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Through its programming over the years, WANEP-The Gambia has successfully built a track record of providing tailor-made training programmes for members of the National Assembly, government officials, security forces, civil society and members of the larger community. For instance, WANEP-The Gambia conducted in May 2006 a seminar for the National Assembly members on the ECOWAS Convention on SALW in order to Facilitate the ratification process.

Also training for 50 young volunteers to carry out advocacy and sensitization campaign as part of the Control Arms Campaign project and a training for the security forces as partners in the implementation of a two-year sub-regional pilot project on SALW organized in Gambia Guinea Bissau, Guinea Conakry and Senegal. Within the framework of this pilot project an arms destruction exercise was carried out on the 39 illicit weapons collected.

Moreover, WANEP Gambia is representing CSOs in the committee for the establishment of the National Commission on SALW in the Gambia.

Under the Democracy and Governance programme WANEP Gambia mobilized for the first time in the history of the country a large section of the civil society organizations to participate actively in the monitoring and observing the 2006 Presidential elections in 2006 across the country. With funding from the US Embassy in Banjul and the UNDP to ensure free and fair elections; WANEP-The Gambia initiated the first coalition of CSOs comprising 20 organizations. The Coalition underwent election observation trainings to monitor campaign rallies and conduct voter education for the September 2006 Presidential elections, January 2007 Parliamentary elections and the January 2008 Local Government Elections.

The WIPNET programme has been the platform for launching and monitoring of the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR)1325. Women across the country participate in capacity building trainings on the Resolution with the aim of enhancing their knowledge and skills as well as raising awareness for effective monitoring of implementation of UNSCR 1325.

WANEP Gambia is currently the local partner of ATOS Consulting, a British consulting firm contracted by UK Department for International Development (DFID) to implement a three year multi-million pounds project: the Legal Capacity Building Programme (LCBP) phase II. This project aims at supporting the legal sector of The Gambia to strengthen the legal system through the introduction of incremental reforms that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness

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and ensure access to justice for all Gambians. The project provides support to the Judiciary, the Department of State for Justice and the Gambian Bar Associations as well as the police prosecutors.

Our Strategic Objectives in terms of Our Programmes:

1. Democracy and Governance programme

SO: Creation of a critical mass and capacity at the grassroots level to strengthen participatory governance and democracy

2. Youth, Active Non- Violence and Peace Education

SO: Creation of durable peace and civic engagement in the promotion of a culture of peace

3. ECOWAS Early Warning and Response (ECOWARN)

SO: Capacity of Communities built for active participation in conflict prevention and peace processes

4. Women in Peacebuilding Network (WIPNET)

SO: Women and girls are empowered for political and socio economic participation and leadership

5. Small Arms and Light Weapons

SO: Eradication of arms trafficking