

UNLIREC's Contribution

- Enhance the ability of female law enforcement and legal officials to combat the illicit trafficking in small arms through Women-only-Training Courses.
- Promote the creation of “safe spaces” for women, their families and communities through the establishment of Gun Free Zones (GFZs).
- Showcase the role and contributions of women from Latin America and the Caribbean to the field of disarmament and non-proliferation through innovative communication tools and publications.



Beneficiaries

- Female law enforcement and judicial officials from Latin America and the Caribbean
- Women at-risk of small arms-related violence

Achievements

- Contributed to focused dialogue on creating gender-based programmes and policies through pioneering and exploratory research.
- Published two innovative publications showcasing women in the region as ‘Forces of Change’ in advancing the disarmament and non-proliferation global agenda.
- Improved access to professional training by female law enforcement personnel and legal officials on combating illicit small arms trafficking.

Facts and Figures

- 14 States from Latin America and the Caribbean are among the world’s 25 countries most affected by femicide-related crimes and violence.
- Structural injustices, negative gender norms, and the proliferation of small arms are all factors that contribute to perpetuating violence against women.
- UNGA Resolution 65/69 recognizes the specific contribution of women in preventing and reducing armed violence and in promoting disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control.



Enhancing Implementation of UNGA Resolution 65/69 on Women, Disarmament, Non-Proliferation and Arms Control Assistance Programme

Assistance Approach

Action at the Community Level

Objective: reduce the presence of small arms in violence-prone public spaces



Approach: improve the security situation of at-risk women by creating gun free "safe spaces"



South-South Cooperation

Objective: facilitate the transfer of best practices and learned lessons from the project to other regions of the world



Approach: institutionalize South-South cooperation between UNODA's three regional centres in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia-Pacific through of a sustainable learning forum

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Legal and Policy Support

Objective: avoid those convicted of domestic and/or interpersonal violence from owning weapons



Approach: Assist policy-makers in cross-referencing small arms regulations with domestic violence provisions

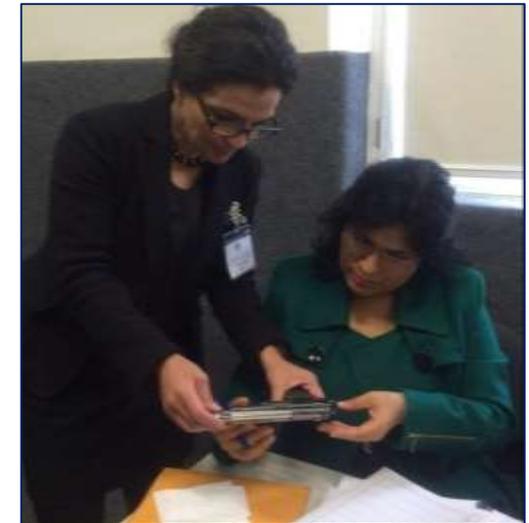
Objective: support States in assessing whether an international arms transfer will likely perpetrate or facilitate acts of gender-based violence



Approach: incorporate gender-risk criteria into arms transfer risk assessments

Human Resource Capacity-building

Objective: contribute to combating the low rates of convictions in small arms-related femicides



Approach: bolster the technical knowledge of legal operators to strengthen the rule of law and reduce impunity



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