

SECURITY RESEARCH & INFORMATION CENTRE NAIROBI (SRIC)

About SRIC

SRIC is an independent, non-profit making think-tank, committed to providing data and information on human security and security sector dynamics in Kenya and the sub-region of the Great Lakes and the Horn of Africa.

Mission Statement

Our mission statement reflects our values; to influence and contribute to positive change in the security sector dynamics of Kenya and the sub-region of the Great Lakes and the Horn of Africa.

We support this mission by conducting primary applied research, through policy facilitation aimed at transformation of the security sector, and the provision of verifiable data and information on key security areas through the development of a crime typology and armed violence trends in East Africa. We also maintain a dedicated database accessible to government officials, researchers and the media.

SRIC's Objectives and Services

Our objectives are:

- To contribute towards better understanding of security sector dynamics.
- To produce verifiable information on the real status and trends of crime and human security.
- To focus the public and informed opinion on resolution of conflict, violence and the removal of tools of violence.
- To assist in policy development that can lead to change and progress in the country and the sub-region.

Our services aim to provide:

- Verified primary information that can provide a better understanding of security needs and priorities.
- Information dissemination related to peace and security issues affecting Kenya and its immediate region.
- Technical assistance for policy facilitation and development of security issues.

Programme Areas, Activities and Methodology

SRIC has three general programme areas:

- Research and Information.
- Networking and Interactions.
- Technical Assistance and Facilitation.

Research and Information

SRIC compiles, analyses, publishes and disseminates information on specific geographical areas (or districts) where violence is on the increase and the security of the people is threatened. The research addresses:

- Root causes of conflict.
- Tools of violence.
- Potential for reconciliation and improved security.
- Disposal of excess and recovered firearms.

Products of this programme include the Kenya Crime Survey series (released annually), research reports, newspaper articles and TV documentaries and briefings.

Networking and Interactions

SRIC assists NGOs and grassroots organisations in Kenya and the region of the Great Lakes and the Horn of Africa to interact with each other and with the international NGO community.

Products of this programme area include the facilitation of workshops to develop and implement national and regional NGO joint projects.

SRIC networks with its NGO partners, the government of Kenya, governments in the

sub-region, intergovernmental organisations, civil society, and security and law enforcement agencies.

Technical Assistance and Facilitation

SRIC provides:

- Technical support at ground level for the implementation of national processes for arms management and disarmament in the EAC region.
- Assistance and facilitation for regional secretariats and organisations such as the Nairobi Secretariat, IGAD, EAPCCO, and EAC.

Products of this programme area include the facilitation of specialised, high-profile workshops and the dissemination of their results in association with SRIC's partner NGOs - with whom Memorandums of Understanding have been signed.

Presently, SRIC's official partners are SaferAfrica in Pretoria, South Africa and Saferworld in London, United Kingdom. SRIC has exchange programmes with these partners for capacity building.

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