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**Bangladesh 2019: Call
for Expression of
Interest**





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About GCERF...

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) is a unique global effort to support **local, community-level initiatives aimed at strengthening resilience against violent extremist agendas.**

GCERF works with governments, civil society, the private sector, and the international community in beneficiary countries **to support national strategies and action plans to address the local drivers of violent extremism.**

GCERF has been supporting programming in Bangladesh since 2016 in Chapai Nawabganj, Cox's Bazar, Dhaka, and Satkhira.

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Community focus



Issue-based
Violent extremism



Filling funding gap
at local level



Multi-stakeholder
Board/CSMs



Multi-stakeholder
global fund



Independent
Swiss Foundation



GCERF enhances community members' sense of belonging to an inclusive, constructive, and positive group that does not resort to violence, where different ideas, ideologies, and identities are embraced and incorporated.

Social Cohesion



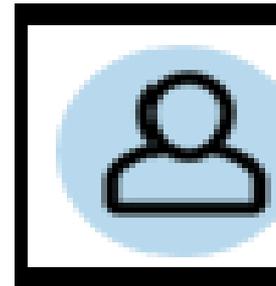
GCERF's support lifts barriers that limit access to social and economic opportunities, and enables more community members to access opportunities.

Equal Access to Opportunities



GCERF's support strengthens communities to peacefully mobilise, organise, and represent their own interests, to facilitate more effective dialogue between state authorities and local communities.

Community Agency



GCERF helps individuals become more resilient to recruitment and radicalisation to violent extremism through a stronger and more positive sense of self.

Sense of Purpose

- Deadline for applications: **1st March 2019**
- Duration of programmes: **3 years**

Demographics:

Adolescents aged 12-17; young adults aged 18-34 and their families: secondary school and madrasa students; university-level students; out of school and unemployed; “virtual youth” (i.e. youth active in the digital sphere); women who lack information about violent extremism and do not have an independent source of income; Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (“Rohingya”) and the host community in Cox’s Bazar; local authorities.

Geographic locations:

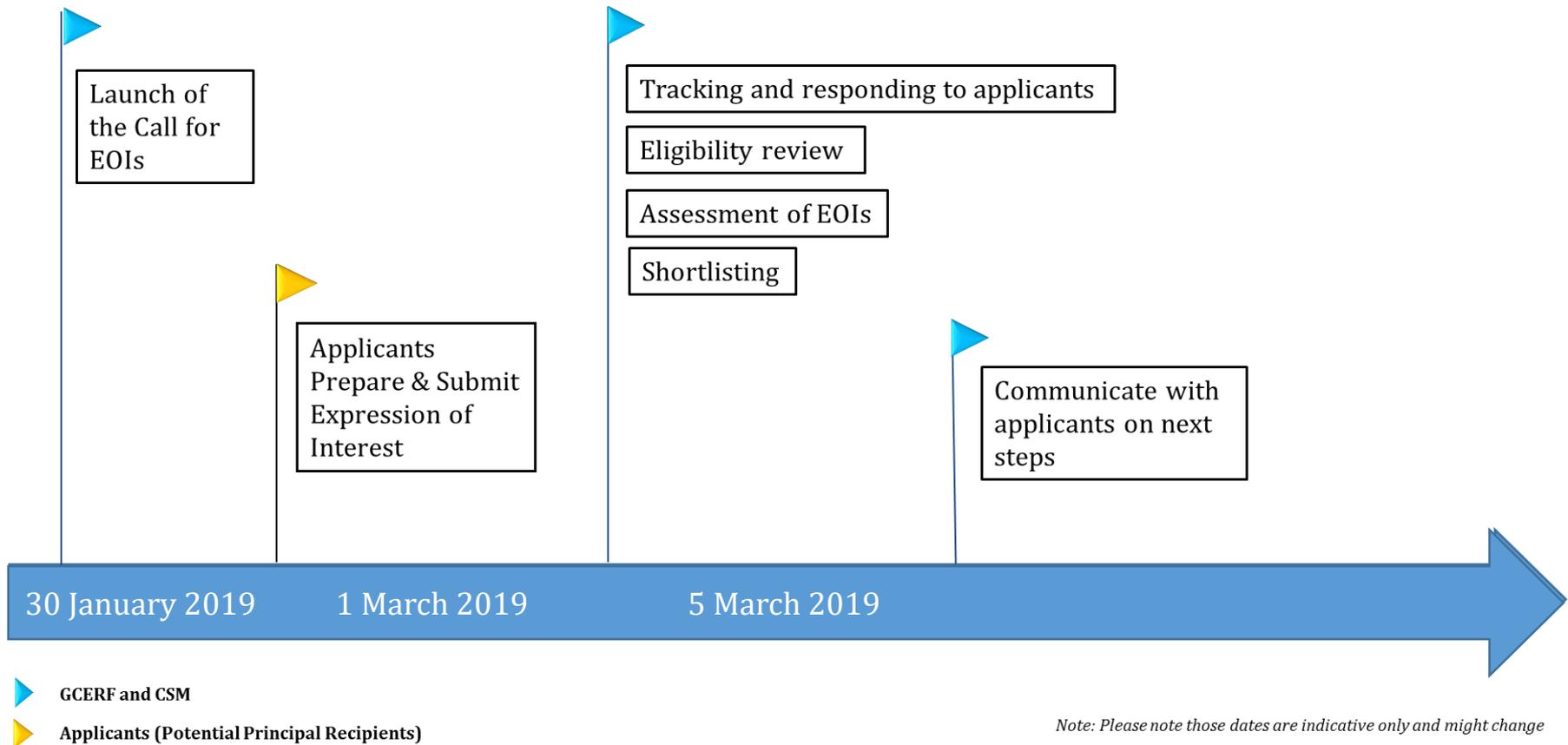
Chapai Nawabganj District (and Rajshahi city), Greater Dhaka (six districts), Cox’s Bazar District (and Chattogram division, formerly known as Chittagong division), Satkhira District (and Khulna city).

Drivers to address:

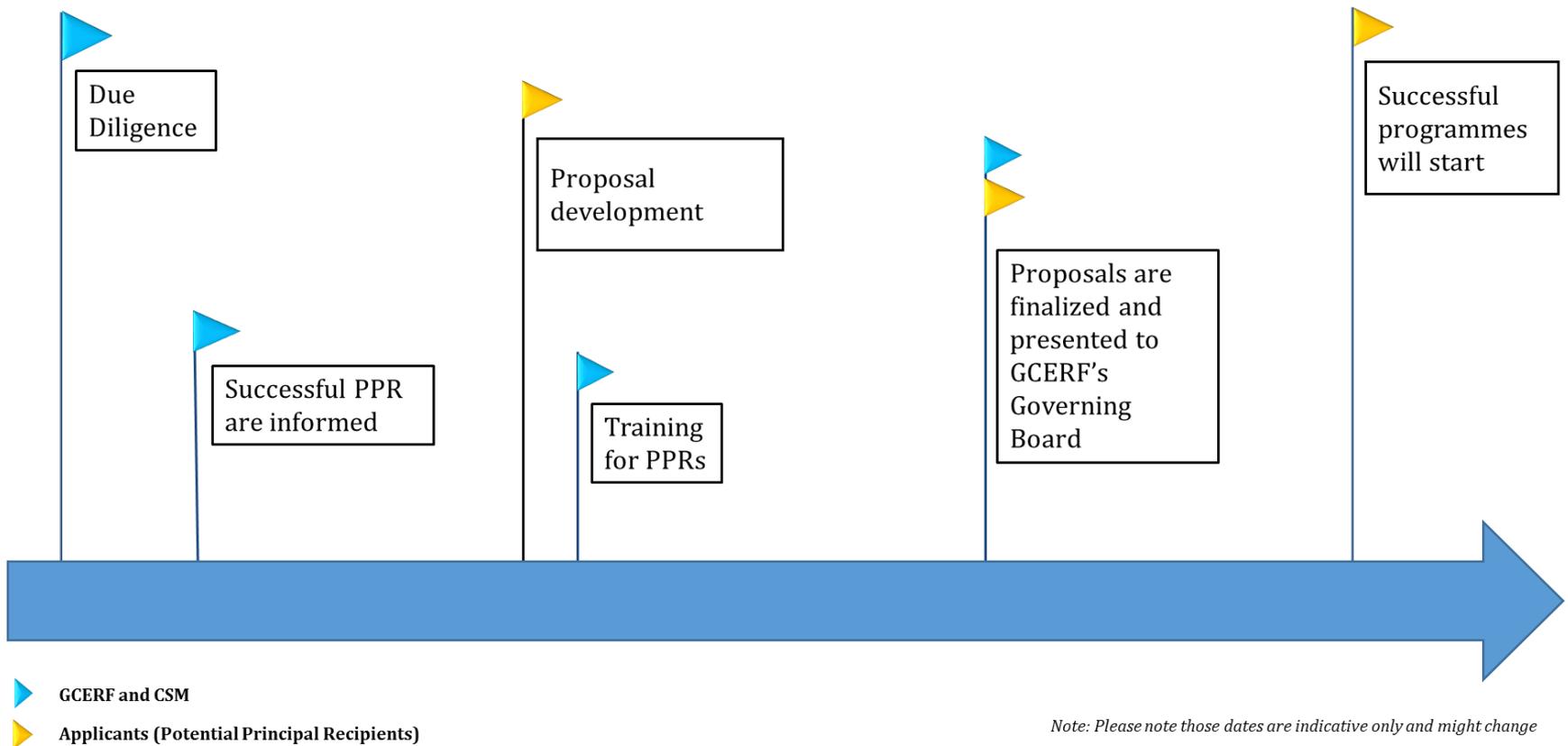
Lack of a sense of purpose including critical thinking and life skills;
Perceived marginalisation, poverty, inequality, unequal distribution of power and influence;
Lack of positive opportunities, and an attraction to perceived improvements in status and power and promises of financial gain by joining violent extremist groups.

You will find additional information regarding the drivers in the [GCERF Country Strategy for Re-Investment in Bangladesh](#).

About the EoI process...



And following the EoI...





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, 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.

Please keep in mind that you will also find a lot of relevant information in the «[Guidance for applicants on call for expression of interest](#)» on the GCERF website.

▪ **How do I know if my organisation is eligible to apply to the call for EoI?**

In order to be eligible, your organisation needs to have the appropriate legal registration and needs to be willing to accept the role of a Principal Recipient (PR). Your organisation must have a valid legal status in Bangladesh and must be able to enter into grant agreements with a foreign organisation. Preference will be given to existing high-performing Bangladeshi organisations that are fully qualified.

▪ **Can international organisations apply to the call for EoI?**

International NGOs registered in Bangladesh are not excluded from applying; however, the focus of GCERF is local organisations. All Principal Recipients from Bangladesh, whether local or international, must be legally registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau. You will need to attach a copy of your organisation's registration to the Expression of Interest form requests.

▪ **How does GCERF select their Principal Recipients?**

GCERF will consider all the (eligible) organisations that submit a duly completed Expression of Interest. The pre-selection of a potential Principal Recipient (PPR) is a joint decision made by the GCERF Country Support Mechanism (CSM) and GCERF Secretariat. It is based on an assessment of each EoI followed by a rigorous due diligence process for the shortlisted applicants. The organisations (Potential Principal recipients) selected will then be invited to develop a proposal that will be assessed by the CSM, an Independent Review Panel, and the GCERF Secretariat.

- **Can my organisation apply if we have never led a consortium before?**

GCERF will give preference to organisations that can demonstrate having successfully led consortia in the past (including experience and capacity to manage consortium members). However, GCERF will consider organisations that have experience working within a consortium.

- **Can my organisation apply if we have never worked on PVE before?**

GCERF recognises that not a lot of organisations have PVE experience and will consider organisations who have demonstrated experience on topics that are relevant to PVE, such as peacebuilding, conflict transformation, good governance, peaceful coexistence, alternative dispute resolution programmes, youth empowerment programming, etc. Your organisation will be required to commit to extend its knowledge on PVE and join relevant PVE networks.

- **Can my organisation apply if we have never worked in the specific geographic locations listed in the call for EoI?**

GCERF will give preference to organisations that have worked in at least one of the targeted areas (Chapai-Nawabganj, Cox's Bazar, Satkhira, Greater Dhaka, Chattogram Division) either directly or through local partners in the last five years .

- **Can my organisation apply if we have never specifically worked with the groups targeted by the call?**

GCERF will give preference to organisations that have worked and engaged specifically with at least two of the targeted groups.

▪ **How many organisations does GCERF plan to select?**

GCERF will select 3 to 5 organisations for this call. GCERF expects the grants to start in 2019 and to finish in 2021-2022 (on a rolling basis based on the availability of funding).

▪ **What if my organisation's latest statutory audit is not yet published / available?**

Make sure to mention this information in your Expression of Interest and ensure that you share the statutory audit for the previous year. You will have to commit to share the latest audit report as soon as it becomes available.

If you have additional questions, please email call.bangladesh@gcerf.org and the Secretariat will respond within 3 working days.

Questions that are relevant to multiple organisations will be added to this presentation for further reference.

GCERF will not answer any questions after the 1st of March 2019.

THANK YOU