 **SOMALIA**

 **CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

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**FROM POTENTIAL PRINCIPAL RECIPIENTS OF GCERF FUNDING IN SOMALIA**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 31 JULY 2020 -** **11:59 PM (CET)**

**Background**

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) was established in 2014 to prevent violent extremism. GCERF is a not-for-profit Swiss foundation that supports local, community-level initiatives that address the local drivers of violent extremism and strengthen resilience against violent extremist agendas.

**Call for EOIs**

For its first round of investment, GCERF, together with Somalia Country Support Mechanism, is pleased to announce a Call for Expressions of Interest from Somali civil society organisations (CSOs) to become a Principal Recipient (PR) or Direct Grantee of funding from GCERF’s Core Funding Mechanism (CFM).

Under the Core Funding Mechanism (CFM), GCERF funds consortia of Somali CSOs to implement initiatives aimed at strengthening community resilience against violent extremism. In a few exceptional cases, grants are provided to an organisation that does not lead a consortium (“Direct Grantees”) but implements initiatives directly. Consortium grants are managed and supported by “Principal Recipients” (PR) who are the legal recipients of GCERF funding and provide funding to “Sub-recipients” (SRs).

“Recipients” of GCERF funding include: “Principal Recipients” and “Sub-recipients” in the context of a grant to a consortium, and “Direct Grantees” that receive funding from GCERF but do not lead a consortium.

A “grantee” is the organisation that signs a grant agreement with GCERF. It can be a Principal Recipient in the case of a consortium or a Direct Grantee.

In line with the **Investment Strategy**, **Country Needs Assessment** and in support of the [**Somalia’s National Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism**](https://gcerforg-my.sharepoint.com/personal/i_issa_gcerf_org/Documents/Documents/CVE-Strategy-26-August-English.pdf), the focus of the investment will be:

**WHO**

* **Youth and children,** (in and out of school) who are at risk to become violent extremists and criminals. - The African Youth Charter defines youth as persons between the ages of 15 and 35 (African Union 2006) and children (the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child defines child as a human being below the age of 18 years. (For more detail see GCERF Somalia Investment Strategy p.13).
* **Youth support networks** (peers, families especially parents; primary, secondary, and religious schoolteachers and management committees). (For more detail see GCERF Somalia Investment Strategy p.14).
* **Clan leaders/traditional and religious leaders,** who are connected to the youth and can generate a positive impact on youth as role models. (For more detail see GCERF Somalia Investment Strategy p.16).

Note: girls and women affected by non-state armed groups including violent extremist groups should be included in the different categories to the extent possible.

**WHERE**

* **Urban areas** in Gedo and Lower Juba ONLY
* **Rural areas** that are under the control of national authorities and identified as a place for recruitment for non-state armed groups in Gedo, Lower Juba ONLY
* **Somalia-Kenya border areas**

**WHAT**

Grantees will build activities to address the drivers of violent extremism in line with GCERF’s four priority leverage points for PVE (social cohesion; community agency; equal access to opportunities; and sense of purpose) in the following ways:

* **Building tolerance,** where violent extremists recruit the marginalized.Potential activities may include intercommunal, interfaith, and intergenerational dialogues, and engaging members of the community through cultural and culturally relevant sporting events, as positive alternatives for vulnerable individuals.
* **Strengthening community agency,** where violent extremists exploit governance challenges. A potential activity may be engaging local authorities and clan leaders which were identified as a key factor to ensure that the voice of community members is heard. Building bridges between the elders and youth, ensuring valuable youth participation in local governance could be essential for reconciliation. Engagement between grantees and the national government could be foreseen, for example, in the form of dialogue forums.
* **Positive social and economic alternatives** to what violent extremist and criminal groups claim to offer.For example, madrasa and public school students could be provided with Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills (including training on the responsible use of social media that is booming in Somalia), which are not traditionally offered in the education curriculum, and marketable livelihood skills should be included as a cross-cutting theme in P/CVE interventions.

**Grant size**

The first investment will be made in quarters three and four of 2020. GCERF will use the Core Funding Mechanism (CFM) and sign either one large or several smaller (minimum USD 500,000) grant agreements with civil society consortia.

**Grant duration**

The grants will be no less than 18 months and no more 36 months in duration.

**Grantee**

Each consortium should be led by a Principal Recipient that will be responsible for providing subgrants to other consortium members. Priority will be given to organisations with proven successful PVE experience and organisations based in Gedo and Lower Juba.

GCERF funding contributes to the Federal Republic of Somalia’s **National Strategy and Action Plan to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism** and to Jubaland’s State own plan to prevent and counter violent extremism by supporting efforts to achieve objectives.

**Expressions of Interest**

The purpose of an Expression of Interest is for an applicant for GCERF funding to demonstrate that it meets GCERF’s established prerequisites and that it possesses the required capabilities to be a Principal Recipient of GCERF funding.

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| **PREREQUISITES** |
| 1. Appropriate legal registration.
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| 1. Willingness to accept and fulfil the role of a Principal Recipient (as described herein).
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| **REQUIRED CAPABILITIES** |
| 1. Established relationships and credibility with the communities and population groups identified in the Call, in the geographical areas also identified in the Call.
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| 1. Experience and capacity in programme design and management, and project cycle management.
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| 1. Experience and capacity in financial management and in the management of and accounting for international donor grant funding.
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| 1. Experience and capacity in working within a consortium and/or managing sub-recipients for those choosing to form a consortium.
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| 1. Experience and capacity in community-level initiatives that address the local drivers of violent extremism and strengthen resilience against violent extremist agendas.
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**How to Submit an Expression of Interest**

Please see below Annex 1.

All Expressions of Interest must be duly filled and submitted electronically to **call.somalia@gcerf.org** provided by **31 July 2020**. The email should be marked as ‘**EOI-SOMALIA**’ in the subject line. Failing to do so might compromise your submission.

Selected organisations will be invited to develop a proposal for submission.



**Annex 1 - Application**

1. **Organisational Information**

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| **Organisation Name** |  |
| **Type of organisation (national, international)** |  |
| **Date of Establishment**  |  |
| **Annual Budget Over the Last Two Years (USD)**  | **2017** | **2018** |
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| **Number of Full-Time Employees** |  |
| **Headquarter Address**  |  |
| **Number of Field Offices**  |  |
| **Website** |  |
| **Social Media Accounts** |  |
| **Contact Person** | **Name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **E-mail Address** |  |
| **Phone Number** |  |

1. **Proposed Programme Information Summary**

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| **Proposed Programme Title** |  |
| **Proposed Duration (months)** |  |
| **Proposed Geographic Location(s)** |  |
| **Preliminary Funding Request (USD)**  |  |
| **Proposed Programme Objective** |  |

1. **PART 1 – PROPOSED PROGRAMME CONCEPT**

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| * 1. **Context of Violent Extremism (maximum 300 words)**
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| In the Proposed Geographic Location(s) above:1. What is the violent extremism challenge or situation?
2. What are the key drivers/factors of violent extremism that your programme aims to address?
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| * 1. **Focus Population Group(s) (minimum 1 group; maximum 4 groups)**
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| Please list the groups of people who you plan to work with and please justify why (sex and age disaggregated):1. Group 1
2. Group 2
3. Group 3
4. Group 4
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| * 1. **Theory of Change (maximum 400 words)**
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| A Theory of Change (ToC) is an explanation of how and why your proposed programme will achieved the planned results and contribute to the prevention of VE. A clear ToC helps to describe the logic from the starting point (Problems Identified) to the action (Outputs) to the change you want to achieve (Outcomes). It also defines your Assumptions by identifying potential barriers to the delivery of your programme. Please describe the programme’s ToC, using the below steps and produce a ToC flowchart like the one in Guidance Note. Please see Guidance Note for details on how to complete these steps as part of a group process for your organisation. Guidance Note also includes an example of a ToC flow chart that would be the final product of completing these steps.* **Problems**: The problems are usually related to the drivers/factors of violent extremism in your location or context. Since you may have multiple groups that you plan to work with as listed in 1.2, you may have multiple problems. Please describe the problems you intend to address with a brief statement for each problem.
* **Outputs**: Outputs are the immediate, visible, and concrete results of your activities. Please describe the major outputs you plan to deliver. For example, an Output could be a knowledge or awareness workshop you plan to deliver to one of your population groups listed in 1.2 such as Youth. This workshop Output is the end and visible result of the various activities you may need to complete to deliver that Output such as printing the workshop materials, renting the workshop space, and paying the workshop facilitator.
* **Outcomes**: Outcomes are the expected results of your Outputs. They represent a change in a group of people, organisations, or places that is expected from delivering the Outputs to them. Your Outcomes should contribute to preventing violent extremism such as addressing a factor/driver of violent extremism. Please describe all the Outcomes you intend to achieve within the duration of the grant.
* **Evidence/Experience/Expertise:** For each of your Outputs please provide evidence or experience/expertise (maximum 3 sources of evidence/experience/expertise per Output) from your organization that supports your claim that if your organization delivers the Output, you are confident it will lead to the achievement of the Outcome. Based on your review of that evidence or your experience/expertise, also indicate your level of confidence in achieving those Outcomes (high, moderate, or low). This evidence/experience/expertise is critical for an effective ToC. Without it, your organization will be not be able to show why you are doing what you are doing? See Guidance Note for examples on the coloured ‘evidence’ arrows between Outputs and Outcomes. Your sources of evidence/experience/expertise for each Output can be listed on a separate page of your ToC flow chart. See Guidance Note for an example.
* **Assumptions**: Assumptions are conditions that you think are needed or necessary for the success of your programme. These assumptions could be barriers that could come up that would either impede the delivery of your Outputs or the achievement of your Outcomes but are assumed to not arise. These barriers would arise beyond the control of your programme. You should review each of your Outputs and Outcomes and identify potential barriers that may arise in impeding their delivery or achievement. These potential barriers could be listed on a separate page of your ToC flow chart. See Guidance Note for an example.
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| * 1. **Intervention Strategy (maximum 500 words)**
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| 1. Is your organisation proposing to form and lead a consortium of smaller local orgasniations, or will the organisation implement the programme directly?
2. Please describe how the organisation will select locations and population groups.
3. Is there a risk that they are stigmatised? If yes, how ill you address this?
4. Please describe the planned implementation strategy, including how you plan to address gender dynamics / issues.
5. How do you plan to collaborate with other actors (e.g. state, religious authorities, CSOs, etc.)?
6. How do you plan to address the role of gender?
7. How do you plan to address human rights related concerns?
8. What are the top three risks that you foresee and how do you plan to mitigate them?
9. How will the proposed programme contribute to the National Strategy on P/CVE and CT (if it exists)?
10. Which of the four GCERF’s leverage point does your proposed programme contribute to (maximum two)[[1]](#footnote-1)?
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| * 1. **Expertise of the Organisation (maximum400 words)**
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| What makes your organisation well positioned to implement the proposed programme? |

1. **PART 2 – ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY**

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| **Does your Organization have a Strategic Plan ? (period covered?)** |  |
| **Was any of your programmes evaluated by an external agency in the last three years? (date, organisation)** |  |
| **Do you have a written policy or guidelines covering the areas below ?**  |  |
| Gender and Diversity  | Child Protection  | Youth  | Monitoring and Evaluation  | Security  |
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| **Number of Finance Staff**  |  |
| **Do you have a written policy or guidelines covering the areas below ?**  |  |
| Accounting and Financial Reporting | Budget & Cash management | HR management | Procurement of goods and services | Fraud, bribery, corruption | Conflict of Interest  |
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| **Who were the three largest donors of your organsiation (total value of signed contribution)?**  |
| 2017 (Name) | (USD) | 2018 (Name) | (USD) | 2019 (Name)  | (USD) |
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**If you are applying as a Consortium Lead, please fill the below section**

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| **Please describe your experience of being a Consortium lead (max 200 words)** |  |
| **What capcity building do you envision for partners? (max 100 words)**  |  |
| **Do you have a written policy or guidelines covering the areas below ?**  |  |
| Identification and selection of partners | Contracting mechanism of partners | Capacity development of partners  | Operational management of partners (M&E)  | Financial management of partners  |  |
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| **Which proposed organizations will join the consortium as smaller partners?** | **Name**  | **Main role and Added value**  |
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**Please kindly attach the following documents to your application:**

* Official registration of the organization
* Latest Audit Report



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|  |  | **Annex B – Past Projects**  |  |

# Please only describe projects that your organisation has directly worked on during the past 36 months. Please enter the relevant and requested information into the table below.

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| **SN** | **Objective of the Project**  | **Donor** | **Budget (USD)**  | **Duration**  |  **Location** | **Was it P/CVE or CT relevant?**  |
| **1.** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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 **Annex C – Proposed Budget Outline**



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| **Preliminary Funding Request (please adjust the number of Outcomes and Outputs based on your proposed programme)** |
| **Outcome** | **Description**  | **Total Amount (USD)** |
| **Output 1** |  |  |
| **Output 2** |  |  |
| **Output 3** |  |  |
| **Outcome 2** |  |  |
| **Output 1**  |  |  |
| **(Consortium) Management Costs (if applicable)** **Including personnel costs** |  |
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| **TOTAL** |

**Declarations in support of application for the role of Principal Recipient**

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| **Has your Organization previously applied to GCERF (Yes/No)** |  |

If your organisation is selected as a Principal Recipient, you will be expected to form a Consortium of potential Sub-Recipients that meets the expectations of both a GCERF Consortium and Sub-Recipients. A Principal Recipient is responsible for coordinating the development of a Consortium Proposal. A Principal Recipient is expected to establish written agreements with each potential Sub-Recipient prior to the submission of a Consortium Proposal.

By signing this Expression of Interest you confirm:

* your organisation acknowledges and is able to accept the role of a Principal Recipient as described above;
* that the information provided is correct to the best of your knowledge;
* you have read and agree to comply with the terms described in the GCERF code of conduct.

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| **Name** |  |
| **Designation/Position** |  |
| **Organization** |  |
| **Signature** |  |

1. **Social cohesion** - GCERF aims to enhance community members’ sense of belonging to an inclusive, positive and constructive communities, where different ideas, ideologies and identities are embraced and incorporated.

**Community agency** - GCERF aims to strengthen the capacity of communities to mobilise, organise and represent their own interests. GCERF strives to increase the number of communities that actively and effectively engage with authorities on topics that are relevant to them. Community agency contributes to more effective dialogue between state authorities, other stakeholders, and local communities.

**Equal access to opportunities** - GCERF aims to lift barriers that limit access to social and economic opportunities. GCERF strives for more members of the community to feel that they have equal opportunities for self-improvement and for achieving their aspirations.

**Sense of purpose** - GCERF aims to help individuals become more resilient to radicalisation through a stronger and more positive sense of self. GCERF seeks to provide individuals with confidence, critical thinking, and other life skills that can enhance their sense of self-worth and resilience to violent extremist agendas. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)