Armed Violence:
A Global Health Crisis, an IPPNW Public Health Approach

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World Health Organization (WHO) :

“Violence is a leading worldwide public health problem”

Resolution WHA 49.25, 1996
Aiming for Prevention:

IPPNW’s global campaign to educate and activate the medical community to prevent armed violence.
Types of Activities

- Action-oriented Research
- Education
- Policy Advocacy
- Care for victims of violence

IPPNW presents “Medical Alert for a Strong ATT” signatures to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon
We contribute the health perspective to policy discussions, such as at the United Nations.
Present at key scientific conferences such as the World Conferences on Injury Prevention, IPPNW Congresses, other international meetings.
IPPNW is an active member of the WHO Violence Prevention Alliance (VPA)
IPPNW is a collaborating partner in the World Bank’s “HIVE” Knowledge Platform on Violence, Conflict and Fragility.
We capitalize on federation strengths

✓ Medical expertise, affiliations

✓ Access to decision makers

✓ Ability to support effective campaigns and strategies at both the international and regional/country levels
Aiming for Prevention in Action
Aiming for Prevention in Action: On the Airwaves

- Nigeria Bringing Peace to the People Radio Program, rally and outreach
“One Bullet Stories” to document the Human Face of Armed Violence

Costs of injuries are high:

- Medical
- Psychological
- Social
- Community
- Economic
Examples of Research Work

- Africa - Mortuary data collection pilot study with WHO.
- Papua New Guinea - Armed violence hospital-based research.
- Kenya - Firearm injuries, and post-election violence.
- NZ in Liberia – Hospital research for Armed Violence Observatory.
- Austria & Zambia – Research to Improve Care for Victims of Violence.
Presenting Injury Research to the Public...

...and to Policy Makers
Medical Care, Community Outreach
Medical Students

German students conduct research on armed violence at Nairobi hospital

Dozens of students bike in Germany to educate about the arms trade

30+ Austrian students participate in Zambia victim assistance project.

Nigerian students present *One Bullet Stories* to British Consulate, Nigeria
Medical Students
International Conferences

Vienna, Austria

San Salvador, El Salvador

Helsinki, Finland

Durban, South Africa
Campaign Materials Highlight
One Bullet Stories
Get Involved!

ZAMBIA \textit{Ban\'em Now!} 34,000

[Image of people holding signs]

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