

Partnerships for human security

Canadian Consortium on Human Security

The Canadian Consortium on Human Security (CCHS) brings together academic communities, civil society, and officials from governments and international institutions to promote policy-relevant research on human security. Founded in 2001 in cooperation with four Canadian universities, the CCHS is expanding its linkages to research institutes across the country. Ultimately, it seeks to further develop and link the human security research community in Canada and internationally, and to deepen domestic and international support for human security policy goals. It produces a quarterly bulletin on issues related to human security, offers a series of academic and non-academic research fellowships, and prepares resource materials on teaching human security. The CCHS is on-line at: www.humansecurity.info.

Human Security Network

Canada cooperates closely with its partners in the Human Security Network, a group of more than a dozen countries from regions around the globe, to undertake collective action against threats to human security. Emerging out of a bilateral partnership between Canada and Norway, the Network seeks to build on the governmental coalitions that supported the landmine ban and the creation of an International Criminal Court. Network members seek to apply the same energy and commitment to a series of pressing human security challenges, including addressing the needs of war-affected children, enhancing the role of women on issues of peace and security, reducing the widespread availability of small arms, and strengthening capacity for peace support operations. The Human Security Network is on-line at: www.humansecuritynetwork.org.

Regional Human Security Centre for the Middle East

Canada's Human Security Program supported the creation of the Regional Human Security Centre within the Jordan Institute of Diplomacy in Amman. The first of its kind in the region, the centre collaborates with regional and international partners to promote intellectual and political debate on human security issues in the Middle East. The Centre has focussed attention on issues such as war-affected children, security sector reform, and issues of gender and democratization in the Arab world. It is rapidly becoming the leading authority on the regional challenges posed by the proliferation of small arms. The Centre is on-line at: www.id.gov.jo/human/index.html.



Ibrahima Fall, Director, UNICEF, Middle East and North Africa addresses the Amman Conference on the Use of Children as Soldiers, co-sponsored by the Regional Human Security Centre, UNICEF-Middle East/North Africa Office and the Coalition to Stop the Use of Children as Soldiers, April 2001.