

GCERF in Bosnia and Herzegovina

GCERF-funded programmes aim to 1) **build the capacity** of national and local institutions and frontline practitioners working on Rehabilitation and Reintegration (R&R) and PVE; 2) **improve strategic communications** on R&R within institutions and to the public; 3) **increase social cohesion and community agency** to create an enabling environment for R&R of returnees.

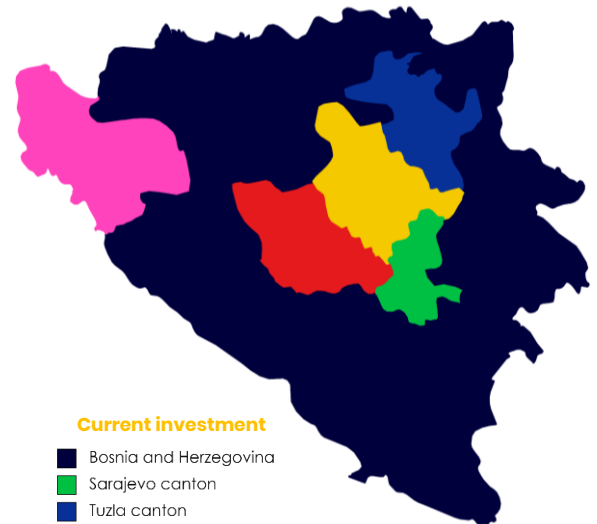
Portfolio overview as of June 2022

Active grants

Atlantic Initiative

2022-24 | Direct Grant

- ❖ Re-establishing and strengthening mobile teams mandated to implement R&R and PVE at the federal and cantonal level;
- ❖ Encouraging constructive media coverage on R&R and PVE
- ❖ Strengthening the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs).



Current investment

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Sarajevo canton
- Tuzla canton
- Zenica-doboj canton
- Una-Sana canton
- Central Bosnia canton

Investment started: 2022
 Investment to date: USD 0.5 million
 Current investment: USD 0.5 million
 Active grants: 1

Current Programming: Systems Approach

National: Re-establishing federal mobile teams mandated with R&R and building their capacity; revising the communications strategy on R&R and PVE.

Cantons: Establishing local mobile teams in cantons where returnees live

Community: Building the capacity of local CSOs to contribute to PVE and R&R; training journalists to report on security-sensitive topics.

Individual: individual support will be provided through additional grants.

Investment Focus



Community-based rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees



Cantons of Sarajevo, Tuzla, Zenica-Doboj, Una-Sana, and Central Bosnia.



R&R and PVE practitioners at the local, cantonal and federal level; local media actors, CSOs



2022-2024



GCERF in Bosnia and Herzegovina works with the Ministry of Security.

Violent Extremism in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Drivers

Returnees from foreign conflict zones:

Over 90 people returned to Bosnia and Herzegovina from foreign conflicts, particularly from Syria and Iraq.

Post and pre-conflict context:

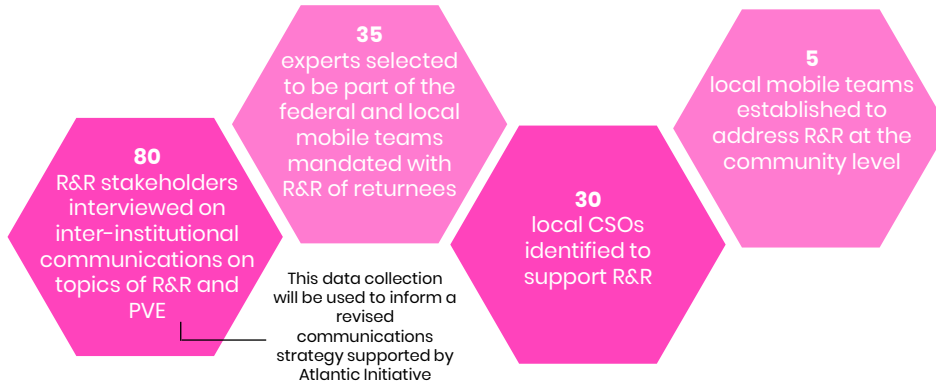
Political instability and inadequate reconciliation caused by previous conflicts have polarised communities along ethnic, religious, and cultural lines.

Socio-economic drivers:

High unemployment, limited trust in institutions, and established crime networks contribute to violent extremist narratives.

Key Outputs*

* March 2022



Key achievements*

* March 2022

Atlantic Initiative supported the Federation of BiH with the establishment of five R&R mobile teams at cantonal levels covering Sarajevo, Central Bosnia, Zenica Doboje, Tuzla and Una Sana. These mobile teams will coordinate the R&R process of returnees from conflicts abroad and their families.

GCERF shortlisted potential grantees in BiH and prepared a due diligence visit for April 2022. GCERF is planning to sign at least one or two additional grants in BiH before the end of July 2022 with a focus on direct support to returnees in five cantons throughout BiH.



Photo: At the Proposal development workshop, May 2022



Photo: Virtual grant signing ceremony, March 2022

GCERF's Added Value

GCERF focuses on **building institutional capacity** e.g., CSOs, and government agencies.

GCERF invests in building a PVE-focused **community of practice** with CSOs, government agencies, and experts

Communities are at the **forefront of project design and implementation**, and the programme works with existing community structures for sustainability

All project design and implementation are done in coordination with **nationally-aligned**, locally-led programmes

GCERF connects CSOs, communities, and other stakeholders with government and security actors, leading to **better coordination** and relationships

GCERF's consortium model and capacity-building approach enables us to work **across the country**

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