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## SEESAC ACTIVITY REPORT – AR44

### SALW AWARENESS SUPPORT PACK OUTREACH WORKSHOPS SKOPJE, TIRANA & CHISINAU

<b>SEESAC FUNCTIONAL AREA</b>	<b>FA 4 - SALW Awareness and Communications Strategy</b>
<b>SEESAC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY</b>	<b>SG 1 - Capacity Building SG 3 - Information Management and Exchange SG 6 - Technical Support and Assistance</b>

The goal of enhancing awareness of the problems and consequences of SALW proliferation was a commitment within the Stability Pact Regional Implementation Plan. There is also a need to address the limited knowledge, developing skills and resources available for increasing SALW Awareness activities in SEE. Therefore in November 2003 SEESAC published the Small Arms and Light Weapons Awareness Support Pack (SASP) consisting of a handbook and CD ROM. The pack was designed to provide comprehensive guidance on best practices in SALW awareness based on extensive consultations with specialists in relevant fields. SEESAC has now concluded a series of four workshops to OUTREACH the technical advice contained in the SASP around the region.



Learning modules for these workshops were jointly developed and delivered by SEESAC, UNDP Macedonia, the international investigative journalist Brian Johnson-Thomas and consultants from Saferworld. CD ROMs of all presentations were provided to participants at the workshop.

At each workshop, the agenda covered all the key components of SALW Awareness projects:

- SALW Control, Awareness Raising and the SASP;
- Awareness Raising to accompany national SAC programmes;
- Experience of Local NGO(s);
- Working with the Media;
- SASP Test in North Serbia;
- Information Collection and Management ;
- Working in schools;
- Analysis and Strategy Planning;
- Designing Messages, Activities and Materials, Choosing Media and Field Testing;
- Implementing, Monitoring and Evaluating; and

- Participatory Revision of SASP 2003.

### **SASP OUTREACH Workshop 2: Skopje, Macedonia**

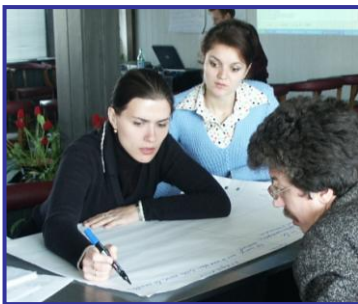
The second SASP OUTREACH workshop was held in the Panorama Hotel, Skopje on 23 - 25 August 2004. The event was organised in co-operation with the UNDP Small Arms Control in Macedonia (SACIM) project, which wished to offer training to NGOs which could undertake awareness activities to complement SACIM's community-based approach. Participants of Albanian and Macedonian ethnicity from NGOs, government and UNDP shared their experience and knowledge and became fully involved in an interactive curriculum covering the contents of the SASP.

### **SASP OUTREACH Workshop 3: Tirana, Albania**

The third SASP OUTREACH Workshop took place at the Eklips Hotel in Tirana, Albania, on 22 - 23 September 2004. It was organised with the co-operation of the UNDP Support to Security Sector Reform project in Albania. The workshop welcomed participants from the Government of Albania and a range of civil society organisations in Albania and Kosovo. Much of the methodology used to build the SASP itself was drawn from the long experience of UNDP in Albania in conducting awareness campaigns to complement small arms collection initiatives. Therefore case studies of local experiences were a valuable part of the agenda. Likewise the experience of the locally run UN/Hague Appeal project 'Peace and Disarmament Education' in compiling a teacher training manual for peace education made it appropriate for a local organisation to lead the session on working in schools. The SASP has been a particularly welcome tool for the 'Peace and Disarmament Education' project, which volunteered to translate the SASP into Albanian and has since employed it in training activities.



### **SASP OUTREACH Workshop 4: Chisinau, Moldova**



The fourth SASP OUTREACH Workshop was held at the Hotel Turist, Chisinau, Moldova, on 06 - 07 October 2004. It was organised in co-operation with the UNDP Country Office in Moldova. Moldova presents a difficult political environment in which to develop the capacity of civil society to work on the issue of small arms. In this context the workshop was viewed as a very valuable opportunity for establishing initial links and plans with Moldovan NGOs. The approach to the first day was to build understanding of SALW problems, aspects of SALW control, and to map all the ways in which local civil society could add value to each type of SALW control intervention, particularly in conducting awareness activities. During the remainder of the workshop, specific training was offered on the SASP. There were valuable contributions from the OSCE Mission to Moldova, UNDP, the UK Department for International Development's Peace-Building Framework project, and Saferworld's local research partner IPP into the session mapping local needs.

Two pilot projects testing the SASP are currently underway, and will be concluded shortly. SASP 2003 will be revised, updated and made available as SASP 2005.

The SASP CD ROM is now available in a multi-language version containing English, BCS and Albanian versions. For further information on this or the SASP OUTREACH please contact Larry Attree, SEESAC NGO/SALW Awareness Facilitator, by telephone on (+381) (11) 344 6353 or by email at [larry.attree@undp.org](mailto:larry.attree@undp.org). Copies of the SASP in Albanian, Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, English, Macedonian and Romanian can be downloaded from the SEESAC website ([www.seesac.org](http://www.seesac.org)).



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