



Global Partnership Against
the Spread of Weapons and
Materials of Mass Destruction



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP AGAINST THE SPREAD OF WEAPONS AND MATERIALS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (GP)

International Cooperation through the GP

**EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence Initiative
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The Global Partnership: A Snapshot

- **23 years** since GP created at Kananaskis Summit: US\$20B over 10 years, initial focus on WMD threats in the former Soviet Union
- Expanded **globally** in 2008 / Extended **indefinitely** in 2011
- Since 2002, **€26B+ in programming** delivered worldwide
- Transformative impact on security of vulnerable states against WMD threats – mostly in **Global South**
- Continuing **multilateral success story** despite erosion of non-proliferation and disarmament architecture
- Canada sees 2025 as opportunity for GP's 31 members (30 countries + EU) to **renew commitment** to its critical work



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GP Members & Implementers

31 Members (30 Countries + EU)

Australia	France	Kazakhstan	Rep of Korea
Belgium	Georgia	Mexico	Spain
Canada	Germany	Netherlands	Sweden
Chile	Hungary	New Zealand	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Ireland	Norway	Ukraine
Denmark	Italy	Philippines	United Kingdom
EU	Japan	Poland	United States
Finland	Jordan	Portugal	

NB: Russia was expelled
following its invasion of
Crimea in 2014

Key Implementing Partners

Africa CDC
ASEAN

BTWC-ISU
CTBTO

IAEA
IFBA

INTERPOL
NTI

OPCW
UNICRI

UNODA
UNODC

UNSGM
WHO

WINS
WOAH (OIE)



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GP Working Methods

- GP meets 2x per year as the GP Working Group (GPWG)
- **G7 President** (Canada in 2025, France in 2026) shapes GP programming priorities and external engagement
- Four sub-working groups develop and implement work plans for **concrete projects and initiatives**:
 - Biological Security Working Group (BSWG)
 - Chemical Security Working Group (CSWG)
 - Nuclear & Radiological Security Working Group (NRSWG)
 - CBRN Working Group (CBRNWG)—i.e. cross-cutting issues



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Matchmaking

- Fundamentally, GP is a **donor coordination mechanism**
- **Matchmaking** is cornerstone of GP: matches donor funds and in-kind contributions with project proposals from implementers
- Calls for proposals usually issued in **January** and **September**
- In 2024, 424 projects worth €\$1.9B were implemented in **159 countries** in every region of the world by **18 GP partners**:
 - Australia, Canada, Denmark, EU, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, US
- Canada piloting new approach to improve priority setting, paperwork, donor coordination, feedback on proposals



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Canada's 2025 Presidency Priorities

➤ Priority 1: Expanding Engagement

- **Actions:** Targeted outreach to **potential new members**; bolster **GP regional initiatives** (especially Signature Initiative to Mitigate Biological Threats in Africa—SIMBA)

➤ Priority 2: Tackling Cross-Cutting Threats

- **Actions:** Increased focus on GP's **Countering WMD Disinformation Initiative** and **WMD-relevant technologies**

➤ Priority 3: Effective Functioning

- **Actions:** Improve **matchmaking process**; implement a coordination unit and **communications strategy**; update **core documents and mission**



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2025 Priority: Spotlight on SIMBA

- Launched in **2020**
- Led by Canada, funded by several GP members
- Driven by African partners, especially **Africa CDC**
- Bolsters **biosecurity and biosafety** measures and standards across continent
- **Health Security Partnership in Africa**: Major component of SIMBA—Africa CDC and WHO improving early warning through strengthened disease surveillance and epidemic intelligence





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Spotlight on SIMBA (continued)

Global challenges require global engagement

- SIMBA underscores G7 and GP commitment to **work with Global South** to tackle global challenges together—especially amid flux in donor landscape
- As G7 president, Canada committed to making SIMBA a cornerstone of **GP strategy to expand engagement** into future years

Opportunities for collaboration

- EU has robust network and track record in Africa (**8 projects valued at €52M** over 5 years reported to GP in 2024)
- GP and EU CBRN CoE network can **leverage each other's investments and relationships** to maximize reach and results



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Takeaways from GPWG #1 (February 2025)

- 174 total participants:
 - 21 GP member countries (out of 30) + EU
 - 3 non-GP partner countries: Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda
 - 40 implementing partners (multilateral organizations, NGOs)
- Top CBRN challenges for 2025:
 - **Ukraine**: Safety and security of nuclear facilities / Use of CW
 - **Syria**: Destruction of Assad regime's legacy chemical weapons
 - **North Korea**: Active WMD and missile programs

Canada to host GPWG #2 in **November** (site TBD)



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GP Sub-Working Group Meetings

- **NRSWG**: Coordination of Ukraine assistance (Chişinău, 29-30 April)
- **CSWG**: Side meeting at INTERPOL-led Global Congress on Chemical Security & Safety (Amman, 6 May)
- **BSWG**: SIMBA coordination (Addis Ababa + Lisbon, 27-30 May)
 - Africa CDC's Biosafety and Biosecurity Strategy (27-28 May)
 - Health Security Partnership in Africa (29-30 May)
 - SIMBA Lusophone Initiative workshop (Lisbon, 27-29 May)
- **CBRNWG**: Side meeting at annual Australia Group plenary (Sydney, 14-18 July)



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GP–EU CBRN CoE Collaboration

- GP and EU CBRN CoE are **natural partners...**
 - Both are "**one-stop shop**" **mechanisms** to reduce WMD threats, with cross-regional convening power
 - **Full-spectrum assistance:** from treaty accession and domestic legislation all the way to forensics and accountability
 - **Heavy overlap:** 14 GP members are EU states; GP has projects in almost all CoE partner states
 - EU CoE Initiative has deep local networks; GP has funding and high-capacity expertise

GP can help mobilize resources and technical assistance to translate
National and Regional Action Plans into concrete programming



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Canada's Weapons Threat Reduction Program

- Canada's flagship contribution to the Global Partnership
- €1.1B in programming since 2002
- Budget of €50M per year
- Active in every region of the world / 144 projects in 2024-25
- Implementing partners: multilateral organizations, NGOs, research institutes, GP members, specialized companies

WTRP Objectives and Portfolios

Objectives

- Build international **capacity to prevent, detect and respond** to WMD threats
- Secure **dangerous CBRN materials** and improve **facility security**
- Improve **universalization and national implementation** of non-proliferation, arms control, and disarmament (NACD) regimes: Biological & Toxin Weapons Convention, Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Chemical Weapons Convention, Arms Trade Treaty, etc.
- Strengthen **global networks** and international **NACD institutions and initiatives**

Portfolios

**Nuclear &
Radiological
Security**

**Biological
Security**

**Chemical
Security**

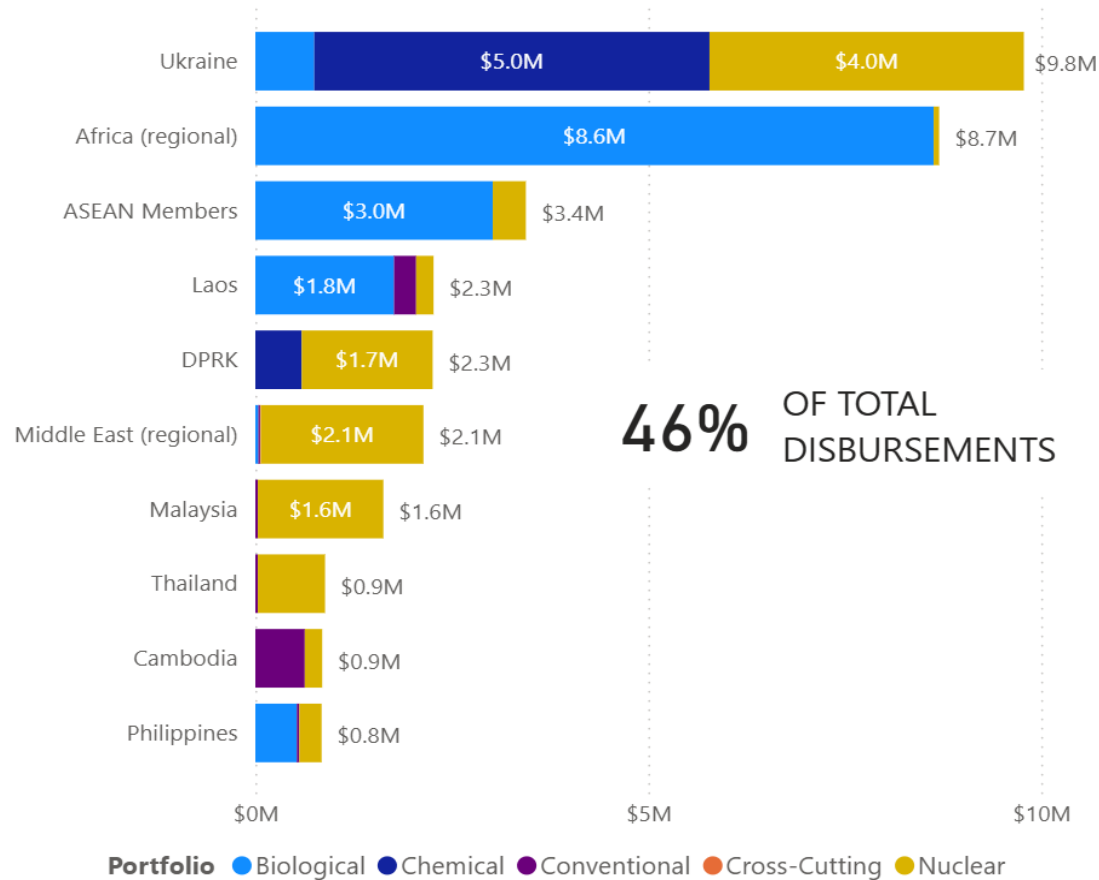
**CBRN
Cross-Cutting
Issues**

**Conventional
Weapons**

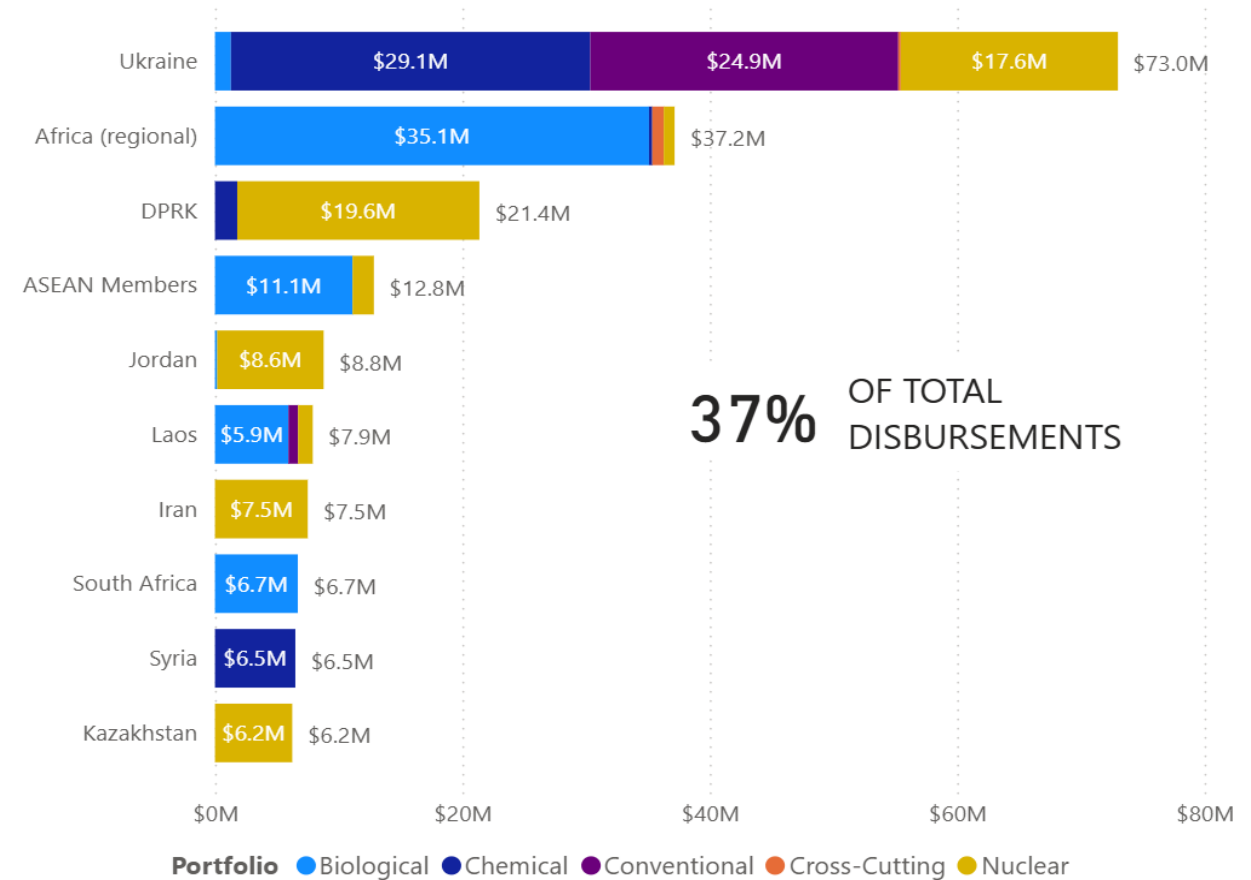
WTRP Top Countries and Regions

Top 10 Programming Countries/Regions

FY 2024-25 (Total Disbursements: \$70.2M)



FY 2020-21 to 2024-25 (Total Disbursements: \$485.1M)



* A further **\$27.1M** in programming with global scope was delivered during this period (**39%** of disbursements)

* A further **\$201.5M** in programming with global scope was delivered during this period (**42%** of disbursements)