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## SALW AWARENESS SUPPORT PACK 2007 – SASP 3

SEESAC FUNCTIONAL AREA	FA 5 – SALW Awareness and Communication Strategy
SEESAC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY	OA 2 – Coordination Measures 0A 3 - Information Management and Exchange Activities OA 7 – Training Activities

The Small Arms and Light Weapons Awareness Support Pack (SASP 1) was developed by SEESAC in 2003 as part of its SALW Awareness and Communications Strategy, which forms a fundamental component of the SALW Control process. SASP 1 has been widely distributed and used since then, both within the international community and amongst local non-governmental organisations working at community level, throughout South East Europe and beyond.

Consisting of a handbook and a CD-ROM, SASP serves as a manual for carrying out SALW Awareness activities, primarily in support of SALW Control interventions and as part of stand-alone Risk Education. It guides the project manager step-by-step through the programme cycle and is supplemented by case studies drawn from actions all over the world.



The initial SASP was first revised in 2005, to reflect the many developments in the field of SALW Awareness and relevant activities supported by SEESAC in the preceding two years. Since 2005 SEESAC has continued to build on experience in this area, and has carried out further relevant research:

- □ Safer Community Plans are now in operation in Macedonia and Croatia, with the specific aim of using participatory measures to reduce the perceived need for guns;
- Detailed research into the issue of SALW, Education and Children was carried out in 2006, which resulted in important new findings in this area.

This updated edition of SASP has been produced primarily to reflect new knowledge related to working with children, which advises against approaches that have been previously taken with children as a target group for Risk Education. The new edition of SASP will be promoted within the region; it is particularly advised that any stakeholders planning to conduct awareness activities with children should first acquaint themselves with the findings of the research (further information can

be found on SEESAC's website, <u>www.seesac.org</u>, under Education and Small Arms) and the relevant sections of SASP 3.

SASP 3 is now available to download from the SEESAC website. The updated CD-ROM is available on request from SEESAC. For further information and to obtain an electronic copy, or to request SASP 3 in regional languages, please contact Ms. Ana Martinovic, SEESAC Communications Officer, <a href="mailto:ana.martinovic@undp.org">ana.martinovic@undp.org</a> or Ms. Ciara Loughney, SEESAC SALW Awareness Officer, <a href="mailto:ciara.loughney@undp.org">ciara.loughney@undp.org</a>.



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