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Countering Illicit Firearms
Trafficking and Related Crimes



Target 16.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals:

By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime



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Geographic coverage



The Global Firearms Programme

Created to

assist states in **building adequate criminal justice systems** to effectively **respond to the challenges posed by organized criminality** specifically related to **trafficking in firearms its parts and components.**



UNODC's integrated 5-pillar approach on firearms



Pillar 1: Legislative and Policy Development

- Support **ratification** of UNTOC and Protocol;
- Development of **legal tools** (Model law, Legislative Guide)
- Promotion of **synergies** between international and regional instruments
- Provision of **tailored legislative advice** and legal drafting support;
- Comprehensive **legislative assessment & gap analysis**; Regional comparative analysis.



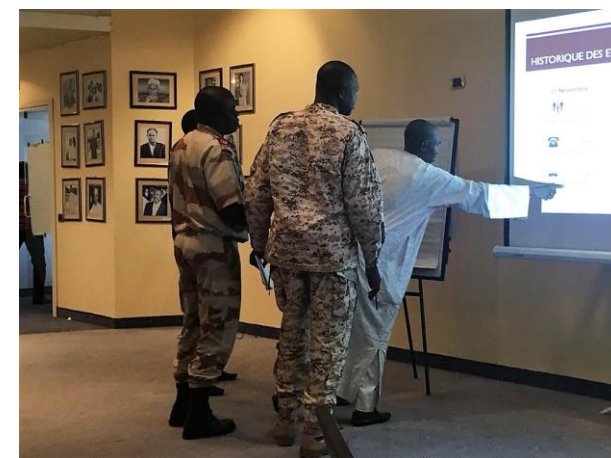
Pillar 1: Legislative and Policy Development

- Ratification and implementation support, as well as legislative advice to more than 20 countries (2019-2020) in Africa, Americas, Western Balkans and Ukraine
- Harmonization of criminal law and criminal procedural laws in line with UNTOC and Firearms Protocol
- Finalizing draft-laws and regulations in several drafting workshops



Pillar 2: Implementation of Preventive and Security Measures

- Support for **marking** of firearms and effective **recordkeeping**
- **Security and safety** of (seized) firearms and ammunition stocks and transfers
- Support for **voluntary arms collections** and **destruction** activities
- Development of **comprehensive firearms recording software**
- **80,000 firearms marked and registered** in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Senegal



Pillar 3: Strengthening Criminal Justice Response

- Strengthen national capacity **to detect, investigate and prosecute firearms trafficking** and its links to organized crime and terrorism
- Promote **proactive investigative approaches** and operational cooperation at law enforcement and judicial level
- Comprehensive training curriculum
- Delivery of **specialized training courses** with practical involvement of stakeholders



Training compendium on
investigating and prosecuting
the illicit manufacture in and
trafficking of firearms





Pillar 4: International cooperation and Information exchange

- Supports exchange of expertise and knowledge among **Community of Firearms Experts and Criminal Justice Practitioners**
- Organization of sub-regional, regional and cross-regional meetings to exchange expertise and good practices
- Collection of **relevant cases of firearms trafficking on UNODC SHERLOC-Database**
- Support participation of national experts in meetings of WGFA



Image: BobCarver

Report
The nexus between SALW, organised crime, and terrorism
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KAFO - joint INTERPOL-UNODC operation against illicit firearms trafficking in West Africa

- **Targeting** perpetrators and networks behind firearms trafficking in Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire and Mali.
- **Involving** 110 police, customs, border police and prosecution services
- **Conducting** thousands of checks for lost and stolen firearms as well as for wanted persons, stolen and lost travel documents, and stolen motor vehicles
- **Intercepting** illicit firearms and **identifying** potential links to other forms of crime across the region and beyond, including terrorism

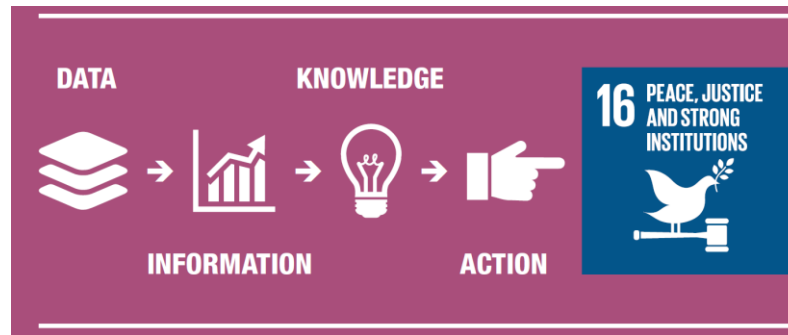


Operation Trigger

- **Joint UNODC-Interpol-WCO Operation**
- **Trigger IV:** Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Morocco
 - 57 firearms recovered, 17 individuals arrested for firearms offences; EUR 1.3 million seized in cash.
- **Trigger V:** Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama
- **Trigger VI:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guyana, French Guyana, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Surinam, Uruguay.



Pillar 5: Data Monitoring Illicit Arms Flows Collection and Analysis



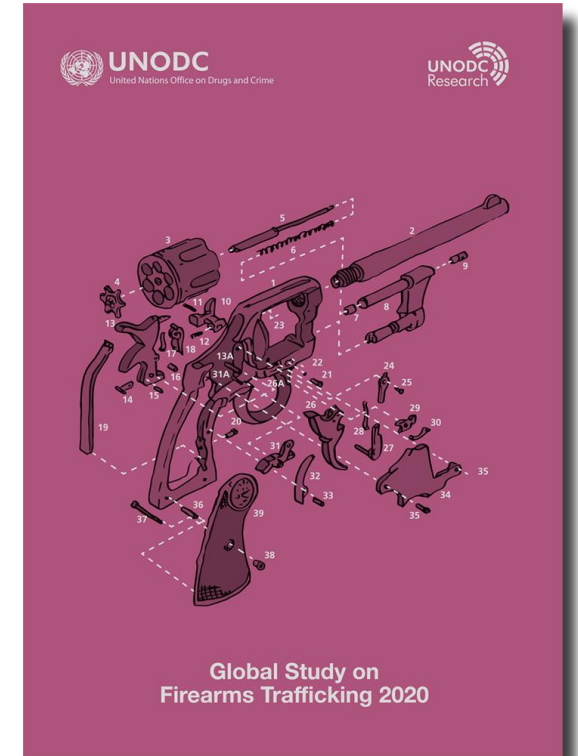
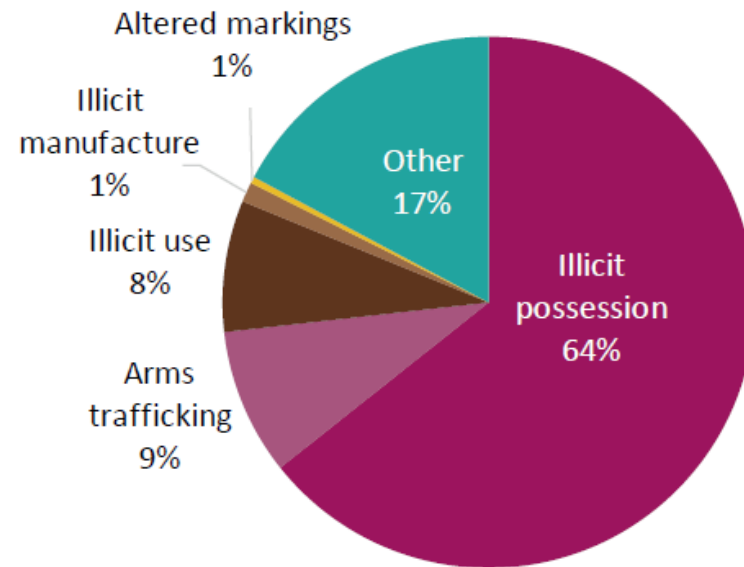
- Supporting data collection and analysis for evidence-based approach
- Technical assistance and development of tools to strengthen national capacities to collect and analyze firearms-related data.



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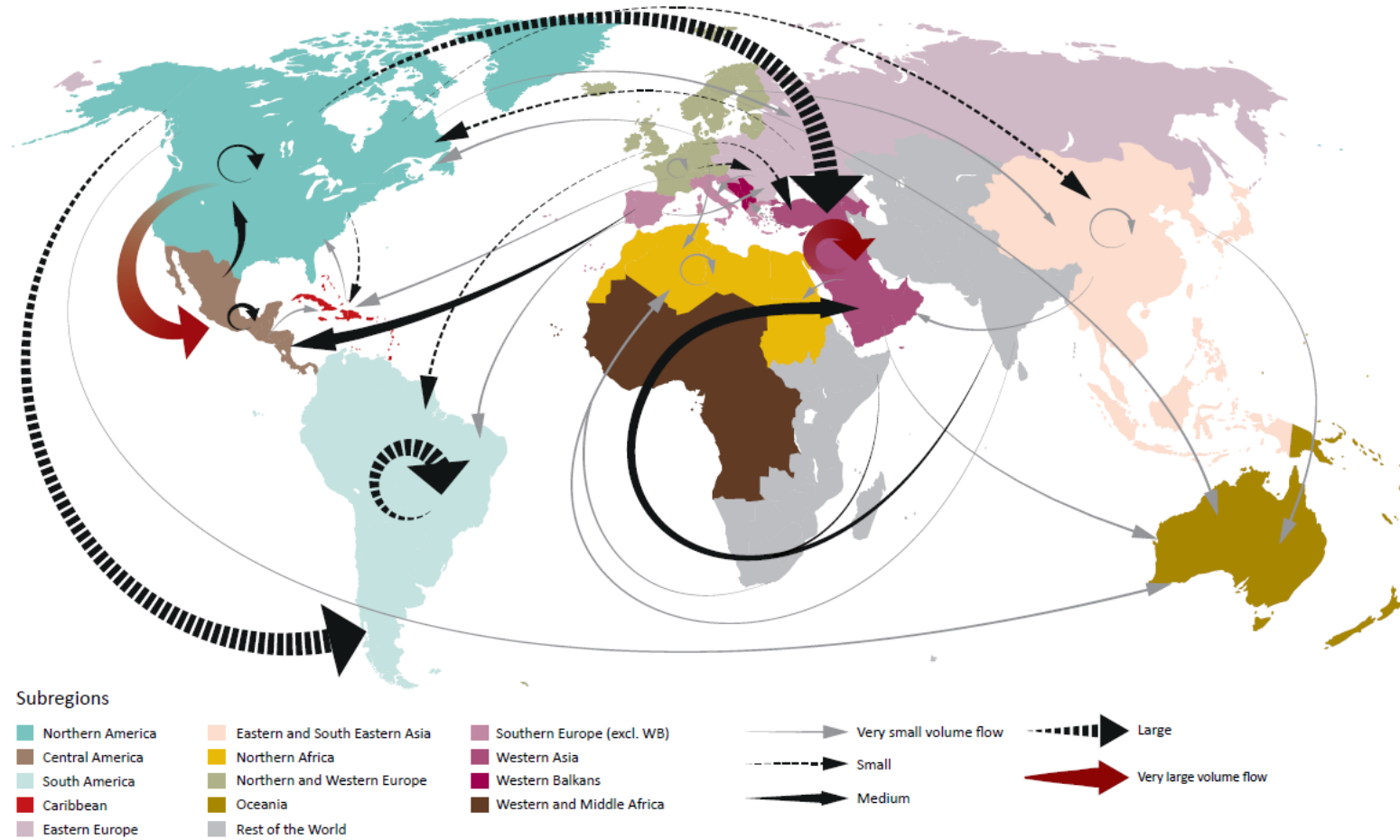
- **Yearly, 550,000 firearms were seized in 2016 and in 2017**
- **The real global figure is much higher**

Legal justification of seizures



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MAP 1 ---- Main transnational firearms trafficking flows (as defined by routes of seized firearms), 2016-17





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Thank you for your attention.

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