



**CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES
TUNISIA**

FIRST STAGE – CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

**FROM POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS OF GCERF FUNDING
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF TUNISIA CSM - GCERF PARTNERSHIP
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 17:00 (TUNIS TIME) ON 31 JANUARY 2019**

CONTEXT

The National Counterterrorism Commission of Tunisia (CNLCT) was established within the Presidency of Government by the organic law n°2015-26 dated 7 August 2015, on the fight against terrorism and suppression of money laundering. It is a strategy, coordination, regulatory, outreach, and advisory body in the areas of preventing violent extremism and countering terrorism.

Established in 2014, the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) is a public-private partnership dedicated to preventing violent extremism. GCERF is a not-for-profit Swiss foundation that exists to guide global funds to local hands. GCERF considers preventing violent extremism a global public good, and its approach immunises communities from violent extremist agendas – creating a safer and more prosperous world.

In August 2018, the GCERF Governing Board approved the investment of up to USD 5 million in Tunisia for grant making purposes under the CFM, in line with the **GCERF Country Strategy for Investment in Tunisia**. The funding contributes to the Republic of Tunisia's **National Strategy against Extremism and Terrorism** by supporting efforts to achieve its objectives, particularly in the prevention pillar.

CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

The Tunisia Country Support Mechanism (CSM), established by the CNLCT, is pleased to announce a Call for Concept Notes from Tunisian organisations to become a Principal Recipient (PR) or Direct Grantee of funding from GCERF's Core Funding Mechanism (CFM). Applicants for GCERF funding in Tunisia are invited to submit a concept note in line with the **GCERF Country Strategy for Investment in Tunisia** for a grant of between one and three years in duration that focus on:

- the following specific demographic/population groups: (1) religious actors; (2) vulnerable youth who are hard to reach, for example who are not in education/training or employed; (3) rural women above the age of 36, particularly mothers; (4) university students



- the following specific thematic areas: economic empowerment; training and capacity building for example, soft skills; culture, sports, and Tunisian traditions; specific support for the Social Defence and Integration Centres (CDIS)
- and addressing drivers/factors of violent extremism, including: lack of sense of purpose, critical thinking, and life skills; perceived marginalisation; unemployment, inequality; lack of positive opportunities

Programmes that involve local authorities and programmes that build synergies with other PVE initiatives, that build and manage a body of knowledge of PVE in Tunisia are encouraged. Proposals for all areas from Tunisia are welcome.

FUNDING

This Call for Expressions of Interest is supported by an initial investment of USD 1 million, which will fund approximately two to five programmes in Tunisia over a one- to three-year period, beginning in 2019. GCERF will provide grants to individual organisations or consortia working at the community level. Each consortium should be led by a Principal Recipient that will be responsible for providing sub-grants to other consortium members.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Tunisia CSM – GCERF application process has two stages:

Stage 1: All applicants must complete in full the document “**Concept Note: Tunisia**”. Concept Notes may be submitted in Arabic, French, or English. The deadline for submission of concept notes is **31 January 2019**. All concept notes must be submitted electronically and simultaneously to calltunisia@gcerf.org and csm.pve@pm.gov.tn using the Concept Note template by **17:00 (Tunis time) on 31 January 2019**. The Subject line of the email should read “CN TUNISIA – YOUR ORGANISATION NAME.” Failure to follow these instructions may jeopardise your submission.

Stage 2: Shortlisted applicants will be invited to participate in a due diligence process beginning in February. Subsequently, selected applicants will be invited to develop a full proposal for submission approximately in April. All applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection process.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Shortlisted applicants for the role of Principal Recipient must demonstrate that they meet the following prerequisites and required capabilities.

PREREQUISITES	
(i)	Appropriate legal registration.
(ii)	Willingness to accept and fulfil the role of a Principal Recipient (as described



herein).

REQUIRED CAPABILITIES	
(i)	Established relationships and credibility with the communities and population groups identified in the Call, expertise in the thematic areas as well as presence in the geographical areas also identified in the Call.
(ii)	Experience and capacity in programme design and management, and project cycle management.
(iii)	Experience and capacity in financial management and in the management of and accounting for international donor grant funding.
(iv)	Experience and capacity in working within a consortium and/or managing sub-recipients for those choosing to form a consortium.
(v)	Experience and capacity in community-level initiatives that address the local drivers of violent extremism and strengthen resilience against violent extremist agendas.

This information and the template “Concept Note: Tunisia” are available on the GCERF website at: www.gcerf.org