

# SAFERWORLD

PREVENTING VIOLENT CONFLICT. BUILDING SAFER LIVES



## Our advisory services



# What we offer

Saferworld is an independent, not-for-profit international organisation that has been working to prevent violent conflict and build safer lives for 35 years. We believe in a world where everyone can lead peaceful, fulfilling lives, free from fear and insecurity – our guiding principle is that people should be at the heart of all responses to conflict.

As Saferworld has grown, experimented and refined our policy and programming work over nearly four decades, we have developed a reputation among our partners – international, national and local – for translating complex ideas into practical, actionable steps to strengthen impact.

## How we can help

Aid and investment can influence conflict by bringing new resources and incentives into play. More subtly, they can reinforce and disrupt established cultural norms, hierarchies and authorities in ways that can either reduce or fuel pre-existing tensions. We support organisations to ensure their projects or investments put the people they impact the most at the centre. Our goal is for these projects and investments to contribute to long-term peace and development rather than increase the pre-existing tensions, insecurities and inequalities that drive conflict.

What makes Saferworld's approach distinctive is our values, experience and empathy that informs how we work in partnership with clients – delivering the most sustainable change for your organisation.

### We provide:



**advisory and accompaniment services**



**training**



**research and analysis**

We offer our services on either a daily fee or lump sum basis, with exact costs tailored to the type of organisation and sector and any additional expenses incurred (for example, travel). This approach enables us to provide more equitable access to Saferworld's expertise and to reinvest any surpluses in our global work.

# Our services

## Advisory and accompaniment services

Saferworld provides both one-off and sustained advisory support and accompaniment to organisations that want to enhance their impact and ability to work in areas affected by conflict.

### We offer:

- specialist expertise on conflict prevention, peacebuilding, and conflict and gender sensitivity
- practical experience based on grappling with our own organisational change processes
- an independent perspective that can help to navigate sensitive organisational dynamics
- dedicated capacity to support teams whose availability is otherwise constrained

Whatever your needs, we aim to work as a trusted partner who can help you to move from theory to practice.

The nature and duration of Saferworld's role in providing advice varies based on specific requirements, ranging from short-term technical advice around a specific decision or facilitation and coaching on a defined issue, to support and accompaniment for longer-term change processes.



We also manage context-specific conflict sensitivity facilities in South Sudan and Sudan, which provide advisory services that are pre-financed by contributing donors and available as 'public goods' to the wider aid sector.

### Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility – South Sudan

[www.csrf-southsudan.org](http://www.csrf-southsudan.org)

The Conflict Sensitivity Resource Facility helps a range of partners understand and navigate the complex conflict dynamics in South Sudan.

### Conflict Sensitivity Facility – Sudan

[www.csf-sudan.org](http://www.csf-sudan.org)

The Conflict Sensitivity Facility supports both Sudanese and international organisations working in Sudan to adopt conflict-sensitive practices in their work.



### Case study Save the Children Sweden

Saferworld worked with Save the Children Sweden to mainstream conflict-sensitive approaches within its organisational practices and projects. We produced an institutional assessment based on a review of internal documentation, previous assessments, interviews with staff from Save the Children International and Save the Children members, and visits with staff and partners in Myanmar and Somalia. We then developed a Plan of Action (now known within Save the Children as 'the Roadmap'), which built on the assessment and presented key recommendations and opportunities for the organisation to harness existing policies and human resources for conflict sensitivity, as well as a process for more strategic conflict sensitivity uptake in the longer term.

### Case study SKL International

We provided technical advisory support to SKL International (a subsidiary of the Swedish Associations for Local Authorities and Regions) on conflict sensitivity, focusing on a multi-year governance and resilience programme. SKL staff had partnered with regional and local government authorities in Turkey and Lebanon to strengthen their capacity on inclusive and resilient governance programming, and to better integrate communities with diverse ethnic and intersectional identities, including Syrian refugees and migrants.

Saferworld designed and delivered a tailored accompaniment package which included: a conflict sensitivity analysis in Lebanon and Turkey, followed by short in-country trainings to staff; focused consultations with regional and local government authorities and a review of their programme and policy documents, including a results framework; an implementation strategy; and monitoring, evaluation and learning that led to practical recommendations for a gender-responsive, conflict-sensitive approach within the programme design and delivery.

## Training

Saferworld offers bespoke trainings designed to build the skills and understanding of your staff and partners across multiple topics. A training approach works best where it is one part of a wider change process that will enable participants to apply what they have learnt in their day-to-day work.

We currently offer trainings at multiple levels: short orientations, one-day trainings or multi-day advanced courses. Topics include:



### Conflict sensitivity

Our training on conflict sensitivity will help you build a strong organisational understanding of conflict contexts, identify and avoid unintentional negative impacts, and seize opportunities to maximise the potential positive impacts of interventions on long-term, sustainable peace.

Our dedicated Conflict Advisory Unit helps staff to adapt the design of interventions and ways of working using an approach that is sensitive to the context's specific conflict dynamics. This can include modules focusing on conflict-sensitive organisation support – for example, human resources, procurement and security, as well as design, monitoring, evaluation and learning systems.

### Gender sensitivity and Women, Peace and Security

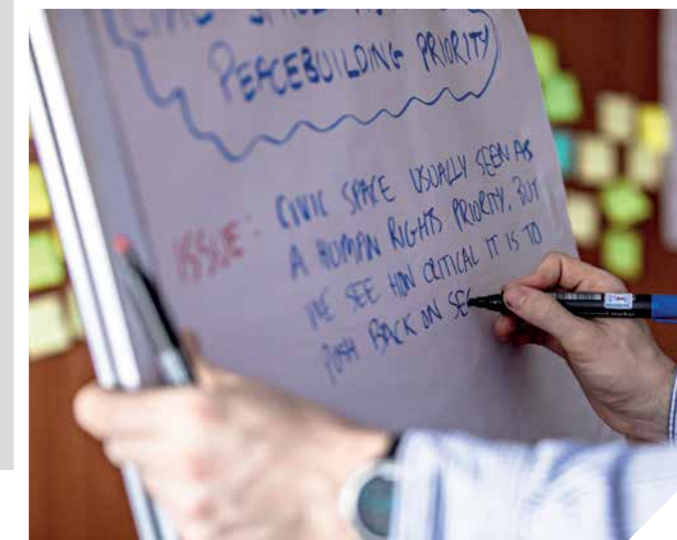
Our training deepens understanding of gender perspectives and strengthens capacities to integrate them into conflict analysis and programme design, implementation, and monitoring, evaluation and learning. It also explores the relationship between gender and conflict, and critically examines concepts of masculinity and femininity and their roles in either perpetuating conflict or fostering peace. Our training sessions on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) challenge peacebuilding practitioners to approach peace conditions differently, emphasising the integration and centralisation of WPS within strategies and advocating for equal participation at all levels of political and peacebuilding processes – including women from diverse backgrounds and women-led and women's rights organisations.



### Arms and export controls

We provide training on strategic trade controls, focusing on industry compliance with relevant national and international laws and regulations, for organisations involved in the manufacture, sale and international transfer of arms and dual-use goods. Specialised topics include international sanctions and embargoes; industry internal compliance programmes and requirements relating, for example, to human rights due diligence; and strategic trade controls in the EU, UK and US.

We also offer training on due diligence requirements of businesses operating in insecure and conflict-affected contexts, particularly where armed security is required to protect facilities and assets, as well as effective weapons and ammunition stockpile management and security measures to prevent their diversion and misuse.



### Outcome harvesting

Our 'outcome harvesting' approach is an accessible, participatory and flexible method of promoting learning and accountability by monitoring results together with partners. Outcome harvesting collects evidence of what has been achieved and works backwards to determine whether and how a programme or project contributed to this change. This approach has spread across the aid sector and is used in a wide range of governance and peacebuilding projects.

Our one-day training workshops are aimed at people who manage projects and programmes in complex environments and who have some experience of monitoring, evaluation and learning as leaders, project and grant managers, and/or participants. The workshops cover the basic aspects of developing and using an outcome-focused monitoring and learning system, and they provide insights and practical tips for putting such a system in place.

## Context courses

Saferworld offers context courses for new staff in donor organisations, multilateral organisations/UN agencies and international NGOs. For example, in South Sudan and Sudan we run introductory courses for aid workers through our multi-donor-funded conflict sensitivity facilities. These courses aim to improve international aid workers' understanding of the national and sub-national contexts so that they can identify and address risks of increasing conflict, deliver better aid, and contribute to peace more effectively.

## Other training

We also offer training on other areas, including:

- locally led approaches to the humanitarian, development and peace nexus – working effectively and in solidarity with communities and civil society partners
- leadership in fragile and conflict-affected contexts
- advocacy approaches
- ethical and partner-centred communications

While face-to-face trainings are usually our preferred option to maximise participants' learning, we have also developed a range of online, hybrid and WhatsApp-based training approaches that can be delivered remotely yet still facilitate inclusive and active participation.

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**The training was what our project staff needed to be gender-aware and conflict sensitive in their everyday community work and throughout the project.**

**Shukria Dini, Executive Director of Somali Women Studies Centre, following a training on gender-sensitive conflict analysis led by Saferworld and using our facilitation guide.**

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### Case study Malaysian Ministry of International Trade and Industry

Saferworld partnered with the Malaysian Ministry of International Trade and Industry to deliver two training sessions for freight forwarding agents, covering all aspects of the laws, regulations and administrative procedures that apply to the international transfer of strategic (conventional arms and dual-use) goods. Freight forwarding agents provide a range of services associated with the international movement of such goods, including arranging cargo transportation, documentation checks and liaising with customs authorities. The training aimed to equip the agents with a comprehensive understanding of the nature and purpose of strategic trade controls, to enhance their ability to identify situations where strategic goods are being illicitly trafficked or diverted. We delivered a broad and interactive programme, and participants expressed how satisfied they were with the training.

## Analysis

Saferworld has developed a world-leading reputation for delivering high-quality conflict and gender sensitivity analysis to inform strategy development and project design, learning and adaptation processes. We undertake applied research and analysis to generate evidence that can support your organisation's decision-making processes. These range from short, responsive analysis pieces, to longer, standalone research involving participatory processes and stakeholder engagement.

### Case study

We conducted an assessment of environmental and climate trends and social, political and economic risks in Central Asia, identifying key considerations for Chinese engagement – for example, in relation to the Belt and Road Initiative and green economy investments – to ensure they mitigate negative consequences and contribute to positive impacts. Findings were used to inform dialogue among stakeholders in China before and after COP28.



## Helpdesks

We manage bilateral helpdesks for governments and other institutions that provide conflict analyses, conflict and gender sensitivity trainings, and reviews of strategies, portfolios and project proposals.

In partnership with Conciliation Resources, Gender Action for Peace and Security, Women's International Peace Centre and the University of Durham, we manage the Women, Peace & Security Helpdesk, which provides flexible, responsive and easy-to-use technical advice and support on Women, Peace and Security and gender in conflict and crisis contexts. The helpdesk offers services to the Integrated Security Fund and UK government, with a global remit.

We also manage a Human Security and Humanitarian Assistance Helpdesk for the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), providing conflict analysis, conflict sensitivity reviews of programmes and strategies, thematic research and training for Sida and eligible Swedish embassies around the world.



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### Case study European Investment Bank

In 2018, the European Investment Bank's (EIB) planned funding for fragile contexts was set to double, but there was no support for its teams for analysing such contexts. Saferworld studied EIB's portfolio on fragility, and spoke to key staff to understand their needs. We then set up an on-demand analysis helpdesk for the EIB, which allows EIB staff to simply email the helpdesk to request an analysis of specific conflicts, or of how planned projects might be affected by, and affect, conflict. Staff have made over 50 requests to the helpdesk.

Contexts analysed include Ethiopia, Guatemala, Lebanon, Mali and Ukraine and many more, with projects ranging from major infrastructure to intermediated loans, as well as climate change mitigation. In 2023, for the first time, the EIB released a strategic framework on its engagement in fragile places, informed by a recommendation from Saferworld.

## Organisations we've worked with

- Asian Development Bank
- Austrian Development Agency
- Christian Aid
- Delegations of the European Union in South Sudan and Sudan
- European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
- European Investment Bank
- EuropeAid
- German Development Bank (KfW)
- German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ)
- Government of Canada
- Government of Malaysia
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Irish Aid
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (Myanmar)
- Mines Advisory Group (MAG) (Myanmar)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Oxfam
- Save the Children
- SKL International
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Tearfund
- UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
- UK Government
- United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Sudan
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- World Vision

## Contact us

We provide trainings, research and tailored guidance for a wide range of organisations and institutions. Contact us to find out what we can do for you: [services@saferworld-global.org](mailto:services@saferworld-global.org)

Saferworld is an independent, not-for-profit international organisation working to prevent violent conflict and build safer lives in countries and territories across Africa, Asia and the Middle East. We work in solidarity with people affected by conflict to improve their safety and sense of security, and we conduct wider research and analysis. We use this evidence and learning to improve local, national and international policies and practices that can help build lasting peace. Our priority is people – we believe in a world where everyone can lead peaceful, fulfilling lives, free from fear and insecurity.

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