

South Asia Partnership Canada

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Organization's mandate/goals:

South Asia Partnership (SAP) Canada is a forum of Canadian organizations that, together and with South Asian partners, works for sustainable human development in the region. Established in 1983, SAP encompasses a wide range of organizations. It has 22 member organizations, primarily international development NGOs working in South Asia, plus a much larger constituency of NGOs, social justice groups, universities, research and policy institutes, South Asian Canadian groups and corporations in Canada. The linkage between the SAP Canada network and the South Asian regional network of SAP partner organizations is unique. SAP Canada is the only Canadian organization to bring together a wide array of Canadian and South Asian partners for the sole purpose of promoting human development in South Asia.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Eradicating poverty*

SAP Canada serves as a forum of Canadian organizations that, together and with South Asian partners, works for sustainable human development in the region.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange -- *Coalition building*

SAP Canada facilitates the sharing of ideas, experience and resources among organizations and the Canadian public on South Asian development.

Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy*

SAP Canada mobilizes Canadian support for and participation in the development programs of SAP International member organizations and their partners.