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LITERATURE REVIEW ON MEDIA VIOLENCE, CHILDREN AND SMALL ARMS

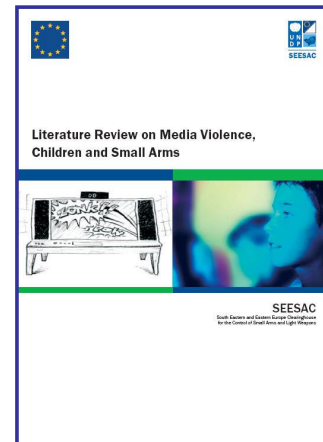
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One of the key issues in examining the impact of small arms on children is the role of the media. The SEESAC Education Consultant has developed a Literature Review of some materials that are relevant to considering the need for education programmes on media violence and small arms. Research has now confirmed the link between media violence and aggressive behaviour. If young people also have ready access to guns, then the likelihood of violent behaviour, against themselves and others, increases. Most of the resources are from the USA, with the exception of the UNESCO study; however, US media, films, TV, video and computer games are increasingly available to children all over the world, so the US research data is relevant.

Any programme designed to respond to the problem of small arms, be it education for children and youth, awareness raising for adults or advocacy, needs to take into account the role of the media in creating acceptance of the use of weapons to resolve conflicts and in supporting certain masculine roles. The Literature Review covers the following topics:

- Policy and Professional Resolutions;
- Research Reports and Fact Sheets; and
- Using Media with Youth for Education.

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 Communications Officer Ana Martinovic: ana.martinovic@undp.org.





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