

GLOBAL PRIORITIES

For approximately 30% of annual world military expenditures (\$US810 billion), ALL of the following could be accomplished:

Eliminate starvation / malnutrition	\$US 19 billion
Provide shelter	\$US 21 billion
Remove landmines	\$US 4 billion
Eliminate nuclear weapons	\$US 7 billion
Refugee relief	\$US 5 billion
Eliminate illiteracy	\$US 5 billion
Provide clean, safe water	\$US 10 billion
Provide health care / AIDS control	\$US 21 billion
Stop deforestation	\$US 7 billion
Prevent global warming	\$US 8 billion
Stabilize population	\$US 11 billion
Prevent acid rain	\$US 8 billion
Energy efficiency	\$US 33 billion
Renewable energy	\$US 17 billion
Stop ozone depletion	\$US 5 billion
Prevent soil erosion	\$US 24 billion
Retire developing nations' debt	\$US 30 billion

(More info: <http://www.worldgame.org>)

Three-quarters of the world's arms trade flows into the Middle East.

Costs of the world's arms industries

Global military expenditures 2002

Global military expenditures currently exceed \$US 800 billion. The top military spenders are:

United States	\$US 343.2 billion
Russia	\$US 60.0 billion
China	\$US 42.0 billion
Japan	\$US 40.4 billion
United Kingdom	\$US 34.0 billion
Saudi Arabia	\$US 27.2 billion
France	\$US 25.3 billion
Germany	\$US 21.0 billion
Brazil	\$US 17.9 billion
India	\$US 15.6 billion
Italy	\$US 15.5 billion
South Korea	\$US 11.8 billion
Australia	\$US 7.9 billion

The arms peddlers

The world's suppliers of major conventional arms 1997 – 2001

1	USA	\$US 44.82 billion
2	Russia	\$US 17.35 billion
3	France	\$US 9.80 billion
4	UK	\$US 6.70 billion
5	Germany	\$US 4.82 billion
6	Ukraine	\$US 2.62 billion
7	Netherlands	\$US 1.86 billion
8	Italy	\$US 1.67 billion
9	China	\$US 1.55 billion
10	Belarus	\$US 1.52 billion
11	Sweden	\$US 1.12 billion
12	Israel	\$US 0.97 billion
13	Spain	\$US 0.87 billion
14	Canada	\$US 0.64 billion
15	Australia	\$US 0.62 billion

Based on 2000 funding (the most recent year available)

Sources: Centre for Defence Information, Council for a Liveable World, International Institute for Strategic Studies, US State Department, US Central Intelligence Agency

All figures at constant (1990) prices

<http://projects.sipri.se/armstrade/facts>