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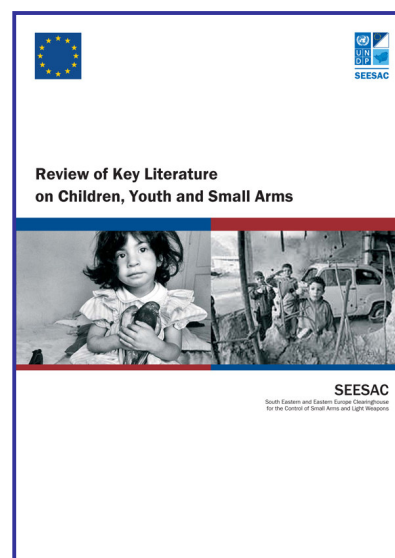
REVIEW OF KEY LITERATURE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND SMALL ARMS

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Since SALW emerged as an issue in the international community in the late 1990s, there has been a wide range of articles, reports and research. For educators or children's rights staff, the picture is a very confusing one, as much of the language is very technical, and the literature relevant to children and youth has generally not been written within a coherent theoretical framework, such as child development, children's rights programming, child safety and protection and public health. There is also a vast literature in the USA on the gun issue, with advocates for and against gun control, and research in psychology and paediatrics on the effects of guns on children and young people. In addition, in the developed world, there is a large literature on youth and crime, some of which refers to the use of weapons.

The aim of this Key Literature Review was to identify key documents reflecting a range of perspectives on the issue of weapons and children/young people. Recent literature by United Nations agencies and international NGOs (including arms control groups) has been generated in response to the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms. The US literature on guns and violence is also included. The public health focus of the World Health Organisation (WHO) and medical organisations in North America is well represented. The Review does not claim to be comprehensive, but it does include literature with references and links to other - and broader - sources on the issues.

This report will shortly be available on the Education and Small Arms section of the SEESAC website (<http://www.seesac.org>). For more information please contact SEESAC SALW Awareness Officer Anya Hart Dyke: anya.hartdyke@undp.org.





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