Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM)

is an essential piece of the arms control puzzle. It represents simple, low-cost but effective ways to manage and control arms, ammunition and explosives in low cost environments. PSSM consists of two major components: Curbing the ‘diversion’ of illegal firearms and reducing the risk of unintentional munitions explosions. The MSAG-RECSA-BICC PSSM training approach is closely aligned with international best practices as outlined in the UN International Ammunition Training Guidelines (IATG) and the Modular Small-Arms-Control Implementation Compendium (MOSAIC). MOSAIC module 5.20 defines PSSM as the ‘Procedures and activities necessary for safe and secure accounting, storage, transportation and handling of Small Arms/Light Weapons (SALW) and Conventional Ammunition (CA)’. 