

WHO WE ARE

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) is the **only global fund dedicated to preventing violent extremism (PVE)**. As an ODA-eligible multilateral organisation, we connect **local, community-led initiatives to global resources**, supporting grassroots initiatives that are typically **out of reach for the international community** and helping them thrive.

In the last 10 years, we **funded over 380 civil society organisations** to design and implement prevention programmes addressing the direct causes of violent extremism. Through our programmes, we provided better alternatives to almost **four million young people** in communities at direct risk, including those returning from conflict zones and terrorist organisations, and **can demonstrate how their lives have been changed**.

Robust monitoring, evaluation, and learning processes ensure our programmes are effective. As part of our commitment to transparency and accountability we share what we learn, and important results from our work are public.

Our efforts are **predominantly funded and supported by governments**, exemplifying the **international commitment** to preventing violent extremism. Based on a decade of investing and learning, we are entering **a new investment cycle (2025-26)** with a set of **ambitious and strategic investments** in areas and approaches that have **proven to be effective** over the past decade.

2025-26 GCERF REPLENISHMENT

Today's global environment is more conducive to violent extremism than at any point since the Arab Spring. The risk today is more diverse, disseminated, and disparate. **Now is the time to double down on our investments in resilience, to protect our future from violent extremism.**

WITH A NEW INVESTMENT OF USD 80 MILLION, OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS (2025-26), GCERF WILL:



Consolidate recent investments in new countries including Indonesia, Iraq, Mozambique, and Yemen.



Reinvest in countries where the **threat of violent extremism is severely undermining security and development**, such as the Sahel, or where re-investment is needed to **secure hard-earned gains**, such as the Philippines and Somalia.



Expand strategically and regionally in **Central Asia** as a bulwark against the **threat emanating in Afghanistan**, and the **Gulf of Guinea** to stem the **risk of spillover from the Sahel**.



Provide **better alternatives to at least 500,000 young people** in communities at direct risk of radicalisation.



Support the **rehabilitation and reintegration of at least 20,000 returnees** from camps in Northeast Syria and their families.



Invest in civil society organisations of which at least **40% are led by women and youth**.



Put in place **sustainable structures** to enable a transition out of at least one country.



Promote **sustainable community resilience, national responsibility, and global coherence** in preventing violent extremism.





OUR SCALE AND IMPACT

We equip communities with the **tools, knowledge, and resources** to **resolve conflicts, learn peace, combat misinformation, embrace solidarity, respect diversity, boost confidence, improve livelihoods, seek justice, rehabilitate and reintegrate (R&R)** - creating a strong foundation for lasting peace.

We are committed to a **whole-of-society approach** for preventing violent extremism. Our programmes engage a diverse range of participants, including **women, men, youth, religious leaders, students, survivors, former combatants, government officials, psychologists, farmers, herders, journalists, artists, and more.**

Across **25 countries** and thousands of communities, our investment to date signal the opportunities that exist for a **more peaceful future, when the right (often modest) resources** are brought to bear.

We have **invested around USD 160 million** to provide better alternatives for almost **4 million people at direct risk of radicalisation**, representing an average of about **USD 40 per person at risk**. Nearly **50%** of people reached through our programmes are **women and girls**.

GCERF continues to demonstrate how **preventing violent extremism (PVE) represents a far more cost-effective** means of confronting violent extremism than reactive security responses. A fully funded GCERF will help implement the Pact for the Future by sustaining community resilience, encouraging national responsibility, and integrating peace, security, and development efforts for local communities.

OUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Since 2019, the number of **GCERF partner countries has trebled** and the **number of direct beneficiaries doubled**, while our **budget has increased by only 30%**, and **operating expenses have consistently remained below 15%**. A further **investment of USD 80 million to USD 100 million** in GCERF will **scale-up the impact of prevention efforts** as shown below.

| | USD 80M | USD 100M | | USD 80M | USD 100M |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| Number of current partner countries benefitting from re-investment | 14/25 | 18/25 | Number of people directly receiving rehabilitation and reintegration support | 20,000 | 25,000 |
| Number of new partner countries | At least 3 | At least 5 | Number of frontline workers trained | 5,000 | 6,500 |
| Number of additional people impacted directly | 1.5 million | 2 million | Number of young people supported with digital education | 50,000 | 75,000 |

In our first Case for Investment (2021), GCERF made some ambitious commitments, **each of which has been achieved or are expected to be achieved**. GCERF will continue to demonstrate a strong return on investment.

| | COMMITMENT (2021) | | END 2024 ESTIMATED TOTAL |
|---|-------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Expand to new partner countries | 10 | | 13 |
| Number of returning foreign terrorist fighters and their families supported through rehabilitation and reintegration programmes | 1,000 | | > 1,000 |
| Number of youth peace clubs established | 1,250 | | 1,500 |
| Number of community and religious leaders trained | 25,000 | | 25,000 |