



*Peace will not come out of a
clash of arms but out of justice
lived and done by unarmed
nations in the face of odds*

- Mahatma Gandhi, 1869-1948



Control Arms Foundation of India

Working to make disarmament meaningful to people's lives



Participants from the Delhi Disarmament Conference & Events by CAFI, February 2010

Control Arms Foundation of India (CAFI) was established on 10 September 2004 by a group of concerned citizens on the strong belief that lasting peace and security can be achieved in India and South Asia. CAFI is committed to find solutions to end armed conflicts and violence in the region caused by the unregulated proliferation of small arms and light weapons. CAFI initiates informed debates and discussion on all issues regarding the use of force, disarmament and security. CAFI calls for the least diversion of the world's human and economic resources for armaments to establish and maintain peace as enshrined in article 26 of the United Nations Charter. CAFI firmly believes that the UN Millennium Development Goals can be achieved if the menace of armed violence and the need for poverty reduction are jointly addressed. Therefore, CAFI closely relates disarmament and development issues as a true manifestations of human security. Putting people first is our fundamental approach CAFI raises public awareness about the detrimental impact of armed violence as well as gun-related violent attitudes and behaviors to the safety of society and to development prospects. CAFI organizes discussion rounds and seminars as an open dialogue forum between government officials and members of civil society. CAFI encourages and supports partnerships between community groups, government agencies and authorities, non-governmental organizations, civil society as well as the private sector to develop and implement effective targeted small arms reduction and sustainable development measures. CAFI sincerely believes that women can lead the change.

THE PEOPLE BEHIND CONTROL ARMS FOUNDATION OF INDIA



Amb. Arundhati Ghose (Advisory Board) is one of India's most respected diplomats and was - among other assignments - ambassador to the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Conference on Disarmament.



Dr. B.S. Malik (Founding President) received his doctorate working against use of force. He operated in Northeast India insurgency situation in 1970's. He was member of Executive Council of IDSA.



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Binalakshmi Nepram (Founding Secretary General) is an author and civil rights activist spearheading work on making disarmament in India & South Asia an issue meaningful to people's lives. Born in Manipur, she specialises in women peace initiatives & arms control issues.



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SELECTED PROGRAMS ORGANIZED BY CONTROL ARMS FOUNDATION OF INDIA

Delhi Disarmament Conference and Events: WELFARE or WARFARE 14-17 February, 2010, New Delhi

The Delhi Disarmament Conference was held from 14-17 February 2010 in New Delhi with the theme: 'Welfare or Warfare'. This was parallel event to coincide with the Delhi Defence Expo, 2010 where more than 600 armed companies from across the world held an exhibition in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The

Delhi Disarmament Conference event consisted of civil society workshops, rally, peace vigils, music concert and 2 days of experts' conference on the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty with the support of more than 20 partner organizations from various civil society organizations, think tanks and participants came from across the country including survivors of gun violence and landmine victims. Some of the eminent speakers and guest were Dr Manpreet Sethi, Centre for Air Power Studies; Mr Pradip Phanjoubam, Editor; Imphal Free Press; Mr Pradip Dutta, Bureau Chief, Times Now, Jammu & Kashmir ; Mr Nihar Nayak, Institute of Defence Studies & Analyses; Dr Nani Mahanta, Guwahati University; Mr Nandlal Master, Lok Samiti; Mr Anthony Debbarma, Borok People's Human Rights Organisation, Tripura etc.



Experts conference on UN Arms Trade Treaty 17 February 2010

Women Parliamentarian Briefing Session on UN Arms Trade Treaty and Other Humanitarian Disarmament Treaties, 2 December 2010, Constitution Club, New Delhi

Parliamentarians from all regions have for many years voiced their concerns about the spread of conventional weapons which exacerbate conflicts and instability, facilitate terrorist attacks, undermine development, and contribute to serious violations of human rights & humanitarian law. Control Arms Foundation of India have been organised briefing for Parliamentarian on Arms Treaty since 2006 even Women parliamentarian have been part of this process. More than 15 Women Parliamentarians gave their support for the Arms Trade Treaty, In total 72 parliamentarian have given their support to our work.



4th NEIWP Conclave meeting Delhi January 2011

North East Women Initiative for Peace

For more than a century women and women's organizations and movements have mobilized in support of social empowerment, economic justice, democracy, human rights and conflict prevention. The Northeast of India comprising of the eight states of Assam,



CAFI Volunteers during a rally at Jantar Mantar 2010, Delhi Disarmament Conference and events



Drumming Event at India Gate, 2 August 2010

Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim is facing the onslaught of multiple armed conflicts since the late 1940s. No other part of India or South Asia has been subjected to such a prolonged violent struggle, which have held development to ransom, as the Northeast. The fire of insurgency has for long engulfed this strategic region for the last half a century or more making it one of the South Asia's most disturbed regions. Civil society organizations, women activists, youth and violence survivors from the Northeast, scholars, parliamentarians and members of several think tanks and policy makers came together for the Fourth Conclave of Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace during a two day meet at India International Center in New Delhi held on 19th and 20th January 2011.

Humanitarian Disarmament Entry into Force of Convention on Cluster Munitions: Press Conference and Drumming Event at India Gate, 2 August 2010, Press Club of India

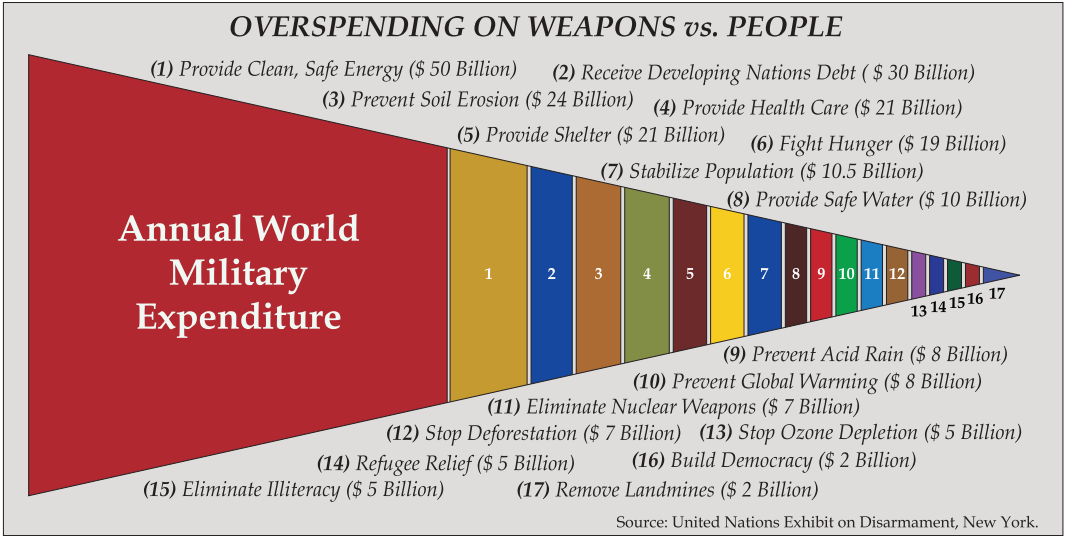
On 30 May 2008, the Convention on Cluster Munitions was concluded by the Dublin Diplomatic Conference on Cluster Munitions. The Convention prohibits all use, stockpiling, production and transfer of cluster munitions, as defined in the Convention. The Convention also addresses assistance to victims, clearance of contaminated areas and destruction of stockpiles. Furthermore, it includes transparency measures as well as guidance to address possible compliance issues. After 1 August 2010, the treaty obligations become legally binding for all states that have ratified. Control Arms Foundation of India organized a Press Conference on 2 August, 2010 at 12.30 pm at Press Club of India. This was followed by a Drumming Activity at India Gate at 2.30 pm to urge the government of India to join the Convention on Cluster Munition.



Global Day of Action Against Military Spending 12 April 2011

Crafting Human Security: Envisioning India's Position at United Nations Arms Trade Treaty Preparatory Meeting, 2 March, 2011 Round Table Discussion

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT Prep Com) took place in New York from 28 February to 4 March 2011. This session built on the work undertaken during the first session was held in July 2010.



To coincide with the Second Prep Com at New Delhi on 2 March 2011, a Round Table Discussion was organized at Control Arms Foundation of India office, which looked into the various issues of armament, disarmament and non-proliferation efforts that have held the attention of the world and India. Control Arms Foundation of India has been urging the Government of India to support the process of to the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

UNSC 1325, Women & Humanitarian Disarmament: Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network

CAFI has been spearheading efforts of women led disarmament. Major work is done in Manipur. Manipur is a small state in India's North East that has been witnessing low intensity conflict since the late 1940s. More than 20,000 have been killed and until date, Manipur is one of the most conflict-ridden states in India. Women and children suffer most, They bear the brunt of the emotional and socio-economic impact of violence. CAFI supports the work of the Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network that was founded on 24th December 2004. The Network attempts to help women, whose lives have dramatically changed by the gun killing of a family member by enabling them to start a small production unit or other business venture. So far the Network has helped more than 100 women by providing them with micro-finance in form of interest free loans of Rupees 3000 to 9000 (USD 75 to 225). With the help of this money the women are able to start and carry on work related to silk reeling, weaving or agriculture.



Sinam Chandrajini with picture of her sons shot dead in 2000. She is supported by CAFI and MWGSN

AWARDS



CAFI Founding Secretary General Ms Binalakshmi Nepram was awarded Sean MacBride Peace Prize for 2010 on 23 September 2010 at Nobel Peace Centre, Oslo, Norway.



Manipur Women Gun Survivor Network awarded best Humanitarian Initiative of the year 2010 at Women Leaders in India Conference held in Delhi.

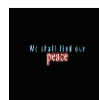
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Gunning for Control

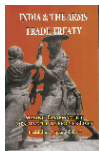


The Story of Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network



We shall find our peace

Books by CAFI



India & Arms Trade Treaty, 2009



Bangalore & Delhi Disarmament Conference, 2009 & 2010



Comic Book on Arms Trade treaty

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Photographs : First row shows singer Remo Fernandes, Director-Actor Nandita Das, Singer Rabbi Shergill & Film maker Mahesh Bhatt who gave their support for our work. Second row shows members of parliament Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Dr E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan, Dr Thokchom Meinya, Smt J. Shanitha. Third row shows our Cafi Members from J&K, Tamil Nadu, Manipur and Delhi.