LETHAL VIOLENCE IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

AN UNCERTAIN TOLL

In many countries in Africa **DATA IS SCARCE**, and may not provide the **FULL PICTURE**.

In **MORE THAN HALF** of the countries the measurement of lethal violence is based **SOLELY ON ESTIMATES**.

**25%** of all violent deaths take place in Africa, which has **15%** of the global population.

On average, almost **107,000** lives per year are claimed by lethal violence in Africa.

**MANY VICTIMS STILL GO UNCOUNTED.**
CONFLICT AND INSECURITY INHIBITING DEVELOPMENT

The SAFETY and SECURITY of communities depends on the CONFIDENCE and TRUST in security providers.

In many areas STATE, TRADITIONAL, and PRIVATE SECURITY PROVIDERS share responsibilities of protecting communities and resolving disputes.

ARMED CONFLICT in Africa claims on average 15,000 VICTIMS per year

BUT

Approximately 6 OUT OF 7 victims of armed violence are killed OUTSIDE OF DECLARED ARMED CONFLICT.

Exposure to armed conflict translates into intimate partner and domestic violence, often with lethal consequences for women.

Not only has progress on the MDG TARGETS been slowest in states affected by conflict and fragility, but these same countries have notably lagged behind on the gender-specific MDG areas.

MAKING SMALL ARMS CONTROL A PRIORITY

AT LEAST 1 OUT OF 3 VIOLENT DEATHS IN AFRICA INVOLVES FIREARMS

Violence and insecurity fuel the demand for small arms to protect individual property and communities.

CRAFT-PRODUCED and LOCALLY ASSEMBLED weapons are used by many ARMED GROUPS.

Craft weapons—which usually fall outside national legal frameworks—add to the total number of illicit weapons in circulation.

POORLY MANAGED STOCKPILES represent a serious threat to safety and security

→ The diversion of small arms from surplus stockpiles severely affects stability and security.

→ In conflict zones, weapons and ammunition designed, manufactured, and distributed decades earlier are often still in common use.

→ More than half of all recorded casualties caused by unplanned explosions at munition sites since 1983 occurred in Africa.