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Regulate weaponry – develop community

UNSCAR Trust Facility – Fact Sheet

Disarmament focus:	Small arms and light weapons, arms trade, weapons and ammunition management, transparency in armaments, SDGs, women, peace and security (WPS).
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Geographical focus:	Global
Indicative annual budget:	US\$ 1.5 –2.0 million per annual cycle

UNSCAR Overview

The United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation ([UNSCAR](#)) is a multi-donor trust fund established to support quick-impact, small-scale, theme-focused arms control and disarmament projects. It is supported by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and is the essential supporting mechanism for implementation of the [UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons](#).

Since its inception in 2013, UNSCAR has provided more than **US\$15 million to 155 projects**, benefiting **148 countries**. UNSCAR aims to primarily support civil society organizations, as well as UN partners and international/regional organizations, to undertake projects in support of international arms control instruments. UNSCAR fosters coordination amongst partners, cooperation with national authorities and to support synergies with existing arms control initiatives.

Structural role

UNSCAR plays a central role in supporting the practical implementation of international arms control instruments and [financial support for UNSCAR](#) was encouraged at the [Fourth Review Conference \(RevCon4\)](#) on the implementation of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (**PoA**). During RevCon4, Member States requested the Secretariat to establish and maintain a **structured procedure** for international cooperation and assistance and to promote UNSCAR as a support mechanism for States to access and encourage projects in partnership with relevant stakeholders. UNSCAR also supports the implementation of the [Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management](#) and UN Transparency Instruments.

UNSCAR projects are assessed to ensure their consistency with the requests for assistance from Member States, as indicated in their PoA national reports. In accordance with the guiding principle of promoting **national ownership**. In each funding cycle, over 70% of UNSCAR-funded projects are qualified as Official Development Assistance eligible (**ODA-eligible**).

UNSCAR Process

UNSCAR has an annual funding cycle and aims to publish a call for applications in summer, with an aim to announce implementing partners and finalise agreements early in the following year. The most recent application requirements and documents are kept available online [here](#).

UNSCAR applicants are expected to work with national authorities in relevant countries of operation, while also working closely with UNODA staff to incorporate technical and administrative requirements into project implementation. This requires adherence to UN regulations and financial probity rules.

Selected applicants are required to:

- complete a detailed schedule of activities;
- a risk assessment/mitigation strategy;
- provide evidence of support from recipient governments; and
- detailed coordination plans with other UNSCAR implementing partners.

The selection of UNSCAR projects is undertaken by UNODA in coordination with donor countries, who comprise the Strategic Planning Group (**SPG**). The SPG also functions as an advisory board to UNSCAR, ensuring that UNSCAR-funded activities are consistent with the agreed aims and priorities. Further details can be found in the [2025-26 UNSCAR Proposal](#).

Special Circumstances Funding

UNSCAR also funds special circumstances projects up to \$150,000, which aim to provide rapid response support to emergency situations in the field of weapons management. These projects can be submitted all year round by any eligible NGO, international/regional partner or UN entity. Inquiries: unscar-unoda@un.org. Examples of these projects are listed [here](#).

UNSCAR Donors

UNSCAR has received financial support from 17 donors during its existence and in the most recent financial cycle was supported by: Australia, Cyprus, Czechia, Finland, Germany, the Philippines, Portugal, the Slovak Republic, and Spain.

The ongoing support of Member States for UNSCAR has allowed it to become a sustainable source of funding for small-scale arms control projects across the globe. Donors to UNSCAR are invited to participate in the SPG, giving them a direct input in the selection of projects and the operations of UNSCAR.

UNODA estimates that between US\$1.5 – 2.0 million is required to support the targeted 15-20 project proposals to be implemented annually, including administrative costs. UNSCAR donors are welcome to make multi-year or one-off commitments, [with no minimum amount](#).

UNSCAR Outcomes

UNSCAR continues to fund valuable arms control and disarmament projects across the globe, with a priority on projects which produce tangible outcomes, build civil society capacity or which contribute to meaningful progress on disarmament. See the most recent projects supported in [2024](#), [2022-23](#) and [2021](#). UNSCAR will continue to provide updates to donors and publicly, highlighting the important work of our implementing partners.

UNSCAR Partner Organisations

As a non-exhaustive list, UNSCAR has funded important, practical work in regions around the world with partners such as:

Action on Armed Violence

<https://aoav.org.uk/>

Cameroon Youths and Students Forum for Peace

<https://new.camyosfop.org/>

CARICOM

<https://caricom.org/>

Centre for Armed Violence Reduction

<https://armedviolencereduction.org/>

Conflict Armaments Research

<https://www.conflictarm.com/>

Geneva Centre for Security Policy

<https://www.gcsp.ch/>

HALO Trust

<https://www.halotrust.org/where-we-work/europe-and-caucasus/bosnia-and-herzegovina/>

Instituto de Enseñanza para el Desarrollo Sostenible

<https://iepades.org/>

International Action Network on Small Arms

<https://iansa.org/>

Mines Advisory Group

<https://www.maginternational.org/what-we-do/where-we-work/chad/>

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

<https://www.osce.org/>

Non-Violence International

<https://www.nonviolenceinternational.net/>

Non-Violence International Southeast Asia

<https://www.nonviolenceinternational.net/>

Norwegian People's Aid

<https://www.npaid.org/mine-action-and-disarmament/where-we-work/bosnia-and-herzegovina>

Parliamentarians for Global Action

<https://www.pgaction.org/about/>

Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons

<https://www.recsasec.org/>

Small Arms Survey

<https://www.smallarmssurvey.org/>

Stimson Centre

<https://www.stimson.org/>

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

<https://www.sipri.org/>

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