IPPNW’s *Aiming for Prevention* Program
IPPNW’s global campaign to educate and activate the medical community to prevent injuries and death from armed violence.
Active IPPNW Affiliates

Africa - Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia

Central America - El Salvador, Nicaragua

South Asia - India, Pakistan, Nepal

IPPNW Medical Students
International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) coordinates

The IANSA Public Health Network

To help achieve mutual goals of preventing small arms violence around the globe via education and mobilization of the health community.
Types of Activities

- Action-oriented Research - Collect and analyze data on small arms victims
- Education - Educate medical community, policy makers, media, public about firearms as a public health problem
- Patient Advocacy - Develop clinical interventions to stem violence and prevent injuries from small arms
- Policy development and design - Use data on injuries and “human face” to press for policy changes to prevent injuries from small arms
- Care and rehabilitation
Aiming for Prevention in Action: Latin America, Africa, South Asia
Blood transfusion is needed in severe mine injuries. Let of blood is needed which is very difficult to get.

Volumes of blood needed per 1000 wounded patients:
- Shells-90 units
- Fragments-50 units
- Burned minors-320 units
Aiming for Prevention in Action:

Africa

IPPNW Kenya members provide medical services to victims of small arms
IPPNW has developed the “One Bullet Story” that documents the Human Face of Armed Violence

Costs of injuries are high:

• Medical
• Psychological
• Social
• Community
• Economic
“One Bullet Stories” of gunshot victims at a Lusaka hospital prove that small arms are a public health threat in Zambia.

The medical community needs to become involved to help stop the injuries and deaths.
“Before she knew what happened, the innocent 15 year girl felt something pushing her head back wards and to the left...

It took a while for her guardians to understand that she was injured by a bullet fired by the policemen”
AfP Campaign Materials Highlight One Bullet Stories

Chaque balle raconte une histoire...

...de blessures et de souffrances

LES ARMES NUISENT À LA SANTÉ

Every Bullet Tells a Story...

...of Injury and Suffering

GUNS ARE BAD FOR HEALTH
Aiming for Prevention in Action: El Salvador

Medical student brigade to rural area communities for health promotion.

Conducting injury research at Hospital Rosales, San Salvador, on victims of small arms violence.
Presenting Injury Research to the Public
Presenting Injury Research to El Salvador President Saca
Aiming for Prevention in Action:

India

Educating at conferences, meeting with diplomats and others in India and Pakistan
Medical students from Germany and Kenya conduct research on armed violence injuries at Kenyatta Hospital, Nairobi.

African medical students present "One Bullet Story" posters to British Consulate members in Kano, Nigeria.
Using Radio to bring peace to the people

Jos started experiencing conflicts since 2001

Small arms and other forms of violence discussed
Medical Students
International Conferences

Vienna, Austria

El Salvador

Helsinki, Finland
Medical Students
International Conferences

Durban, South Africa
Beijing, China
India
Africa
IPPNW capitalizes on other federation strengths

- Medical expertise, affiliations
- Access to decision makers
- Ability to support effective campaigns and strategies at both the international and regional/country levels
From these strategies, we design specific activities, projects and campaigns that are effective and measurable.
Aiming for Prevention
Ongoing
International Activities
Contribute the health perspective to international, national, regional and policy discussions to prevent armed violence, including the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons meetings.
● Educate the medical community, media and the public about the public health, social and economic burden of small arms injuries.

● Conduct action-oriented research to help inform public policy to prevent armed violence.

● Involve more of the international injury prevention community in addressing armed violence – present at World Injury Conferences and pre-conferences.
Currently looking into the possibilities of forming a North-South Collaboration on small arms violence prevention

- Common activities
- Information sharing
- One bullet stories (OBS) collection from mainly affected countries of the global south
Sharing of such one OBS by Northern affiliates with media, policy markers and even gun manufacturers

North-South pairings and mentorships towards collecting research data and comparing such

More on this in the workshop
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