

## SMALL ARMS SURVEY 2008 RISK AND RESILIENCE



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The *Small Arms Survey 2008* presents two thematic sections. The first examines the problem of diversion in all its aspects: stockpiles, surplus disposal, international transfers, and end-user documentation. It includes a case study on South Africa and a comic strip illustrating the potential ease by which someone with access to forged documentation can make arrangements to ship munitions virtually anywhere. The second thematic section analyses the public health approach to armed violence, scrutinising risk and resilience factors and considering related interventions. It includes an overview of the burden of armed violence, and two case studies of armed violence in El Salvador and the United States. A chapter on light weapons production rounds out the volume. The chapters are:

- Light Weapons: Products, Producers, and Proliferation
- Arsenal Adrift: Arms and Ammunition Diversion
- A Semi-automatic Process? Identifying and Destroying Military Surplus
- Deadly Deception: Arms Transfer Diversion
- Who's Buying? End-user Certification
- The Meaning of Loss: Firearms Diversion in South Africa
- Comic Strip: Adventures of a Would-be Arms Dealer
- Reducing Armed Violence: The Public Health Approach
- Risk and Resilience: Understanding the Potential for Violence
- Targeting Armed Violence: Public Health Interventions

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### Praise for the Small Arms Survey 2008

"The *Small Arms Survey 2008: Risk and Resilience* provides compelling evidence for expanding our approach to armed violence reduction from one focused on treating symptoms to one that also aims at prevention. This volume shines a light on public health-based efforts to identify risk and resilience factors of armed violence as well as a number of recent interventions. The 2008 Survey is a vital resource for policy-makers at all levels in our continuing collective work to protect populations at risk."

**Bernard Kouchner**  
French Minister of Foreign  
and European Affairs

"The *Small Arms Survey 2008: Risk and Resilience* demonstrates the need to – and our ability to – reduce armed violence by focusing on preventive efforts rather than solely punitive measures. The evidence-based public health approach allows us to understand the risk of violence in a community, design targeted violence reduction interventions, and measure the effectiveness of these programmes in building safer communities."

**Dr. Vappu Taipale**