The project aims to reduce the risks and incidences of armed violence whilst strengthening community security initiatives in Nepal's post conflict environment.

**BACKGROUND**

Following the successful completion of the second Constituent Assembly (CA) elections in November 2013, and as Nepal moves ahead to consolidate its peace and development gains, the task of violence prevention and strengthening community security (CS) in selected districts, identified as “hotspots” (see map on the next page) demands due attention. These districts, characterized by sporadic violence and unsettled political tensions, pose a security challenge. This calls for increased support to the Government of Nepal’s efforts in making a measurable reduction in the risks and incidence of violence in Nepal.

**Quick Facts**

| Duration: | 2014 to 2016 |
| Focus Area: | Armed Violence, Community Security, Gender-Based Violence, Youth Violence |
| Source of Funding: | UNDP United Nations Peace Fund for Nepal (UNPFN) |
| Implementing Agency: | Ministry of Home Affairs, Nepal Police & UNDP |
| Collaborating Partners: | Civil society organizations (CSOs) |
| Total Budget: | US$ 7,026,512.00 |
Main Achievements so far...

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) and the Nepal Police have agreed to establish a Nepal Crime Observation Center (NCOC) at the National Police Academy for monitoring, analysis and reporting crime and violence data.
- Recommendations on small arms control in line with International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS) have been drafted in consultation with MoHA, Nepal Police, Armed Police Force and National Investigation Department.
- A community security (CS) planning manual has been developed.
- CSO-based armed violence reduction surveillance systems have been supported and strengthened; the first annual violence monitoring report (2013) has been published.
- Supported the GoN attend a meeting of the UN Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in SALW in All Its Aspects (UN PoA) and Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) negotiations, and to conduct study visits to crime and violence observatories.
- An awareness raising strategy focusing on prevention of youth violence, armed violence (small arms) and gender-based violence (GBV) has been developed. The youth police engagement plans involving the Nepal Police and high school students have been validated and a roll out initiated.

Gender & Social Inclusion Interventions

- Over 33 Percent of the project's beneficiaries are women.
- Research on Masculinities and Gender Based Violence (GBV) has been conducted.
- A Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention Peer Education Manual has been developed for public dissemination and use.

Expected Project Results
(by the end of project cycle)

- A fully functional Nepal Crime Observation Center (NCOC) to collect, monitor and analyse crime and violence data to inform preventive policing and development programming.
- Strong institutional capacity of the GoN to monitor and control small arms through the development and implementation of a National Strategy and Action Plan on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Control.
- Effective implementation of violence-related laws, including the Domestic Violence Act, Public Security Act, and Arms and Ammunitions Act.
- Improved documentation, outreach and government-led coordination/collaboration among security actors in reducing armed violence through the provision of necessary technical and financial support.
- Nine districts and 30 VDC clusters (covering 120 VDCs) will have implemented participatory gender-responsive and conflict-sensitive community security plans.
- Fifteen percent increase in the understanding of and knowledge on GBV and youth violence prevention, armed violence reduction and community security among the people and communities in the nine project districts.

Where We Work

Project districts: Morang, Saptari, Dhanusa, Bara, Parsa, Banke, Bardiya, Kailali and Kanchanpur

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