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NEWSLETTER

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With this second 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 SALIENT. This issue is a summary of the project activities shared by Honduras, Jamaica and South Sudan. An in-person mission to Cameroon for the closure of the implementation of SALIENT will be carried out at the beginning of May. More info will be shared with SALIENT partners on this.

SALIENT activities are embedded in the development policies and processes of the beneficiary countries to foster a programmatic approach and sustainable outcomes.



HONDURAS



JAMAICA



SOUTH SUDAN

PROGRESS SUMMARY



I learned how to resolve conflicts and manage difficult situations better to make our schools a more peaceful place.

Youth Fah Peace participant,
Jamaica

JAMAICA

RESULTS:

The [Violence Audit](#) has commenced, the first of its kind in Jamaica. Focusing on [two vulnerable and at-risk communities](#) (Norwood, St. James and Denham Town, Kingston), the audit is implemented by UNDP in collaboration with the Ministry of National Security and supported by the Community Development Committees and other community-based organizations. The audit will unearth the contributing factors to crime and violence, identify most typical crimes committed within the communities and provide [recommendations to reduce violence](#). Similar interventions are planned across the country.

Forty-five students from St. James High School (25 boys and 20 girls) learned conflict management through the [Youth Fah Peace: Live Skills Training](#) hosted by UNESCO. To increase the engagement, the training curriculum incorporated the lessons learned from a previous training held in Kingston. Many participants shared [distrust in the justice system](#) and inability to rely on adults due to the lack of trust or respect. The students identified [mechanisms to address violence in their schools](#) and action points to avert negative trends prevalent in the communities.

NEXT STEPS:

- [Completion of the Violence Audit \(UNDP\).](#)
- [Establishment of the National Small Arms Control Strategy \(UNDP\).](#)
- [Workshops with vulnerable youth \(UNESCO\).](#)
- [Completion of guidelines to prevent arms entering schools \(UNLIREC\).](#)
- [Project closure activity \(Joint UN Partners\).](#)

HONDURAS

RESULTS:

SALIENT in Honduras has concluded the [preparatory phase](#) including:

- [Dialogue between Jamaica and Honduras](#) to identify opportunities and lessons learned for the project design process.
- Evidence-based analysis that allowed increasing understanding of the [structural causes of armed violence](#), identifying ongoing initiatives and key stakeholders as well as strategic partnerships.

A joint in-person [UN Scoping Mission to Honduras](#) took place in November 2022 to exchange with national authorities, UN partners and other national stakeholders, and to identify national and local priorities on small arms control and armed violence prevention and reduction. [Key national authorities welcomed a comprehensive SALIENT initiative](#) to tackle armed violence and illicit small arms proliferation in Honduras.

NEXT STEPS:

- [In March 2023, SALIENT Honduras presented a project proposal that is being assessed by the SALIENT Project Coordination Team \(PCT\). Following PCT approval, the launch of the initiative at national level will take place.](#)
- [Knowledge sharing with other countries that implemented SALIENT and south-south cooperation will continue to consolidate a community of practice.](#)

SOUTH SUDAN

RESULTS:

Following the meetings of the SALIENT team (UNDP and UNMISS) with the Minister of Interior and the Inspector General of Police of South Sudan, the Minister constituted a national team of representatives from the Office of the Inspector General of Police, Firearms Department and the Bureau of Community Security and Small Arms Control to serve as focal points in SALIENT implementation. The Minister praised the SALIENT efforts and encouraged further action. The Inspector General of Police suggested hotspot areas in the country that the project should consider prioritizing.



Planning Meeting at the Directorate of Fire Arms Registration | UNDP South Sudan

The following documents have been developed and/or revised:

- Temporary Civilian Disarmament Registration Form
- Arms Registration Ledger Forms
- Movement of Arms Register
- Training schedule for a sensitization workshop for senior officers
- Training schedules and modules for the training of trainers course for the national police officers.

In February 2023, a radio outreach programme was aired through Radio Miraya to inform the public of the dangers of handling a firearm without training, legal regulations for weapon ownership, the roles of the law enforcement agencies, eligibility requirements for a firearms license, and voluntary civilian disarmament.

NEXT STEPS:

- Capacity building for the national police officers (with a specific focus on women) and members of voluntary disarmament committees on small arms and light weapons (SALW) and ammunition management issues.
- Sensitization of the two border police units in key crossing posts on firearms laws and regulations to establish procedures, and capacity for the collection, marking and safeguarding of illegal weapons, as well as for their appropriate disposal.
- Supporting communities and police to establish local, gender balanced voluntary disarmament committees in the ten states and three administrative areas that include a broad cross-section of community representatives and youth. Assigning female police officers as liaisons to voluntary disarmament committees to enable gender-sensitive democratic policing in connection with voluntary disarmament.

SALIENT fund is housed within the Secretary General's Peacebuilding Fund (PBF)

Please, review the 2022 Secretary-General's Report on PBF where you can find more info on SALIENT implementation

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SALIENT is meant to be the starting point of broader resources mobilization efforts by ODA and UNDP. Additional contributions from partners are welcomed to continue generating catalytic and transformative change in priority countries.

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