

**CORE FUNDING MECHANISM  
ELIGIBILITY POLICY  
(Approved at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting on 20-21 April 2015)**

1. **Core Funding Mechanism.** The Core Funding Mechanism (CFM) is GCERF's primary funding mechanism in its Funding Model.
2. **Pilot Phase.** In 2015 and 2016, the CFM is in a pilot phase and the eligibility of countries is accordingly limited. This Policy will be reviewed by the Board no later than 2017.
3. **Application.** This Policy takes effect upon its approval by the Board and applies to countries not already approved by the Board as pilot countries as of that date.
4. **Elements of Eligibility.** The eligibility of countries to participate in the CFM consists of three elements:
  - a. the income level of the country;
  - b. the existence of a challenge of radicalization to violent extremism in the country; and
  - c. government commitment to address the issue.
5. **Income Level**

In order to be eligible for GCERF financing, the country must be included on the current list of Official Development Assistance Recipients published by the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development<sup>1</sup>. This list was updated in January 2015 and will be updated again in 2018.

6. **Challenge of Radicalisation to Violent Extremism and Government Commitment to Address it**

This element of eligibility for participating in the CFM is established by the government of the relevant country providing a letter addressed to the GCERF Governing Board stating:

- a. its recognition of the challenge of radicalisation to violent extremism within the country;
- b. its commitment at the national level to counter radicalisation to violent extremism and engage local communities as part of this effort; and

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC%20List%20of%20ODA%20Recipients%202014%20final.pdf>

- c. its willingness to support, enable and facilitate GCERF grant-making in a rapid manner, including, but not limited to, providing to GCERF and/or its partners any required approvals, licenses, exemptions or other legal pre-requisites.
- 7. **Board Decision.** Once the elements in paragraphs 5 and 6 are established, the Secretariat shall present to the Governing Board a decision:
  - a. approving the eligibility of the relevant country under the CFM;
  - b. providing the country an opportunity to occupy or join one of the beneficiary country seats on the Board;
  - c. requesting the Secretariat to work with the country to form a Country Support Mechanism; and
  - d. providing an indication of the timeframe of allocation of funding under the CFM.

Such decision may be taken by any decision-making modes available in the Bylaws.

- 8. **Amendment.** This Policy may be amended upon approval of the Board.