



REDUCING THE VULNERABILITY OF PACIFIC STATES TO ARMED VIOLENCE

The Centre for Armed Violence Reduction (CAVR) is funded by the UN Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (UNSCAR) to design and manage a two-year project focusing on the implementation of international arms control standards in the Pacific. Although by and large this region has avoided the large-scale armed violence seen elsewhere in the developing world, the wide availability of small arms and light weapons does threaten the prosperity and security of the region.

Using the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons (UNPoA), the Centre works closely with governments and civil society throughout the Pacific to develop a comprehensive arms control system, appropriate to the Pacific context. The Centre develops interagency guides on the transit and transshipment of arms in the Pacific and hosts sub-regional and national workshops. In these, CAVR assists Pacific states to incorporate the provisions of international arms control instruments in regional frameworks and to share national best practices. Taking a 'whole of government' approach, the Centre brings together disparate national government agencies to improve information sharing and co-ordination between officials.

CAVR has a range of experience working with Pacific states, including as the Secretariat of the Pacific Small Arms Action Group (PSAAG), a coalition of actors committed to reducing the impact of armed violence in the Pacific.

For more detail on this project, please visit the [UNSCAR website](#).