

**Brussels workshop on people's security needs and EU programming, IfP security cluster, 26th and 27th of May**

Saferworld and its partners from the Initiative for Peacebuilding (IfP) organised a workshop to present their recommendations on how to improve the impact of EU programming and better respond to the security needs of communities. The 6 partners (Clingendael, ELIAMEP, Fride, International Alert, International Centre for Transitional Justice, and Saferworld) from the IFP security cluster have been involved for the last year and an half in in-country research and activities, to identify difficulties and barriers which prevent the full implementation of EU security related policies on the ground and therefore do not always respond to the needs of concerned communities. The findings have been developed in several country reports and in a synthesis report, which was presented and discussed during the workshop. The meeting was well attended by EU officials from the Commission and the Council, which allowed a lively and detailed discussion.

The workshop was preceded by a one day internal meeting of members of the security cluster, to discuss and finalise plans and activities which will take place under the second phase of the Initiative for Peacebuilding.