess and bear firearms illicitly.

The survey advocates to include women in the decision-making and implementation of the disarmament process, and at all stages of peace negotiations. It calls for the inclusion of youth, especially cattle camp youth, who are both instigators and victims of firearms-related violations.

RESULTS:

Young people and women were also trained to respond to armed violence. Communication tools are being elaborated for violence prevention purposes.

CAMEROON

DELIVERY RATE 42%
ALLOCATION RECEIVED: FEB 2022

NEXT STEP: NATIONAL CONGRESS TO DISCUSS THE ACTION PLAN OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SALW

RESULTS:

250 women, youth and journalists were sensitized on small arms and light weapons to raise awareness of the armed violence impact on the vulnerable, covering all the country regions.

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HONDURAS

On 20-25 November, a scoping mission to Honduras took place. The UN Country Team, Resident Coordinator, UNLIREC, UNDP and national partners were engaged in discussions and planning of the SALIENT intervention in the country.

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