

# SALIENT

Launched in 2020, the **Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT)** is an initiative of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, jointly implemented with the UN Development Programme (UNDP), and in coordination with the UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO). SALIENT supports Member States in tackling **armed violence** and illicit **small arms and light weapons (SALW)** and leverages the strengths of joint-programming approaches to accelerate actions to achieve the SDGs. SALIENT offers the international community a new vehicle for sustained financing of small arms control measures in settings that have been most affected.

SALIENT works with the UN Resident Coordinator system in supporting UN Country Team programming on small arms control and armed violence prevention to ensure their inclusion in the Common Country Analysis and the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks (UNSDCF). By supporting **catalytic activities to mainstream small arms control in both development and security efforts**, SALIENT moves us beyond short-term and compartmentalized projects and responds to the multi-faceted nature of the illicit proliferation of SALW and **addresses root causes of armed violence**.

In the pilot phase, SALIENT-funded activities were implemented in **Cameroon, Jamaica, and South Sudan**. New programmes are now being initiated in **Ghana, Honduras, Kyrgyz Republic, Panama, and Papua New Guinea**.

## SALIENT outreach activities



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The Saving-Lives Entity

Pilot Phase



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# Cameroon



**Project title:** Promotion of Women and Youth Security through Small Arms Control

**Implementing agencies:** UNDP, UN Women

**Implementation period:** 15 February 2022 – 30 June 2023

**Beneficiaries:** Central and local institutions, women and civil society organizations



## Key achievements:

### Small arms control

- Guidance to national authorities in charge of weapons-collection schemes to reduce illicit weapons ownership and regulation of government weapons stocks and destruction.

### Sensitization and training on small arms control, armed violence, criminal justice and gender considerations

- 30 media professionals (25 women) trained and sensitized on SALW across the country, divided into 10 regions.
- 50 national representatives (National Institute of Statistics, ministries, and parliamentarians) convened for a gender-informed discussion on regulation and control of SALW and ammunition.
- 30 representatives (15 women) of law enforcement and criminal justice attended a sensitization workshop on gender and small arms, the WPS agenda, prevalence of gender-based violence, and implementation and reporting against SDG 16.
- “Gender and DDR” strategy produced.
- 100 youth participants (70 women) engaged in discussions on armed violence and community actions for reducing conflict.
- A multi-stakeholder commission headed by the Ministry of External Relations is being put in place to help the continuation of the project.

# Jamaica



**Project title:** Reducing Small Arms & Light Weapons in Jamaica

**Implementing agencies:** UNDP, UNESCO, UNLIREC, UNODC

**Implementation period:** 30 December 2021 – 1 Oct 2023

**Beneficiaries:** Central and local institutions, youth, and women

## Key achievements:

### National legislation

- Comprehensive legislative review of Jamaica’s legal framework on firearms.

### Criminal justice and law enforcement

- 27 officials (14 women) completed interdiction training, 19 criminal justice institution representatives (9 women) have strengthened capacities in tracing and investigations, and 30 law enforcement officials (7 women) overseeing maritime related border controls successfully upskilled.
- Two sets of guidelines were produced in support of 1) enhanced investigations and prosecution capacities against firearms-related crimes and 2) protocols to tackle presence and use of firearms within schools.

### Small arms control

- New tools and protocols relating to SALW control produced for civil servants.

### Community-based peacebuilding and conflict resolution

- 79 educators (55 women) engaged on incorporating peacebuilding practices in schools. 45 students, ages 12-14, trained on peer-to-peer conflict resolution, further engaged in mentoring sessions.

### Prevention of armed violence

- Jamaica’s first Violence Audit is currently underway in two communities. The audit examines the nature of violent acts, gathers data on the causes of these acts disaggregated by sex, establishes mitigation and prevention strategies, as well as suggests monitoring practices for strategy implementation.



# South Sudan



**Project title:** Catalyzing South Sudan’s Voluntary Civilian Disarmament Strategy (VCDS)

**Implementing agencies:** UNDP, UNMISS

**Implementation period:** 1 October 2021 – 1 October 2023

**Beneficiaries:** Central and local institutions, women and community members

## Key achievements:

### Small arms control

- Increased national interest in and emerging consensus on disarmament.
- Movement of firearms registers and related procedures established to ensure tracking of all police-owned arms, alongside a Temporary Civilian Disarmament Registration form, and a revised Arms Registration Ledger.
- Improved coordination reported between South Sudan National Police Service (SSNPS) and Bureau for Community Security and Small Arms Control (BCSSAC), and establishment of nationally-led SSNPS training team that traveled to 11 locations to train SSNPS officers, with a focus on female officers.
- Procurement of metal detectors and motorcycles for border police to enhance control of movement of illicit SALW at the borders in conjunction with training for 55 officers.

### Gender-considerations and law enforcement

- Operationalized women’s networks within SSNPS, with 440 female officers trained on engaging civilians on voluntary disarmament, firearms laws and regulations, and gender-sensitive policing. 10 female officers’ networks were established across 10 locations. Police qualified an increased trust with communities as a result.

### Public awareness, training and survey

- State-wide perceptions survey conducted on catalyzing the voluntary disarmament strategy.
- 11 radio talk shows, in local languages, on the negative impacts of small arms proliferation.
- 11 leadership stakeholder meetings and technical week-long trainings on the voluntary civilian disarmament strategy for 440 senior officials and 440 mid-level police officers.
- One “Training of Trainers” for SSNPS, including on stockpile management, community-oriented policing, voluntary civilian arms registration and disarmament and 13 UNMAS sessions for national and police leadership and communities on dealing with ERW.