

# Strengthening Education in Nepal for Disarmament

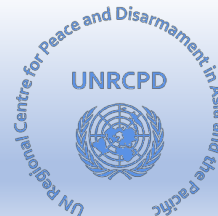
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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



WATER FOR PEOPLE



# **Agenda for Disarmament: Securing our Common Future**



## **SECURING OUR COMMON FUTURE**

An Agenda for Disarmament

“We are living in dangerous times. Cold War tensions are back, global military spending is at its highest and protracted conflicts are causing unspeakable human suffering. This is why I launched my disarmament agenda.”

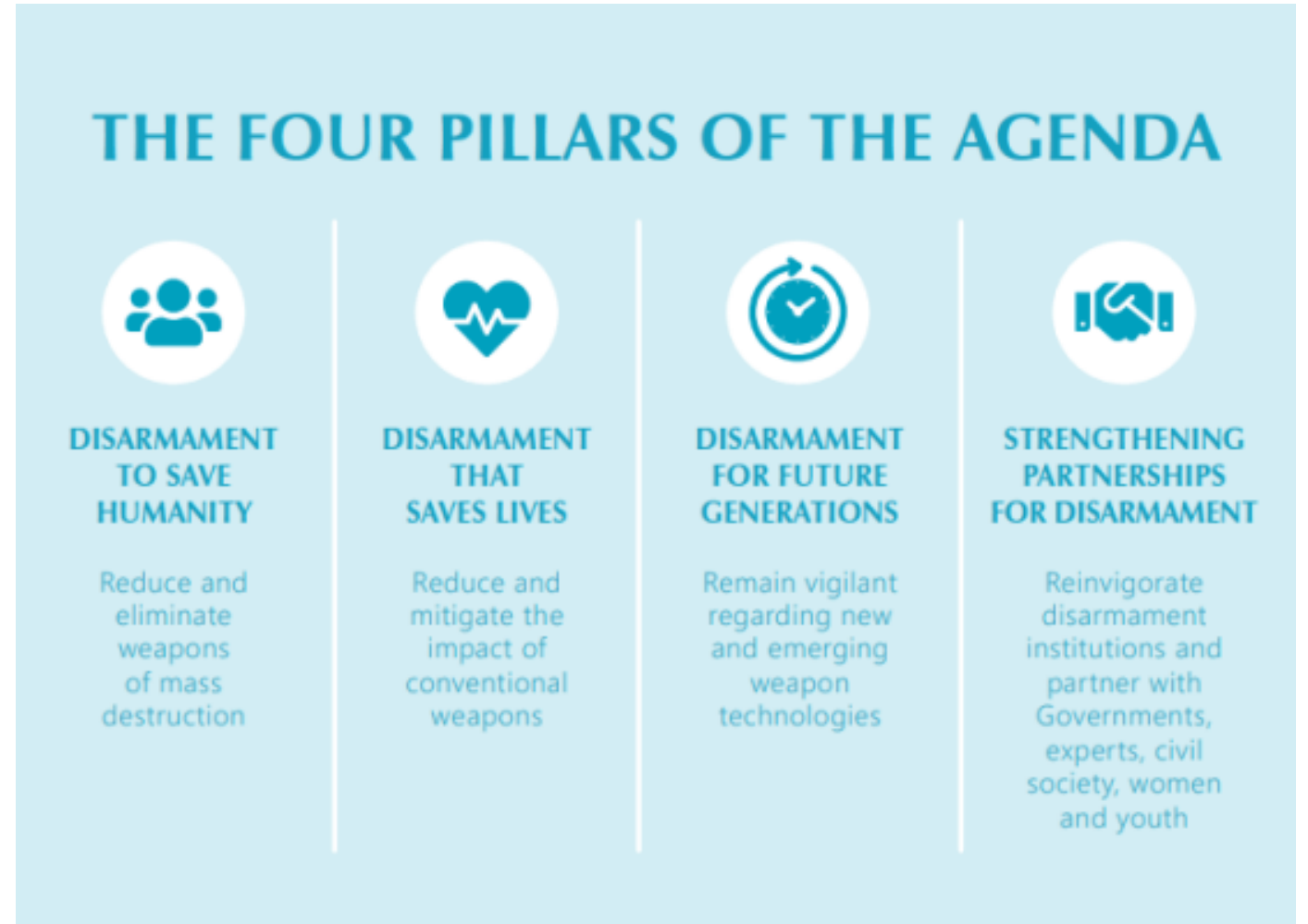
António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General

[www.un.org/disarmament/sg-agenda/](http://www.un.org/disarmament/sg-agenda/)



# Four Pillars of the Disarmament Agenda

Implementation status of objectives:  
<https://www.un.org/disarmament/sg-agenda/en/#table>





# Disarmament and the SDGs

## At a Glance: Disarmament and Arms Regulation in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



Armed violence is among the leading causes of premature death, and it victimizes even more people by spreading injuries, disability, psychological distress and disease. Disarmament and arms control reduce the impact of conflict on human health.



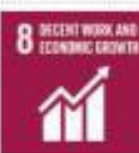
Limiting the proliferation and uncontrolled circulation of weapons in communities contributes to safe and non-violent learning environments for all.

Disarmament education contributes to education on peace and non-violence, conflict resolution, sustainable development, gender equality, economic justice, human rights and tolerance of cultural diversity. (See also page 69.)



Men and women are affected differently by the proliferation and use of weapons. Young men are overwhelmingly responsible for the misuse of small arms. While men make up most direct casualties, women are more frequently victims of gender-based violence that small arms facilitate. Regulating arms and ammunition can reduce violence against women and girls in both public and private spheres.

Empowering women and ensuring their equal and meaningful participation in disarmament and arms control decision-making processes can lead to more inclusive, effective and sustainable policy outcomes. (See also page 39.)



Excessive military spending hampers economic growth and can produce undesirable social and political consequences. Reducing military budgets can reduce the negative effects of this spending on economic and social development.

Steering the proliferation and easy availability of arms can counter the recruitment and use of child soldiers. Opportunities to build decent livelihoods can attract young men away from armed groups or gangs.

Adequate arms regulation helps prevent illicit transfers of weapons in support of human trafficking, modern slavery or forced labour. (See also page 48.)



**16.1** Disarmament and arms regulation contribute to reducing deaths from armed violence by prohibiting and restricting the use of certain types of weapons and by establishing effective controls of arms and ammunition.

**16.4** Effective disarmament and arms regulation reduce illicit arms flows, which can otherwise instigate, fuel and prolong armed conflict, terrorism and crime.

**16.6** Participation in military transparency and confidence-building measures, such as reporting on military spending and on arms imports and exports, promote accountability of national institutions and can foster cross-border dialogue and trust-building.

DISARMAMENT, NON-PROLIFERATION AND ARMS CONTROL PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN PREVENTING CONFLICT, AND IN FORGING AND SUSTAINING PEACE.

**16.8** The active engagement of all States, especially developing countries, in multilateral disarmament discussions leads to more effective and sustainable policy outcomes.

**16.8** Strengthening the institutional capacities of States to better control arms and ammunition and to engage in military confidence-building measures help prevent conflict, violence, terrorism and crime.

(See also pages 34, 40, 44 and 64.)



Measures for disarmament can reduce military expenditures and redirect public resources/spending towards social and economic initiatives that can contribute to greater equality.



Effective ammunition management mitigates the risk of storage depots accidentally exploding in populated areas. These explosions, when they occur, are humanitarian disasters that lead to death, injury, economic loss, displacement and destruction of infrastructure and private property.

Arms control measures increase urban safety and security by curbing the uncontrolled proliferation and misuse of small arms, particularly for gang-related violence. (See also page 45.)



Contamination from remnants of war and the testing and use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons have disastrous environmental consequences. Disarmament and arms regulation reduce the impact of weapons on the environment.



Mobilizing sufficient resources in support of disarmament and arms regulation is critical to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Increased availability of high-quality, timely, disaggregated and reliable arms-related data can inform discussions about the relationship between disarmament, development, peace and security, leading to better decisions and policies.



# 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



## **Goal 3**

# **Good Health and Well-Being**

- Armed violence among leading causes of premature death
- Disarmament and arms control reduce the impact of conflict on human health

# 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING





# 4 QUALITY EDUCATION



## **Goal 4 Quality Education**

- Limiting the spread of weapons in communities allows for safer learning environments
- Disarmament education is a key contributor

## **4 QUALITY EDUCATION**



# 5 GENDER EQUALITY



# Goal 5 Gender Equality

- Men and women are affected differently by the spread of weapons
  - ✓ Young men are primarily responsible for misuse of small arms
  - ✓ Women are most frequently victims of gender-based violence that small arms facilitate
- Empowering women in Disarmament can lead to more effect policy outcomes
  - ✓ Participation of women leads to more inclusive, effective and sustainable policies



**EMPOWER WOMEN  
AND GIRLS AND  
ENSURE THEIR  
EQUAL RIGHTS.**

1 in 3 women  
has experienced physical  
and/or sexual violence.

# 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

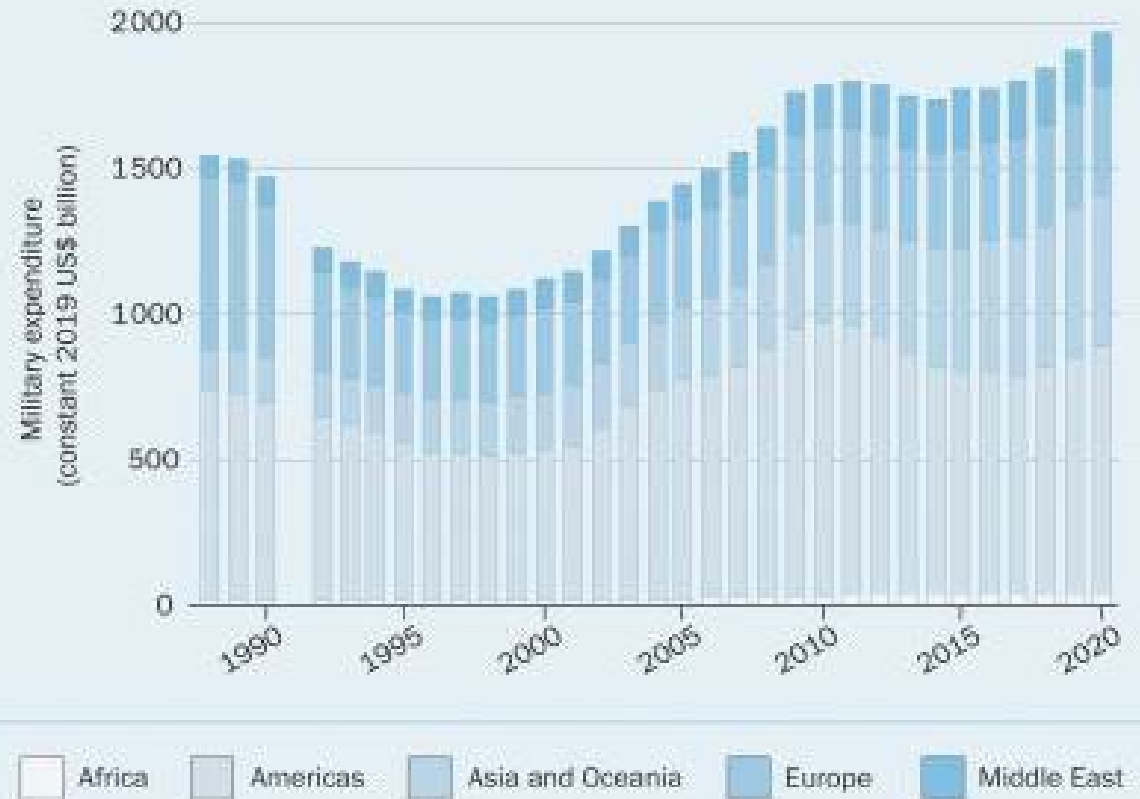


## Goal 8

# Decent Work and Economic Growth

- Excessive military expenditures (MILEX) harms economic growth
- Stemming proliferation of arms can counter recruitment of child soldiers
- Curbing illicit transfers of weapons helps to combat human trafficking, modern slavery or forced labour

**WORLD MILITARY EXPENDITURE, BY REGION, 1988-2020**



Notes: The absence of data for the Soviet Union in 1991 means that no total can be calculated for that year.  
Rough estimates for the Middle East are included in the world totals for 2015-20.

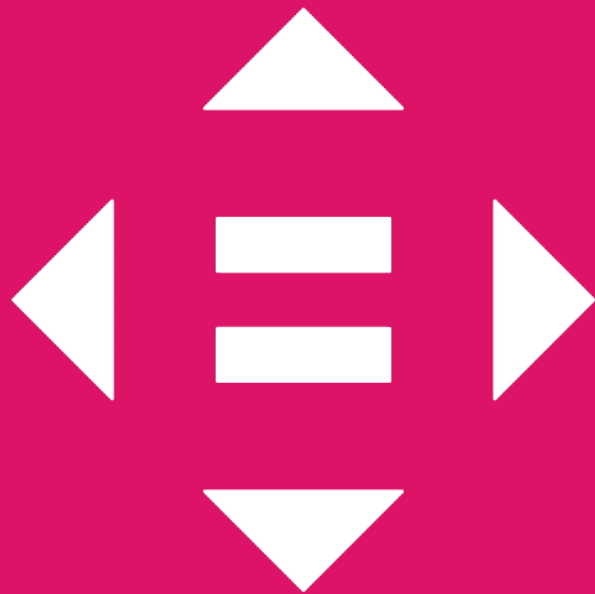
Source: SIPRI Military Expenditure Database, Apr. 2021.

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# 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES





## Goal 10

# Reduced Inequalities

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- Disarmament can reduce MILEX
  - ✓ Redirect public resources towards social and economic initiatives that contribute to greater equality

10 REDUCED  
INEQUALITIES



Reduce inequality within and among countries

# 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



# Goal 11

## Sustainable Cities and Communities

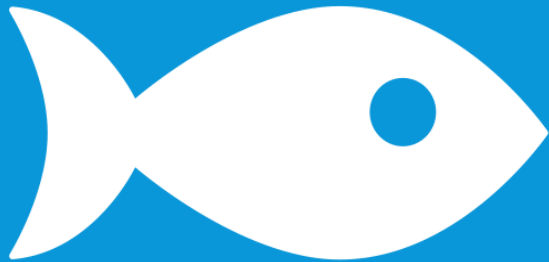
- Effective ammunition management mitigates the risk of depots accidentally exploding in populated areas
- Arms control measures increase urban safety by curbing the spread and misuse of arms

# 11

## SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



# 14 LIFE BELOW WATER



# 15 LIFE ON LAND



## Goals 14 & 15

### Life Below Water & Life on Land

- Contamination from remnants of war and the test of WMDs have disastrous environmental consequences
  - ✓ Lao PDR
  - ✓ Marshall Islands (Bikini Atoll)
- Disarmament and arms regulation reduce the impact of weapons on the environment
  - ✓ Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty norm-building against nuclear testing





# 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



# **Goal 16**

## **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**

- Target 16.1: Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere
  - Disarmament contributes to reducing death from armed violence
- Target 16.4: significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime
  - Effective arms regulation reduce illicit arms flows which otherwise instigate and prolong armed conflict, terrorism and crime

# 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



## **Goal 16**

# **Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**

- Target 16.6: Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels
- Target 16.8: Broaden and strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance

# 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



# 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



## **Goal 17**

### **Partnerships for the Goals**

- Mobilizing resources in support of disarmament is critical to achieving the SDGs
- Increased availability of quality and reliable arms-related data can lead to better decisions and policies

# 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



# **Cross cutting issues in Disarmament**

## **Gender in Disarmament and arms control**

### *Exercise:*

## **VOTING WITH YOUR FEET**

This exercise is an out-of-your seat strategy in which participants express their opinions by standing in different areas. This strategy allows participants to embody and compare their opinion to the opinion of others in a group and to explore the various reasons behind different viewpoints.

1. Read the statement
2. Consider your answer
3. Go stand on one of three zones: “True”, “False” or “Can be either”
4. Explain and Discuss



**Gender is about women primarily.**



**Gender mainstreaming means that the needs of women should be taken into account in policies and programmes.**



**Gender norms refer to the education that girls and boys receive from the family.**



**Gender based violence refers to the violence committed against women and girls.**



**The possession of small arms is  
driven by cultural and social  
constructs.**



**Gender equality in consultation processes means that women and men should be equally represented.**





**Women should not deal with weapons destructions because they are not strong enough and it is too dangerous.**



**Women are less likely to be involved  
in illicit arms trafficking.**



**Men won't be able to take into account gender considerations in operational small arms control.**



**Women tends to apply for positions  
at the policy and programme level.**



**Men don't feel comfortable with working with women officers during operations.**





## **The Youth4Disarmament Initiative**

- Established in 2019, #Youth4Disarmament is a youth outreach initiative, which strives to connect geographically diverse young people with experts to learn about international security challenges, the work of the UN & ways to actively participate.





## P – Participation (Engage)

- #Youth4Disarmament provides a **range** of different activities for young people of all **interests** and **backgrounds** to meaningfully **participate** and **contribute** to disarmament.





## **P – Perspective (Educate)**

- #Youth4Disarmament aims to amplify young people's perspectives on key topics & to facilitate educational opportunities for youth to further develop their views.



## P – Partnerships (Empower)

- Through numerous activities, #Y4D strives to **empower** youth with autonomy to turn their ideas into **action** & aims to **facilitate** an ever-increasing **network** of young people working together to secure a safer, more sustainable future for all.

# **Future Opportunities in works – 2023**

**Coming Soon**

- Regional Youth Training Programme
- Creative competitions for young people to share their vision for disarmament

Find out the latest opportunities by visiting  
[www.youth4disarmament.org](http://www.youth4disarmament.org)

**Questions?**

