

# Partnerships in Proliferation Prevention

Knowledge, skills and practical tools to combat WMD proliferation

The Partnerships in Proliferation Prevention program at Stimson recognizes the risk of a world vulnerable to the worst weapons in the worst hands. From ISIS using chemical weapons in Syria to North Korea building up its nuclear weapons arsenal to a young man in Florida producing ricin and selling to clients around the world on the Dark Web, terrorists and other proliferators seek weapons of mass destruction and the means of delivery by exploiting vulnerabilities in national and international efforts to prevent proliferation.

## PROLIFERATION RISK PREVENTION

Average citizens are in harm's way, including as victims of mass casualty attacks. Since 2005, terrorists have committed more than 250 attacks and caused more than 5,000 casualties using chemical, biological, and radiological weapons, not including assaults in Malaysia and the United Kingdom. Worse, WMD nonproliferation norms and institutions are under attack when access to goods and technologies of proliferation concern have become increasingly available. WMD proliferation, especially involving terrorists and other non-state actors, is recognized as a significant threat to international peace and security by the United Nations and its member states. PPP empowers those who work to reduce the risk of WMD proliferation.

## BUILDING GLOBAL CAPACITY

PPP generates new knowledge, develops new skills, and deploys practical tools to empower the international community to combat WMD proliferation. The program has collected into one online resource the laws and regulations designed to secure dangerous chemicals and radiological sources, fostered new international standards for chemical and radiological security, and provides training and technical help for States seeking assistance. PPP also developed an online database of available WMD nonproliferation assistance programs and other resources to support its overall goal of

## PROJECTS

**Assistance Support Initiative**  
Keeping the most dangerous weapons out of the worst hands by facilitating assistance partnerships

**Chemical Security Risk Reduction** Preventing the proliferation of dangerous and dual use chemicals with research, resources, and analysis

## LEADERSHIP

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empowering States to build their capacity to secure themselves against WMD proliferation. Coupled with rigorous analysis of these databases, PPP is meeting the needs of those seeking more information and ideas on how to best reduce the risks of WMD proliferation.

PPP focuses on empowering those who are willing, but perhaps not yet able, to take steps to prevent WMD proliferation. The program creates innovative tools and practical knowledge that can be used by those on the ground who are faced with these challenges in a variety of contexts. By building a resource containing all chemical and radiological security laws and regulations assessed against international standards, for example, PPP addressed a need expressed in the G7 Global Partnership, by INTERPOL, and by the UN Office of Drugs and Crime. PPP's searchable database of nonproliferation assistance activities worldwide, coupled with training to use the search tool, provides States seeking assistance a partner in navigating the maze of assistance programs and partners. The complexity of available assistance programs is an ongoing problem identified in the 2016 comprehensive review of UN Security Council resolution 1540, and the online tool has garnered support from the States and international organizations. These tools and this type of knowledge enables the international community to more effectively combat WMD proliferation.

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