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The United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) works around the world to restore the quality of life for men, women and children who have been devastated by natural disaster or violent conflict. In crisis settings, UNDP focuses on preventing the incidence of violent conflict and mitigating the impact of natural disasters; supporting recovery efforts following both conflict and natural disasters; protecting women in crisis and promoting gender equality; and establishing foundations for sustainable peace and recovery. Operating through some 100 country offices, the Bureau provides a bridge between the humanitarian agencies that handle immediate needs and the long-term development phase following recovery.

BCPR/UNDP works to address armed violence as a way to build durable foundations for sustainable development and contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). UNDP works with partners globally to inhibit the demand for arms and target the root causes of armed violence and community insecurity by supporting armed violence prevention and community security programmes. This approach helps communities to tackle the drivers of armed violence and to reduce the demand for weapons while supporting local and national capacities for armed violence prevention and strengthening state-society relationships and trust.