

GFSA Newsletter

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Surviving Dezemba

December, or 'Dezemba', is SA's most exciting time of the year – school holidays, celebrations, family get-togethers and social gatherings are a few things to look forward to.

Yet, during this time, we see an alarming rise in gun-related incidents.

Easy access to guns, rising crime rates, heightened alcohol consumption, and domestic conflicts play a huge role, turning good times into tragedy.

Follow us on social media where we'll be sharing some 'survival tips' to help you not just survive Dezember, but truly live it.



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Letter to ~~Santa~~ Police Commissioner



SA has one of the highest murder rates in the world. Every day 33 people are shot and killed. All too often the victims are children – simply playing in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The availability of guns, which are 4 to 7 times more deadly than any other weapon, is a major contributing factor.

This Christmas, write a Santa Letter to SA's National Police Commissioner asking him to protect kids not guns. Send your letter care of the President (as addressing SA's gun violence crisis needs the whole of government to be involved):

Email to: president@presidency.gov.za

Post to: Private Bag X1000, Cape Town, 8000

[English](#) and [Afrikaans](#) letter templates available for download.

Don't groom for violence

Guns, real or toys, don't belong where kids play.

Gifting toy guns or violent video games sends the wrong message: that guns are fun. Instead, choose gifts that spark creativity and imagination, not conflict.

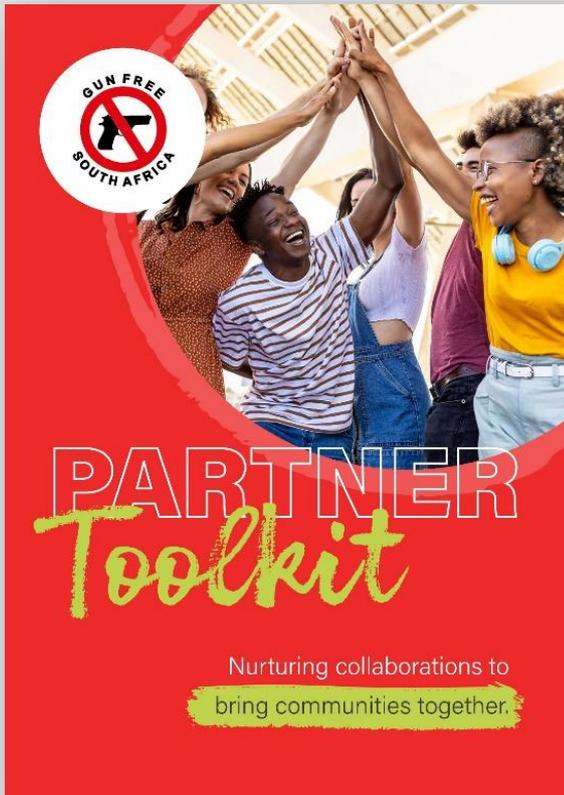
Let's raise a generation that values peace



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Partnerships for meaningful change



After graduating from the DG Murray Trust [Innovation Fellowship](#), which supports young people develop as change agents and future leaders, two GFSa staffers, Marlene Matlala and Monique Hansen, developed a Partner Toolkit to help support meaningful partnerships for real change. The toolkit is a resource to help organisations build and sustain partnerships by providing a step-by-step map when working with new or existing partners.

Download the Partner Toolkit [here](#).

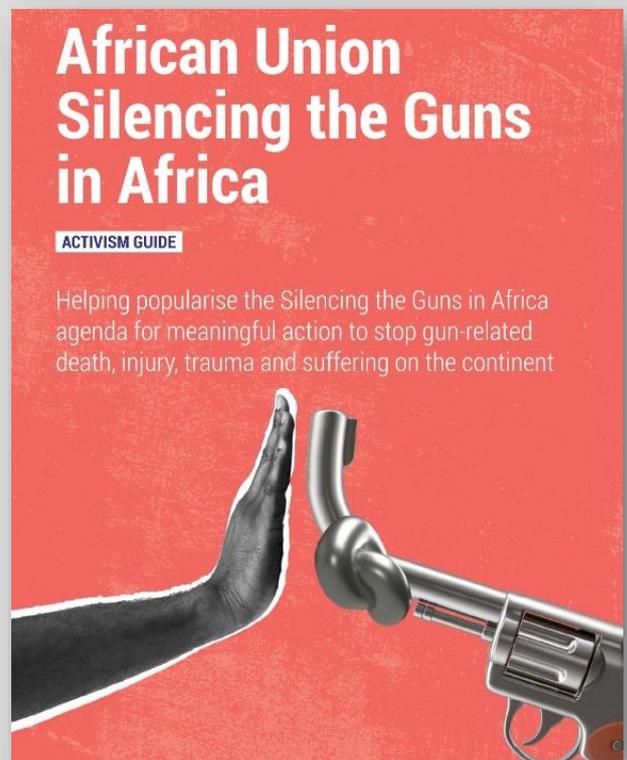
If you want to go fast, go alone,
if you want to go far, go together

Martha Goedert

Silencing the Guns in Africa activism guide

The African Union Silencing the Guns in Africa Activism Guide, developed in partnership with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), under the [Mobilising Men for Feminist Peace](#) project is now available. The guide, which includes over 40 ideas for action, is aimed at activists working to end gun-related death, injury, trauma and suffering on the continent.

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