

Men and Firearms in South East Europe: Fast Facts

The publication offers a broad overview of the available data on firearm ownership, access to firearms across security sector institutions, men's experience and attitudes towards firearms, and men as perpetrators and victims of firearm misuse.

It also maps factors that could influence the demand for firearms among men. In doing so, the publication aims to contribute to the ongoing discussions on the social conditioning of these patterns and increase the knowledge and awareness of both professionals and the general audience of the specific linkages between men and firearms.



2019

The Misuse of Firearms in Domestic Violence in South East Europe: Fast Facts

The publication provides an overview of data on firearm-related homicide committed by family members and intimate partners, the characteristics of the firearm-related incidents committed within the domestic context, women's and men's perception of safety with the presence of firearms at home, as well as the institutional response to the misuse of firearms in domestic violence.



2019

Firearm Incidents in the Context of Domestic Violence in South East Europe

Based on data collected through the Armed Violence Monitoring Platform (AVMP), SEESAC regularly publishes the analysis of firearm incidents committed in the context of domestic violence. The AVMP monitors firearm-related incidents that have occurred in South East Europe since 2014.

Data on firearm-related incidents is collected daily using local media clippings, online search engines and reports of the relevant public institutions, where available. These analyses are available for the period 2019-2021 and 2022.



Gender and SALW in South East Europe

The baseline research had three primary objectives:

- to map the main gender concerns related to SALW, with a particular focus on Southeast Europe (SEE);
- to assess the extent of gender integration in SALW policies in SEE, including legislative and strategic frameworks;
- and to provide evidence-based recommendations for gender mainstreaming in these frameworks.

The findings and recommendations from this research have informed UNDP SEESAC's ongoing efforts and shaped their overall approach to integrating gender perspectives in SALW control in the region.



2016

Gender Aspects of SALW and How to Address Them in Practice

The tool was developed to accompany the "Gender and SALW in South East Europe" research and support the operationalization of the recommendations and to ease the gender mainstreaming of SALW control policy-making.

It is designed as a straightforward aid to policy-makers, primarily members of SALW Commissions/Coordination Boards who are mandated to develop SALW control measures, including SALW strategies and action plans.



2016

SEESAC's Gender and Security Sector Reform resources

SEESAC's Gender and Security Sector Reform resources provide a wide range of knowledge products related to SEESAC's broader work on enhancing gender equality in the context of security sector reform.

43+

publications

5+

languages

12+

practical tools



SEESAC's Knowledge Base

SEESAC is dedicated to identifying and filling knowledge gaps by building a publicly available SALW Knowledge Base consisting of research-based publications, covering a range of topics related to gender responsive arms control, armed violence and arms exports, among other issues.



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RESPONSIVE SALW
CONTROL**



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Guidelines for Assessing and Addressing Risks Related to the Firearms Misuse in Domestic Violence

The Guidelines encompass a set of practical checklists aimed at assisting police officers in appropriately assessing the risks of misuse of firearms, both legally and illegally owned, in domestic violence and responding to them with the required urgency. Based on such an approach, the Guidelines provide an overview of actions related to firearms to be undertaken in each step of police proceedings, including high-risk intervention indicators, receiving a report, assessing risks, intervention, and incident aftermath.



2024

Guidelines for Gender Responsive Firearms License Approval

Through a set of practical checklists, the Guidelines are designed to support professionals in integrating the gender perspective throughout the firearms license approval process. This integration aims to effectively prevent the misuse of firearms in domestic violence and violence against women in particular, and prevent the misuse of firearms by groups most at risk of such behaviours, specifically men aged 18-30. Detailed guidance is provided on how to: review an application from the gender perspective, conduct background checks, make informed and gender-responsive decisions, and ensure continuous monitoring of the compliance with the legal requirements for the weapon possession.



2024

Small Arms Control – The Case for Gender Mainstreaming

This policy brief summarizes the overall approach to gender mainstreaming in SALW control in South East Europe. It provides an overview of key evidence that has shaped arms control debates in the region and facilitated making a case for mainstreaming gender.

The brief further outlines practical gender mainstreaming strategies and highlights the importance of gender analysis in enhancing the gender responsiveness of arms control. Finally, it discusses policy implications of bringing gender perspectives into arms control policies and ways forward.



2022



Guidelines for the Gender Analysis of Legislation and Policies Relevant for Small Arms Control

Grounded in a large-scale exercise conducted in the Western Balkans in 2021, the Guidelines intend to consolidate the main methodological lessons learned in conducting such analysis and share good practices beyond the Western Balkans.

The Guidelines aim to facilitate the implementation of gender analysis in the small arms context by providing step-by-step approach for a thorough review of relevant legislative and policy frameworks.



2022

Gender analysis of SALW control legislation and policies in the Western Balkans - reports

UNDP SEESAC, in cooperation with the SALW Commissions in the Western Balkans, conducted a large-scale gender analysis of small arms control legislation and policies, reviewing laws, bylaws, strategies, and action plans to assess gender responsiveness and provide recommendations

101+
laws

113+
bylaws

39+
strategies

The analysis focuses on integrating gender perspectives in arms control, women's participation, links between firearms and domestic violence, gendered aspects of firearms use, gender-sensitive record-keeping, and connections between the arms trade and gender-based violence.



2021

The Gender and Small Arms: Fast Facts

The Fast Fact series provides an extensive overview of sex-disaggregated data related to the ownership, access, demand for firearms, and their impact on women and men.

Through improved access to sex-disaggregated data, Fast Facts strive to increase the knowledge and awareness of both professionals and the general audience of the highly gendered aspects of small arms.

A separate publication was developed for each jurisdiction in South East Europe.



2019



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