



BACKGROUND

Bangladesh was GCERF's first partner country and the first to transition from GCERF funding, marking a milestone in programme sustainability and a structured, responsible exit. External evaluation findings confirm a substantial reduction in violent extremism and community support for it in affected areas, reflecting the effectiveness of GCERF's community-based approach. GCERF's investment strategy was assessed as well-targeted and effective, strengthening community resilience, social cohesion, and trust between citizens and authorities. Youth-led platforms played a central role, promoting peace, building leadership and critical thinking skills, and fostering strong connections between communities and institutional actors. Overall, GCERF's investments in Bangladesh were found to be relevant, effective, and efficient, positioning the country as a model for sustainable, community-driven P/CVE programming.

KEY RESULTS*

118,000+

Community members participated in events, awareness campaigns, and meetings organised by Youth Peace Club members to promote social cohesion, tolerance, and solidarity, and to raise awareness on preventing violent extremism (PVE)

16,000+

Religious and community leaders trained on PVE, conflict resolution, and conflict management, who disseminate messages of peace, solidarity, and togetherness among community members

8000+

Young people at-risk of radicalisation equipped with vocational skills and entrepreneurship support to reduce their vulnerability to recruitment into violent extremism

2015

Bangladesh became a GCERF partner country in 2015

USD 10.9 M

GCERF's total investment in Bangladesh to date

123

Current civil society partners

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I received training and information on preventing violent extremism and I shared these insights with my fellow monks. I urged them to disseminate these messages to their followers and practitioners. I also engaged in discussions about this issue with my followers and practitioners, and I am committed to continuing these efforts.

- A Buddhist Monk and a participant of the inter-religious dialogues in Bangladesh

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