Human Target

How Small Arms Production, Trade and Use Affect Health and Development

Iranian Perspective

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IRAN – IRAQ WAR

The longest conventional war of the 20th Century
Aftermath

(The war was disastrous for both countries)

Iranian Side:

- 220,000 Dead
- >500,000 Injured / disabled
- 40,000 POW
- Millions affected
Legacy of the War

- Millions of landmines and ERW
- Health and environmental impacts of over 3000 tones of CWA including unexploded munitions and residues
- **Tens of thousands of guns and munitions left in the hands of civilians**
- Tens of thousands of IDPs who suffer social problems: violence
Small arms and light weapons in Iran

- Private ownership of gun has been illegal in Iran since 1910
- Weapons left from Iran-Iraq war
- Gun trafficking from neighboring countries
- Black market in capital and other big cities (100 to 500 USD)
Iran’s borders

Total: 8700 km

Iraq: 1600 km
Turkey: 580 km
Afghanistan: 950 km
Pakistan: 900 km
Firearm-related deaths

- Total number of homicides in 2010: 2500
- Firearm homicides in 2010: 520
- 2011: 605 (16% increase)
- 2012: 710 (18% increase)
- In border provinces: over 50% of all homicides
- Injuries (high cost): Medical, Psychological, Social, Economic
Gun Violence

- Rubbery, assault, fighting crime
- Poor pre-hospital care: high mortality
G3, The Killer!

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Prevention

• To raise awareness
• Control small arms trade
• To teach non-violent conflict resolution
• To strengthen people to stand up against violence

• Media
• IPPNW-Iran(Peace Museum)
Thank you!