

This form is intended to help you decide whether you have an SALW problem in your community. Experience has shown that different communities have different thresholds at which they consider SALW presence to be “a problem”. Sometimes, by the time it is defined as a problem, the situation may well be out of hand.

This form is intended to help you decide whether a problem is developing, and whether you ought to consider doing something about it. Of course, not all SALW problems can be solved by training. However, few SALW problems can be solved without training in the broader sense: sensitizing the media, members of the public, security and other officials is a type of training as much as is training in technical or legal aspects of SALW.

This form is not intended as a full analysis of SALW presence in your community. It merely poses some questions to help you evaluate whether you have a problem, and where it may lie. You can answer the questions yourself to make an assessment, but a better procedure would be to ask several reliable people in your community, from different perspectives – men, women, youth, the elderly, children – to answer these questions as well. You can then tabulate the results. The tool should help you assess whether you have a problem. The tool is not intended for members of the security forces or armed organizations where SALW are present as a matter of course.

If you need some help in identifying guns, please download the TRESA module “**Identifying SALW**”.

Instructions for form

1. Tick off your response to each question in the appropriate column
2. Add up all the tick marks at the “Number of ticks” row at the bottom of the table.
3. Multiply the number of ticks as follows:
Each tick in the A-column by 0
Each tick in the B-column by 1
Each tick in the C-column by 3
And write the results in the “SUM” row
4. Add all your results and write in the TOTAL box.
5. If your total score is 0-5 you are unlikely to have a serious SALW problem in your community.
If your total score is over 10 you probably have a serious SALW problem in your community.
If your total score is between 5-10 you may have a problem and should certainly look into the issue more carefully.

Things people can see or hear	A	B	C
In an hour in a public place (town square, market, shops): How many guns did you see?	0	1-5	Over 5
In an hour in a public place (town square, market, shops): How many of those guns were pistols?	0	1-5	Over 5
In an hour in a public place (town square, market, shops): How many of those guns were shoulder arms?	0	1-5	Over 5
How many guns do you <u>know</u> are kept in your house?	0	1-5	Over 5
In an average 24 hour period, How often do you hear gunfire?	0	1-5	Over 5 times
Of the people you know, how many carry a gun on a regular basis	0	1-5	Over 5
In an average 24 hour period, How often do people in your hearing discuss the nature and quality of firearms	0	1-5	Over 5

Things people feel

Do firearms worry you	Rarely	Sometimes	Very frequently
Do people around you express fear of guns or gunfire	Rarely	Sometimes	Very frequently
Do you feel safe from guns in your home	Yes	Usually	No
Do you feel safe from guns in your community	Yes	Usually	No
Do you feel safe from guns outside your community	Yes	Usually	No
Do you feel threatened by the presence of armed people?	No	Usually	Yes

Indirect evidence

How often does your local hospital treat gunshot victims	rarely/never	1/day	more than 1/day
Have you heard of people in the community being injured by firearms	rarely/never	1/day	more than 1/day
Have you heard of people in the community having problems with people carrying firearms	rarely/never	1/day	more than 1/day
Have you heard of people in the community causing problems with firearms	rarely/never	1/day	more than 1/day

Number of ticks

SUM (multiply Column A by 0, Column B by 1, and Column C by 3)			
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TOTAL (add SUM of all columns) _____