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## Instituto SoudaPaz

## Peace in practice

Sou da Paz Institute is a Brazilian civil society organization founded in 1999. Our mission is to help design and implement effective public security policies grounded on democratic values and social justice. We develop projects in the following areas: control of firearms and ammunition, better policing and investigative practices, rationalization of criminal justice, democratic participation and results-based police management.

Sou da Paz projects combine:



Original research



Social mobilization and advocacy



Testing pilot programs in partnership with  
public security officials.

Located in the region with the highest rate of firearms-related deaths in the world, our work on firearms and ammunition control targets all phases of these products' lifecycle.

Inside this folder, you can see examples of our actions.





# SOU DA PAZ PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE LIFECYCLE OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND NATIONAL OWNERSHIP

- Analysis and improvement of the firearms and ammunition organizational structure regarding its national ownership, adequacy of the responsible institutions and proper allocation of resources.

**71%**  
of violent deaths involve  
firearms.

## MANUFACTURING

- Continuous study of best practices for the marking of weapons and ammunition;
- Monitoring manufacturing rules and compliance standards.



Source: SAS Issue Brief on Ammunition Marking, 2011 (courtesy of Focchi Munizioni, © Giacomo Persi Paoli)

## SALES

Keeping track of national markets, exports and imports of firearms and ammunition.

### A. EXPORTS

- Monitoring compliance with the Programme of Action to Combat the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons and the Arms Trade Treaty;
- Reporting cases of violation regarding national and international obligations;
- Local advocacy for adhesion and full implementation of the PoA, ATT and other legal instruments (national and international);
- Participation at international forums to universalize and implement international instruments of regulation and cooperation;

### B. DOMESTIC SALES

- Permanent improvement of national regulation on civilians access to firearms and ammunition;
- Monitoring changes in the patterns of firearms and ammunition acquired by public institutions.

## IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

the Brazilian civil and legal market registered the sale of almost half million firearms and registered sales of firearms to civilians reached almost half a million.

## SEIZURE OF ILLEGAL ARMS AND AMMUNITION

- Research on the nature and origin of ammunition and firearms apprehended by security officials to guide preventive policies and increase arms seizures;
- Support police agencies on the improvement of processes of registration, forensic analysis and investigation to optimize the fight against the illegal market and criminal use of firearms;

- Promotion, through working groups, of cooperation between the various public institutions involved in the seizure of these materials, proposal of new procedures and joint development of continuous cooperation mechanisms;
- Strengthening national and subnational focal points for firearms tracing and response to foreign requests, including the analysis of organizational structure, development of databases, reports and procedures;
- Organization of voluntary surrender or buy-back campaigns in Brazil;

- Planning of workshops and events to increase exchanges between civil society leaders and police officers.



## CUSTODY OF INSTITUTIONAL STOCKPILES AND SEIZED FIREARMS

- Monitoring firearms and ammunition stockpiles and identification of risk-prone situations;
- Analysis and proposal of procedures to make the custody of firearms and ammunition safer, traceable and accountable.



## DEMILITARIZATION AND DESTRUCTION

- Tracking of firearms and ammunition demilitarization;
- Inter-institutional coordination to rationalize the destruction of firearms from their official removal from the inventory to waste disposal.



Video - destruction of ammunition

**1 MILLION**

firearms were destroyed in the last 5 years in Brazil, 280k of them only in 2017.