




DISARMAMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

**CHANGE OF PRIORITIES FOR
THE POOR**

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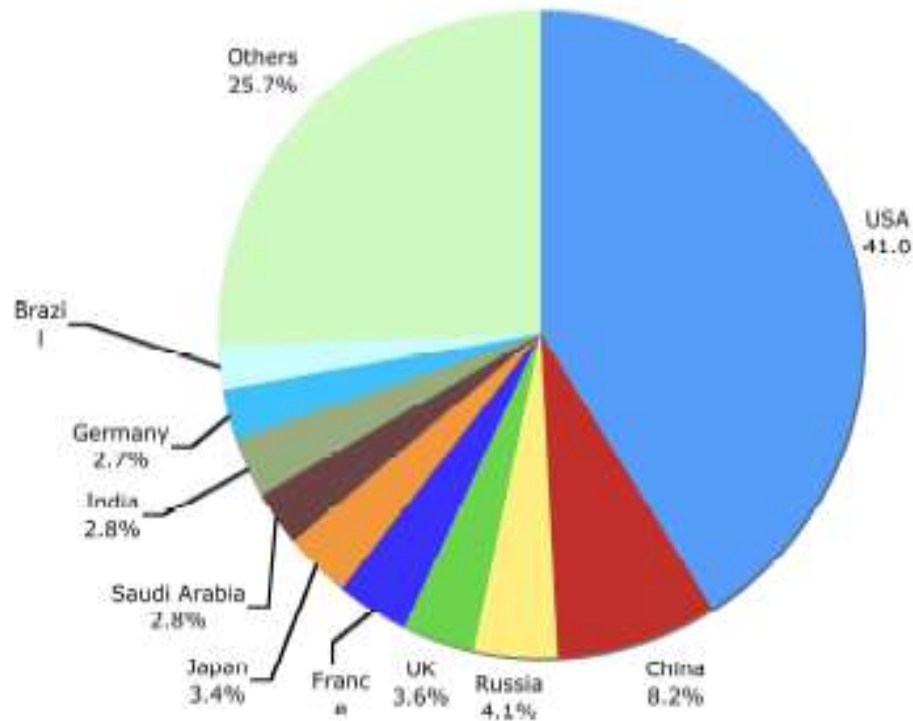


Military Spending in 2011

- US\$ 1738 billion
 - Modernization of nuclear weapons \$700 billion in next 10 years
 - Arms trade \$85 billion per annum
 - Volume of 10 biggest armament groups \$300 billion

Source: Stockholm International Peace
Research Institute

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The biggest military spenders are

US (41%)
China (8.2%)
Russia (4.1%)
UK (3.6%)
France (3.6%)
Japan (3.4%)
Saudi Arabia (2.8%)
India (2.7%)
Germany (2.7%)
Brazil (2%).

Military Spending in 2011

- US: First decrease since 1998 (1.2%)
- Moderate increase in Asia and Oceania (2.3%)
- Falls in Western and Central Europe (1.9%)
- Large increase in Eastern Europe (10.2%)
- Substantial increase in the Middle East (4.6%)
- Moderate decrease in Latin America (3.3%)
- Large increase in Africa (8.6%)

Military Spending Greece

- In 2011 military budget over \$4 billion – equals 4.3% of GNP (Germany: 1.7% GNP)
- \$1 billion armament products and debts for purchased military aircrafts and tanks
 - Indebted to whom?!

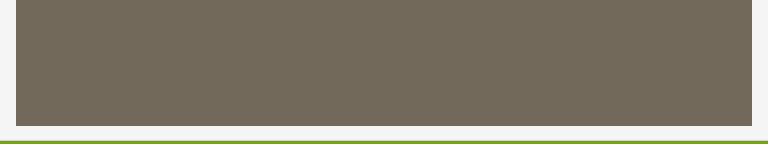
Numbers Relating to Hunger and Poverty

- Worldwide, app. **925 million** people are suffering hunger (FAO, September 2010)
- In **29 countries**, the hunger problematic is very severe – that is in almost every 6th country in the world ([Worldhunger-Index \(WHI\) 2010](#))
- **Two thirds** of the people suffering hunger live in only **seven countries**: Bangladesh, China, DR Kongo, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia und Pakistan. (FAO, September 2010)
- In developing countries, **195 million children** under 5 years are under-developed (WHI 2010)
- **Over 90%** of under-developed children live in Africa (WHI 2010)
- **129 Million children** in developing countries are underweight (WHI 2010)
- **42% of underweight children** worldwide live in India (WHI 2010)
- **Annually, app. 2.2 million** children worldwide die of the consequences of underweight and mal-nourishment – that makes **6.027 children daily!** (WHI 2010)

The shear has increased.

What has peace to do with environment and development?

- **Conflict dimension:** In 2011 20 wars and 38 highly violent conflicts (Institute for conflict research, Heidelberg) – that is a historically unique number
- Climate, water, food – dialectical sense
- Global problems reinforce conflicts
- Conflicts reinforce global problems



MDG (modest) only to be realized in peace and with comprehensive disarmament

- 1. End poverty and hunger**
- 2. Universal education**
- 3. Gender equality**
- 4. Child health**
- 5. Maternal health**
- 6. Combat HIV/AIDS**
- 7. Environmental sustainability**
- 8. Global partnership**

Military Spending versus MDGs

Different ways of calculating cost of MDGs

- World Bank: \$40-\$60 billion a year until 2015
- UN Millennium Project: \$120-\$190\$ a year until 2015

UNODA: 5% of global military spending per year is enough to reach MDGs by 2015

Peace must be placed on the agenda - again

Initiatives of INES and others on occasion of Rio+20 Summit on Sustainable Development

- a. Appeal of 500 signatories
- b. Tank made of bread



2012: Rio plus 20

Disarmament for Sustainable Development An international appeal

The signatories of this Appeal demand that the governments of the world seriously address this neglected issue, and agree on a global plan for disarmament at the Rio Summit in July 2012. The freed-up funds should be used for social, economic and ecological programmes in all countries. Starting in 2013, military spending should be cut back substantially, that is, by a minimum of 10 percent per annum. The aim is to launch a dynamic towards sustainable development, which could start by establishing an internationally managed Fund with a capital of more than \$150 billion.

At the UNCSO Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro:

A Tank Made of Bread

Food for thought on poverty eradication

- Disarmament for Sustainable Development





Sustainable development Goals (SDG)

- Debate after Rio plus 20
- Proceedure by UN: national and international process
- Disarmament mus be one goal
- Peace and security accepted – limited progress

How to shift money?

- Partnerships with sectors who will benefit from the shift: Development agencies, environment organizations, health workers, ...
- Together put pressure on parliamentarians and governments
- Actions: Global Day of Action on Military Spending 2013 on april 15th – be apart of it

www.demilitarize.org

Conversion Program

- For civil and sustainable production, consumption and services
- 10 biggest arms trade concerns have over 1 million employees
 - EADS 100.000, BAE 220.000 employees
 - USA: every 2nd engineer and every 3rd scientist works in the armament business sector
 - Germany: 80.000 employees in arms business sector

Attention: Dual Use!



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