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SEESAC FUNCTIONAL AREA	FA 3 - Management Information FA 4 - SALW Awareness and Communications Strategy
SEESAC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY	SG 2 - Co-ordination Measures SG 3 - Information Management and Exchange Activities SG 8 - Research Activities

Two years after the agreement of the Regional Implementation Plan, the SEE SALW Monitor is a major report designed to give an overview of the progress made by each country within the region towards fulfilling its commitments on SALW. It was commissioned by SEESAC, and researched and written independently by the London-based NGO Saferworld during Winter 2003 and Spring 2004. National Focal Points for SALW were given the opportunity to comment on the final draft.

It is intended that the Monitor will be an ongoing project to be updated annually, although it may be incorporated into an NGO led global SALW Monitor. The launch of the report in each of the countries covered provides an opportunity for participants from governments, NGOs and the international community to engage in public discussion on steps forward and to re-evaluate needs and priorities. The report consists of four main sections:

- An introduction;
- Analysis of each country's progress in each of the areas of activity covered by the RIP;
- An overview of donor support for SALW projects in the region;
- A concluding section; and
- Annexes containing relevant documents and additional information.

Each country assessment in the report provides introductory material on the 'SALW problem' and 'SALW policy and practice' for that country, and then includes sections on:

- Legislative and regulatory issues;
- SALW transfers;
- SALW collection programmes and capacities;
- SALW destruction programmes and capacities;
- SALW stockpile management programmes and capacities;
- SALW awareness activities;





- SALW survey activities;
- Civil society involvement in SALW interventions;
- Cross-border SALW control initiatives;
- SALW management information and exchange systems and protocols; and
- Additional SALW-related activities.

The report recognises significant improvements in SALW practice across SEE, with increased activity from national authorities, international organisations and agencies as well as NGOs on the issue. It also identifies the need for further efforts to:

- Reform and harmonise legislation;
- Strengthen borders and combat smuggling;
- Destroy weapons and ammunition;
- Improve stockpile security;
- Engage in further collection initiatives;
- Raise awareness on SALW;
- Increase the role of civil society;
- Improve transparency;
- Increase co-ordination between SALW initiatives; and
- Integrate SALW better into the processes of development and security sector reform.

The report can be downloaded in whole or in part from the SEESAC (www.seesac.org) and Saferworld (www.saferworld.org.uk) websites. Hard copies of the report will be available from 18 April 2004 upon request from SEESAC NGO/Awareness Facilitator Larry Attree, who can be contacted on (+381) (11) 244 2902 or by email at larry.attree@undp.org.

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