



GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE 2025

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Every year, IANSA invites its members to join in solidarity to advocate for an end to the illicit trade and misuse of small arms and light weapons (SALW) by participating in the Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence (GWOA). This year it took place from 2 – 8 June 2025.

The GWOA emphasises the need for all stakeholders to work together to achieve tangible outcomes and taking meaningful steps forward for a world without gun violence. IANSA's theme this year was **"Protect the Future: Control Small Arms and their Ammunition for Global Safety."** The campaign aimed to address the ongoing threat of armed violence fuelled by unregulated proliferation and use of small arms, light weapons and their ammunition. It highlighted the importance of international cooperation and frameworks like the UN Programme of Action on SALW (UNPoA) and the Global Framework for Through-life Conventional Ammunition Management (GFA).

The campaign focused on several key areas: strengthening control over SALW and ammunition, safely collecting and disposing of surplus stockpiles, and promoting gender mainstreaming and youth engagement. It also emphasized setting measurable national and regional goals, advancing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, supporting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and regulating civilian possession of SALW. These efforts are vital to reducing armed violence and promoting long-term global security.

With the support of governments, civil society, academia, and international organizations, the campaign called for unified action to create safer, more resilient communities worldwide.

Funded Organisations

As part of IANSA's project with the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) through contributions received from the European Union, entitled "From the Bottom Up: Civil Society Engagement and Support for the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons", small stipends were given to IANSA members to undertake activities during the Global Week of Action. This is a summary of their activities.

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Fundación Arias para la Paz y el Progreso Humano

Fundación Arias held an activity in an area deeply affected by armed violence, San Jorge, Corredores, Puntarenas. They conducted a workshop on violence prevention and anger management for 40 children and adolescents, aged between 7 and 16. This initiative aimed to address the root causes of violence, equip participants with essential life skills, and cultivate a robust culture of peace and non-violence. The workshop offered a unique artistic activity where children were encouraged to re-imagine and transform drawings of guns into symbols of peace and everyday non-weapon items. During the workshop, children reimagined these drawings, turning them into images of cars, landscapes, superheroes, and more. These sessions equipped participants with practical tools for conflict resolution, emotional regulation, and non-violent communication.



RASALAO-Côte d'Ivoire held a public advocacy conference on in Abidjan, calling for the revision of national arms laws to align with international treaties ratified by the Ivorian state. The event brought together many participants, including government officials, civil society, youth, and media, and highlighted Côte d'Ivoire's progress in arms control. A one-page advocacy manifesto was also delivered to key authorities. The initiative aimed to strengthen national legislation to reduce gun violence and promote peace ahead of upcoming elections.



IHLYI launched a youth-led, bilingual advocacy campaign “For Her Peace and Health” addressing the gendered impacts of armed violence, especially in the Middle East, North Africa, and Africa. The campaign places women and girls, survivors and youth voices at the center of global disarmament conversations, advocating for justice, accountability, and strong arms control frameworks. IHLYI hosted several awareness raising webinars for the online campaign, and participated actively in the Preparatory Meeting for the UN Global Framework on Conventional Ammunition. The campaign continues also beyond the GWOA.



Blue Veins conducted a series of national and provincial dialogues in Pakistan to strengthen civil society engagement with government stakeholders on small arms control and the implementation of the UNPoA. Through meetings with legislators, government officials, human rights institutions, and civil society organizations, the initiative fostered shared understanding and built momentum for legislative action on SALW. Recommendations emphasized targeted advocacy, capacity building, youth involvement, stronger CSO-government collaboration, and regular stakeholder dialogue. As a next step, Blue Veins plans to develop a position paper and offer technical support to legislators to promote policy reforms and improved implementation of the UNPoA.



Additional Activities

In addition to groups that received funding, other IANSA members from around the world participated in the Global Week of Action.

Argentina – Asociación para Políticas Públicas

APP organised an online campaign that highlighted Wear Orange, sharing vital information and news on gun violence and commemorate victims.



COLOMBIA – Red Nacional de Iniciativas Ciudadanas por la Paz y Contra la Guerra

REDEPAZ, a network of civil society organizations focused on promoting peace and opposing violence, organised an informative and reflective seminar on armed violence in Medellín, reflection on disarmament and its role in protecting human rights.

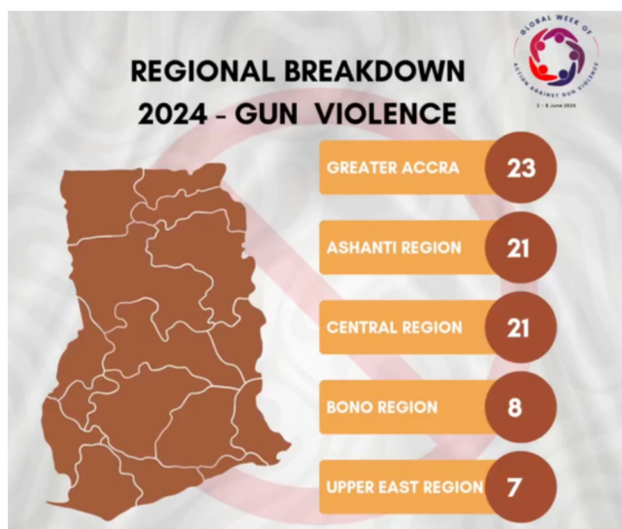


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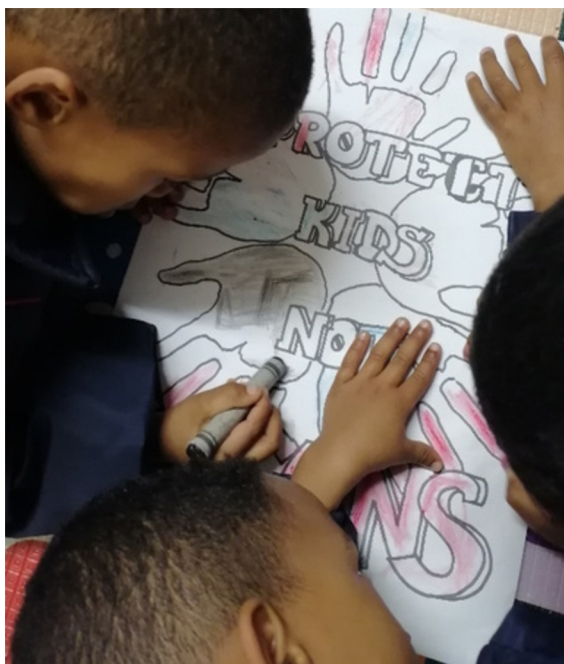
Ghana – Foundation for Security and Development in Africa

FOSDA organised an online campaign sharing key information, cases and statistics on gun violence in Ghana from their Monitoring Report. Post examples [here](#).



South Africa – Gun Free South Africa

GFSA united 150 children from 14 Early Childhood Development centres to gather for a day of create activities and safety education on safe and unsafe objects, while encouraging them to share their own experiences with guns in their communities.



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Mexico – Global Thought

Global Thought Mexico held a webinar to launch the GWoA in the effects of SALW and controlling SALW in Mexico. Youtube recording [here](#).

Webinar
Controlar las armas pequeñas en México: necesidades y efectos

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International Action Network on Small Arms

GLOBAL THOUGHT

SEMANA MUNDIAL DE ACCIÓN CONTRA LA VIOLENCIA ARMADA
2 - 8 de Junio 2023

Dulce Torres
Seminario sobre Violencia y Paz - COLMEX

Marco Mendez
Director del Programa de Economía-TEC CCM



Nigeria – West African Network on Small Arms

WAANSA organised a seminar with national authorities, officials and parliamentarians to launch the GWoA campaign and to call for states in West Africa to strengthen SALW control.



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GlobalThought @GlobalThoughtMx · Jun 2

Ya nos encontramos en vivo

Puedes ingresar al webinar en el siguiente enlace

👉 youtube.com/live/JbTAIBwz_...



GlobalThought @GlobalThoughtMx · May 28

Te invitamos a este webinar para iniciar la semana mundial de acción contra la violencia armada.

2 de junio
10:00 hrs...

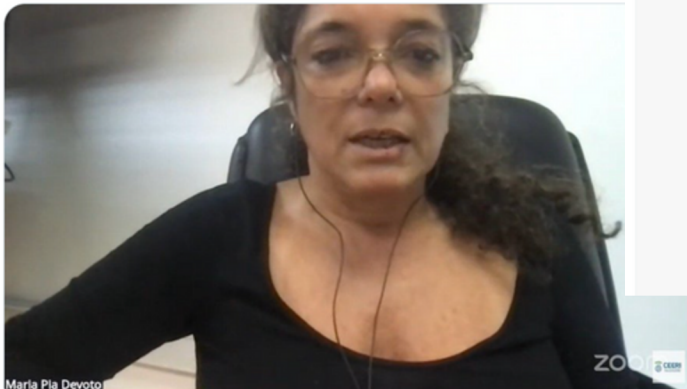


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appargentina @appargentina1 · Jun 2

Por el [#DíaInternacionaldelasMujeres](#) por la Pazyel Desarme @piadev habló sobre los esfuerzos históricos y actuales de las mujeres para la construcción de la paz y el desarme, rechazando la violencia como solución. Organizado x @Ceeri_Global
Se puede ver [▶ youtube.com/live/44nLrkyBv...](#)



Maria Pia Devoto

Charla | Día Internacional de las Mujeres por la Paz y el Desarme



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Today, WAANSA Nigeria marked the 2025 [#GlobalWeekOfAction](#) Against Gun Violence with strong support from [@PoliceNG](#), [@OfficialDSSNG](#), [@natpopcom](#), [@NOA_Nigeria](#), [@NigeriaNSCDC](#), [@AUC_NEPAD](#), [@FMARDNg](#), [OAGF](#), [@ecowas_cedeao](#), media, CSOs & others. Together, we say: [#EndGunViolence](#)



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Josephine Alabi @josephinealabi · Jun 3

The Global Week of Action (GWOA) starts has started, let's advocate collectively to end all forms Violence especially in our communities and globally [#EndGunViolence](#) [#Peace](#) [#Security](#) [#HumanRights](#) [#CommunityEngagement](#) [#Gendermainstreaming](#) [#Education](#) [#EndGBV](#)



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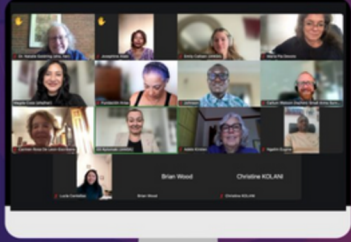
@appargentina1 · Jun 3

En el marco de la Semana de Acción Global contra la Violencia con Armas de Fuego @piadevoto participó del Seminario "#IntegraciónDeGénero en el Desarme de Armas Pequeñas #APAL y Violencia Armada: Lecciones aprendidas de experiencias pasadas" organizado por @IANSAnetwork #GWOA2025

IANSA @IANSAnetwork · Jun 2

IANSA kicked off the Global Week of Action #GWOA2025 by uniting gender experts for a webinar on "#GenderMainstreaming in small arms #SALW Disarmament and Gun Violence: Lessons learned from past experiences." Stay tuned for an upcoming publication on this topic...

IANSA virtual seminar: "Gender Mainstreaming in SALW Disarmament and Gun Violence: Lessons learned from past experiences"





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@Mau_Bastien · Jun 4

Disminuyen los tiroteos activos en EE.UU.

Según el FBI, en 2024 hubo:

- 50% menos incidentes que en 2023
- 57% menos víctimas
- 80% menos asesinatos múltiples
- 78% menos muertes

Un cambio significativo, pero todavía mucho por hacer.

#FBI #StopGunViolence



ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES
2024

JUNE 2025

Estudiantes vs Armas and 3 others

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RedepazAntioquia @redepazant · Jun 4

Mañana en el marco de la Semana de acción contra la violencia armada. Tendremos un conversatorio "Medellín y el contexto de la violencia armada" Con @FdoQuijano @masprilla361 gracias a @AlcaldiaMed @IANSAnetwork @PazDDHHmed @mesaporlavidame @seguridadmed #JuntanzaPorLaVida



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@appargentina1 · Jun 5

#GWOA2025

Cada año, miles de personas mueren o son heridas por armas de fuego en todo el mundo. Desde @appargentina1 nos unimos a organizaciones de todo el planeta para exigir para exigir que los gobiernos regulen, reduzcan y fiscalicen el uso de armas pequeñas y ligeras. 🗣️



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Josephine Alabi @josephinealabi · Jun 5
Let's advocate collectively to end all forms of gender based violence (GBV) in our communities! #EndGBV #Peace #HumanRights #CommunitySensitization #Gendermainstreaming #Education



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IEPADES @IEPADES · Jun 5
¿Sabías que las armas pequeñas causan cientos de miles de muertes al año?
No se trata solo de conflicto: es un problema global de seguridad y desarrollo.
#SemanaDeAcción
@IANSAnetwork



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maria pia devoto @piadevoto · Jun 5
En la #GWOA2025 En América Latina, donde la presencia de armas prolifera en calles, barrios y fronteras, el desarme es urgente y necesario.
@IANSAnetwork

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UNLIREC @UNLIREC · Jun 5
This week, the @Seduc HN, with support from @UNLIREC, brought together national institutions and civil society to continue developing the 1st national protocol to prevent and address the presence of firearms in schools

Funded by #SALIENT, implemented by UNLIREC & @PNUDHonduras



Inter-institutional Roundtable on the Protocol for Preventing and Responding to the Presence of Firearms in Schools

Honduras | June 2025

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George-Okoli, F. Chidi @georgeochidi · Jun 6

5th Day of the GLOBAL WEEK OF ACTION! Join the discussion on Defence & Security Affairs @Wansanigeria

Armed Forces Radio 107.7FM

Friday, 6th June 2025

Time: 9:10AM.

Topic: The Menace of Illicit SALW in Nigeria #GunControl #WAANSA #SecurityNigeria #EndGunViolence



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Sin municiones, las armas no funcionan, pero su control sigue siendo ignorado.

En el #DíaContraLaViolenciaArmada y en la #GWOA2025 desde @appargentina1 junto a @IANSAnetwork pedimos acción global para frenar la violencia armada.

un.org/disarmament/co... #LasArmasNoNosProtegen



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RedepazAntioquia @rede pazant · Jun 5

Un espectacular conversatorio tuvimos en el marco de la Semana de acción contra la violencia armada. Gracias a @FdoQuijano y a @masprilla361 una alianza entre @AlcaldiaMed @IANSAnetwork @PazDDHHmed @mesaporlavidame @seguridadmed #JuntanzaPorLaVida



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GENSAC @Sdg16Gensac · Jun 6

This #GWOA2025, GENSAC members in Cameroon are raising their voices for peace.

“Barrons la voie aux armes.”
“Peace is my fight.”

Let's protect the future—control small arms and ammunition for global safety. #ProtectTheFuture #GENSAC #SALWControl @WILPF @IANSAnetwork



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maria pia devoto @piadevoto · Jun 8

Me uno a #WearOrange porque está demostrado que las armas no nos protegen, nos arrebatan vidas. En la #GWOA2025 comprometámonos a trabajar para ponerle fin a la violencia armada. #FinALaViolenciaArmada @IANSAnetwork

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RedepazAntioquia @redepazant · Jun 6

Terminamos la semana de acción contra la violencia armada en #Medellín estuvimos en el INEM José Félix De Restrepo. Una alianza entre @seguridadmed @PazDDHHmed #JuntanzaPorLaVida @redepazant @IANSAnetwork #PrimeroLaVida



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Grateful to @IANSAnetwork, @WAANSANigeria, and @AljazeeraNewsNg for the platform to present my paper at the 2025 UN #GlobalWeekOfAction Against Gun Violence in Abuja. Together, we must #EndGunViolence through bold, united action.
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International Humanitarian Law&Youth Ini... @IHLYIIniti... · Jun 7

1/ As part of our #ForHerPeaceAndHealth campaign, in partnership with @IANSAnetwork and supported by EU we took part in the first international conference of its kind in Australia on conflict-related sexual violence: Denied Justice: Addressing Impunity for #CRSV



The “Justice Denied” Conference in Melbourne, Australia



#Forherpeaceandhealth

EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament and IANSA

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appargentina @appargentina1 · Jun 8

#GWOA2025 desde @appargentina1 nos sumamos a #WearOrange para exigir un futuro libre de violencia armada Usamos el  para honrar a quienes han sobrevivido, a quienes perdieron la vida y a las personas que trabajan para poner fin a la violencia con armas de fuego Sumate #WearOrange



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