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MEASURING SDG INDICATOR 16.4.2
FIREARMS TRAFFICKING

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Proportion of seized, found or surrendered arms whose illicit origin or context has been traced or established by a competent authority in line with international instruments
UNITED NATIONS ILLICIT ARMS FLOWS QUESTIONNAIRE (UN-IAFQ)

- Distributed annually to all Member States.
- Data providers: Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Focal points coordinate national data collection and UN-IAFQ submission.
- First data cycle: 2018¹.
- Two parts: Data and Metadata files.

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¹ The information collected was used to elaborate the Global Study on Firearms Trafficking 2020.
The indicator aims at measuring the efficiency with which the international community combats the phenomenon of illicit arms trafficking.

UN-IAFQ is more likely to provide information on the denominator.

Estimates for both the denominator and the numerator are separately created.
DATA AVAILABILITY

Responses to the UN-IAFQ

Data from other sources

*Includes quantitative data only.
SOURCE: CoE elaboration from UN-IAFQ Database.
TRENDS IN AFRICA (1/2)

Number of seized firearms (Africa, 2017)

Angola: 10,195
Kenya: 9,728
Sudan: 1,361
Algeria: 772
Tunisia: 635
Libya: 247
Côte d'Ivoire: 237
Burkina Faso: 218
Morocco: 162
Cameroon: 110
Togo: 83
Botswana: 61
Burundi: 42
Mauritius: 17
Type of reported seized firearms (Africa, 2016-17)

- Shotguns, 38%
- Pistols, 28%
- Rifles, 22%
- Revolvers, 2%
- Machine guns, 2%
- Submachine guns, 8%
CHALLENGES

• Poor data coverage;

• Possible underreporting;

• Need for more disaggregated data;

• Information on the establishment of the illicit origin generally not available;

• Nevertheless, different alternative indicators can be produced through UN-IAFQ.
REFERENCES

- UN- Illicit Arms Flows Questionnaire (UN-IAFQ)
- Global Study on Firearms Trafficking 2020
- UNODC Data Portal
- UNODC and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- United Nations Statistical Division Metadata link for SDG indicator 16.4.2
Thank you for your attention

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