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The Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA)

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Small Arms/Light Weapons

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Mission: “...implement destruction and mitigation programs...”
Small Arms/Light Weapons

- 25 countries assisted to date
- Over **1 million weapons** and **80 million rounds** ammunition
- More than **23,000 MANPADS**
- Long-term engagement in source countries
- Short projects in affected countries - often through Disarmament, Demobilization, Reintegration (DDR)
- Coordination with DTRA for enhancing **physical security and stockpile management (PSSM)** of remaining SA/LW





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Success Stories

Bilateral and Multilateral Programs

Liberia

- 33,000 SA/LW and 45 MANPADS destroyed.
- Weapons were collected through UN-led DDR process.

Ukraine

- United States is lead nation for first phase of the NATO-PfP project.
- Plans to destroy 133,000 tons of munitions, 1.5 million SA/LW and 1,000 MANPADS over 12 years at a cost of over \$28 million to donors.
- 85,000 SA/LW and 1,012 MANPADS were destroyed in 2007.
- Largest destruction project of its kind.





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Success Stories

Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) Grants

- PM/WRA takes an integrated approach to address threats posed by excess or abandoned ordnance and SA/LW stockpiles in bilateral, post-conflict projects.



Afghanistan

- More than **91,800 SA/LW** and **101 MANPADS** destroyed
- **3,847 tons of munitions** destroyed since 2005

Sudan

- **187 light weapons** and **21 MANPADS** destroyed
- At least **152,640 pieces of assorted munitions** destroyed





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MANPADS Threat Reduction

- Targeted programs for MANPADS threat reduction are a **national security priority**.
- State Dept. led the effort to develop the International Aviation Threat Reduction Plan.
- Established Inter-Agency MANPADS Task Force.
- Interagency Cooperation on MANPADS
 - CIA
 - DoD
 - COCOMs
 - DIA (Chuckwagon, MSIC)
 - DTRA
 - JCS
 - OSD/SOLIC
 - DHS/TSA
 - FBI
 - NCTC
 - NSC
 - OMB
 - Transportation
 - Treasury





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Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement Progress Report
as of October 2007

MANPADS DESTROYED TO DATE: 23,000+ in 20 countries

SMALL ARMS/LIGHT WEAPONS DESTROYED TO DATE: 1,000,000+ in 25 countries

MUNITIONS DESTROYED TO DATE: 80 million+ pieces in 25 countries





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- How can you help us achieve our goals?
 - Budgets are increasing
 - FY 07 = \$ 8.6M
 - FY 08 = \$14.7M (estimate)
 - FY 09 = \$22.7M (projected)
 - Grantees encouraged to provide services
 - Sole Source grants
 - Competitive grants – new “destruction” topic
 - Team with Contractors





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Questions?

For more information visit: www.state.gov/t/pm/wra

Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (WRA)

The Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PMWRA) creates local, regional and international conditions conducive to peace, stability and prosperity by curbing the illicit proliferation of conventional weapons of war such as light automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenades, and removing and destroying others, such as persistent landmines and abandoned stocks of munitions, that remain and pose hazards after the cessation of armed conflict.

The Office develops, implements and monitors policy, programs and public engagement efforts that contribute to the prevention and mitigation of conflict, as well as post-conflict social and economic recovery. The focus is three-fold: to curb the illicit trafficking, availability and indiscriminate use of conventional weapons of war that fuel regional and internal instability; to pursue and help manage post-conflict cleanup of such weapons in areas needed for civilian use; and to engage civil society to garner support for our efforts and enhance U.S. influence.

The Office furthers U.S. foreign policy goals through the development and implementation of comprehensive solutions to the security challenges and harmful humanitarian effects caused by the illicit proliferation of conventional weapons of war, and the existence of public hazards from such weapons following cessation of armed conflict. Conventional weapons and munitions addressed by the Office include but are not limited to landmines, unexploded ordnance (UXO), abandoned ordnance (AO), man portable air defense systems (MANPADS) and other small arms and light weapons (SALW). The office strives to limit the access of

Grant Requests
New request for applications for grants to advance humanitarian mine action and stem illicit small arms and light weapons trafficking.

Safe Passage Newsletter
Read the November 2016 edition of "Safe Passage," the newsletter for the Humanitarian Mine Action and Small



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