



## Project Summary Document

### Programme Office in Dushanbe

**Project Title:** Security upgrade of SALW depots of Tajikistan's Ministry of Defence (Phase II)

#### General Information

<p><b>Type of project:</b> EXB <b>Project No.:</b> 5500706</p> <p><b>Multi-Unit/Executive Structure:</b> OSCE POiD <b>OSCE Dimension:</b> Politico-Military <b>Thematic Category:</b> Small Arms and Light Weapons <b>Geographical Area:</b> Central Asia (CA) <b>UB Programme Name:</b> Countering Security Threats and Regional Co-operation</p> <p><b>Starting Date:</b> 01 Jan 2022 <b>Ending Date:</b> 31 July 2026 <b>Total Financial Requirements (in Euro):</b> 1,057,106 <b>External Partners:</b> N/A</p>	<p><b>PROJECT MANAGER</b></p> <p><b>Name:</b> Parviz Shomahmadov <b>Title:</b> National Politico-Military Officer <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:Parviz.Shomahmadov@osce.org">Parviz.Shomahmadov@osce.org</a> <b>Telephone:</b> +992 (37) 226 50 14/15/16/17/18</p> <p><i>P. Shomahmadov</i></p> <p><b>FUND MANAGER / MAIN PROGRAMME MANAGER(S)</b></p> <p><b>Name:</b> Rati Japaridze <b>Title:</b> Officer-in-charge of the office in Dushanbe</p> <p><b>Date of approval:</b> 17-07-2023 <b>Signature:</b> <i>R. Japaridze</i></p>
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#### Project Overview:

The aim of the project is to ensure compliance of physical security conditions within the Joint SALW storages of Tajikistan's Ministry of Defence, with provisions of the OSCE best practice guides on Small Arms, Light Weapons (SALW) and Conventional Ammunition (CA) security, as well as international good practices and standards. The scope of activities under Phase II includes renovation of two SALW storages belonging to the Ministry of Defence, installation of all required security equipment and site improvement works.

#### Project Objectives:

*The project objective is to improve SALW and CA physical security in Tajikistan.*

#### Project Results:

Result 1: Storage conditions are improved in two SALW storage facilities of Tajikistan's Ministry of Defence. It is expected that by the project end date in 2025, the two SALW storages of the Ministry of Defence will be fully functional and compliant with the international standards in the fields of SALW and SCA security.

#### Summary of Project Strategy:

In 2014, the Ministry of Defence of Tajikistan submitted through the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) its request to the Organization's participating States for assistance in upgrading the security of its central depots



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for storing SALW and associated small arms ammunition, located approximately nine kilometres to the east of Dushanbe. Considering the continued co-operation of Tajikistan with the OSCE on SALW&CA physical security and stockpiles management agenda, the Tajik Government expressed interest in having the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe (POiD) fully involved in the design and implementation of an appropriate project.

Based on the request by the Tajik Government, and following the OSCE assistance mechanism procedure as stipulated in the OSCE documents on SALW and SCA, expert assessment team (consisted of the US, Swiss and the OSCE Secretariat representatives) visited to the country in March 2014 and confirmed the justification and technical requirements of the request. Subsequently, in 2015, the POiD developed a project proposal to assist Tajikistan's Ministry of Defence in improving storage conditions within its Joint SALW storages. Provisions of the OSCE best practice guides on SALW&CA security, as well as international good practices and standards were considered when developing the project document and will be applied during practical implementation stage.

Implementation of the project is in line with the OSCE confidence and security building measures, the Organization's mandate in Tajikistan and adds to the results of previous years' co-operation with the Tajik Government in the fields of SALW&CA security and stockpiles management. The project contributes to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions) and 17 (partnerships for the goals); achieving the project objective would facilitate maintaining peace, justice and security in Tajikistan, thus adding to the overall security situation in the region of Central Asia, through ensuring proper security of SALW stockpiles. Considering that the issue of arms control and security is high both in the OSCE agenda and among priorities of the Tajik Government, partnership in achieving the common goal is beneficial for both.