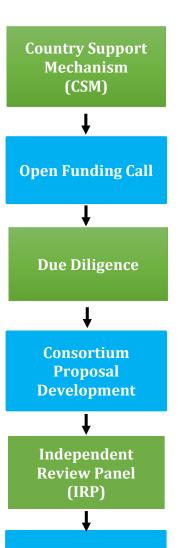


## THE CORE FUNDING MECHANISM (CFM) PROCESS

Through its Core Funding Mechanism (CFM), GCERF issues multi-year grants to comprehensive, community-driven initiatives. The CFM is a bottom-up funding mechanism that facilitates and strengthens community resilience to violent extremism. Funding decisions are based on: expert technical analysis by the Independent Review Panel (IRP), which makes funding recommendations to the GCERF Governing Board; and rigorous due diligence by the GCERF Secretariat. Most GCERF funding is channelled through the CFM, which is currently supporting grants in Bangladesh, Kenya, Kosovo, Mali, and Nigeria.

The CFM provides a comprehensive approach by funding flexible and long-term grants to consortia of national and community-based organisations led by a Principal Recipient (PR). The amount to be funded per round will be defined based on needs, with an average of USD 5 million per round, distributed across three to five PRs over multiple years.



**National** 

**Application** 

GCERF strives for a national response that is better coordinated and suited to local needs, by enhancing coordination through the CSM – a national, multi-stakeholder forum established by the government for conversation and coordination on P/CVE funding.

The CSM launches an open funding call for Principal Recipients (PRs) based on the demographic, geographic, and thematic focus identified by the GCERF Governing Board.

After an initial screening and a rigorous due diligence process of a preselected group of organisations, the Secretariat and the CSM finalise a shortlist of potential Principal Recipients (PPRs) that are asked to form and lead a consortium of smaller, local, community-based organisations.

PPRs develop a full consortium proposal, beginning with a community needs assessment (CONA) in their proposed area of work in order to ensure an evidence-based proposal.

The IRP is a group of international, independent, and impartial P/CVE experts that provide technical advice to the Secretariat and the Board. They provide a rigorous assessment of funding proposals to ensure they meet P/CVE objectives, and provide intensive feedback to PPRs throughout the process.

The CSM submits to the Board for decision a National Application comprising final consortium proposals. Upon Board approval, the Secretariat develops and signs a grant agreement with each Principal Recipient (PR), and programme implementation begins.

At each step of the CFM process, the GCERF Secretariat builds the P/CVE capacity of potential grantees and grantees by providing support and training to ensure success.