

Small Arms/Light Weapons Destruction

(\$ in thousands)

Account	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Request
NADR-SALW	6,944	8,663	8,600

The Global War on Terrorism demands a robust U.S. Government program that aggressively combats the risk of the conventional arms threat. The proliferation of conventional weapons, including man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) and other small arms and light weapons (SA/LW) and associated munitions, poses a direct threat to the national security of the United States. The NADR-SA/LW program addresses the threat from these and other conventional weapons.

Post Cold War-era surpluses of small arms and light weapons (SA/LW) worldwide—often poorly secured and susceptible to theft or illicit transfer—have become a major source of arms on the global black market. The SA/LW program encourages nations to reduce MANPADS inventories and offers assistance in securing remaining stocks. The Small Arms/Light Weapons Destruction Program seeks to destroy surplus and illicit stocks of military SA/LW and associated ammunition, as well as to assist states to properly secure remaining SA/LW stocks required for legitimate defense needs so that they will not leak into the black market. The program supports U.S. national interests in promoting regional stability, minimizing threats to civilian populations, combating terrorism and crime, rebuilding post-conflict societies, and protecting U.S. and allied forces deployed overseas. SA/LW generally refers to military-style automatic rifles, machine guns, man-portable anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, and light mortars.

If not expeditiously destroyed or secured, stocks of arms and ammunition left over after the cessation of hostilities frequently recirculate into neighboring regions, exacerbating conflict and crime. The SA/LW program often encounters weapons storage facilities and procedures that could be significantly improved and made more secure with modest improvements. Assisting states to properly secure SA/LW stocks required for defense needs help prevent many weapons from leaking into the black market. This includes not only SA/LW stocks but also larger caliber munitions that the Department will be able to address to counter the threat that poses immediate dangers to civilians and state infrastructures. The program offers large dividends in threat reduction for a modest investment and complements other efforts in the war on terrorism.

The small arms/light weapons program has had a number of successes, including:

- The destruction/disabling of over 16,000 man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS) since 2003.
- The destruction of over 800,000 SA/LW and over 80 million rounds of ammunition in 20 countries since the program's inception in FY 2001.

The FY 2007 request will sustain existing SA/LW and MANPADS reduction programs in countries with significant excess weapons stocks (e.g., Cambodia, Kazakhstan, Serbia and Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia, Ukraine and Yemen). It also will support continued destruction of weapons collected in post-conflict countries such as Afghanistan and Sudan.

In addition to anticipated requirements for the established SA/LW destruction programs, the additional funds will continue to support unforeseen MANPADS elimination and SA/LW destruction needs. As the

program has matured since its inception in 2001, a requirement for a rapid response capability to meet urgent/unforeseen SA/LW destruction needs has emerged.

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Africa			
Sudan	560	600	600
Angola	115	-	-
Subtotal - Africa	675	600	600
East Asia and the Pacific			
Cambodia	29	200	-
Philippines	-	600	-
Subtotal - East Asia and the Pacific	29	800	-
Europe and Eurasia			
Albania	-	300	300
Azerbaijan	400	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	400	700
Bulgaria	-	400	700
Georgia	405	650	-
Russia	-	-	500
Serbia and Montenegro	408	800	2,000
Ukraine	1,500	1,500	-
Subtotal - Europe and Eurasia	2,713	4,050	4,200
Near East			
Yemen	-	800	1,000
Subtotal - Near East	-	800	1,000
South and Central Asia			
Afghanistan	3,000	1,000	1,500
Kazakhstan	295	200	-
Tajikistan	200	-	-
Subtotal - South and Central Asia	3,495	1,200	1,500
Western Hemisphere			
Colombia	-	200	-
Ecuador	-	200	-
Nicaragua	32	-	-
Peru	-	200	-
Subtotal - Western Hemisphere	32	600	-

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Global			
Admin/Assessments	-	-	250
Global Response/New Country Programs	-	613	1,050
Subtotal - Global	-	613	1,300
Total	6,944	8,663	8,600