Strengthening Education in Nepal for Disarmament

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Session 3. Disarmament in A Wider Context of Peace, Security and Development
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Agenda for Disarmament: Securing our Common Future

"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/
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.

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.

16.6 Participation in military transparency and confidence-building measures, such as reporting on military spending and on arms exports and imports, 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 protecting conflict, and in achieving and sustaining peace.

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 curtailing the uncontrolled proliferation and misuse of small arms, particularly for gang-related violence. (See also page 46.)

Contamination from remnants of war and the testing and use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons often has negative implications for the environment. Disarmament and arms regulation reduce the impact of weapons on the environment.

Measures for disarmament can reduce military expenditures and redirect public resources spending towards social and economic initiatives that can contribute to greater equality.
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
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
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 effective policy outcomes
  - Participation of women leads to more inclusive, effective and sustainable policies
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
Goal 10
Reduced Inequalities

- Disarmament can reduce MILEX
  - Redirect public resources towards social and economic initiatives that contribute to greater equality
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
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
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
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
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 tend to apply for positions at the policy and programme level.
Men don't feel comfortable working with women officers during operations.
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.
Participation (Engage)

• #Youth4Disarmament provides a range of different activities for young people of all interests and backgrounds to meaningfully participate and contribute to disarmament.
#Youth4Disarmament aims to amplify young people’s perspectives on key topics & to facilitate educational opportunities for youth to further develop their views.
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?