



## BACKGROUND

The threat of terrorism and violent extremism have worsened in recent decades, become increasingly pronounced in the Central Sahel region of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. The security challenges inherent in the sub-regional context, resulting from the increase in asymmetric threats and their various forms of manifestation as well as the outbreak of social tensions, have resulted in the advent of transitional regimes in the three countries of the Central Sahel and the creation of the Alliance of Sahel States (AES) in 2023.

## COUNTRY SUPPORT MECHANISM (CSM)

GCERF in Mali is working with the government, through the country support mechanism, and bilateral and multilateral donors to ensure a coordinated approach to prevention. GCERF works with the Malian government to support the implementation of its national action plan and invests in local organisations that design and run programmes contributing to stability and resilience. CSM provides strategic direction for the programmes, ensure results, and progressively inherit ownership of funding community-level efforts to prevent violent extremism.

## OUR INVESTMENT STRATEGY IN MALI



Contribute to improvements in the social ecology to create conditions conducive to prevention and resilience-building



Facilitate community-led rehabilitation, disengagement, and (re)integration, including people disengaging from criminal, non-state armed, and violent extremist groups

**2016**

**Mali became a GCERF partner country in 2016**

**USD 11.9 M**

**GCERF's total investment in Mali to date**

**USD 1.4M**

**Active grants value**

**1**

**Current civil society partner**

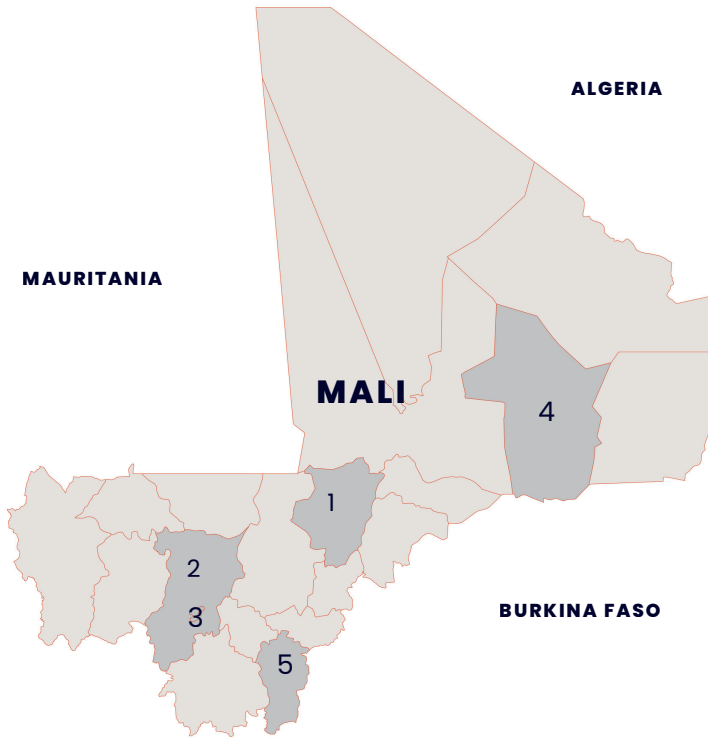
## DRIVERS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

**High levels of youth employment**

**Recurrent farmer-herder conflicts**

**Longstanding governance-related grievances**

## GCERF FOCUS AREAS AND POPULATION GROUPS IN MALI



### LOCATIONS

- 1 Mopti
- 2 Koulikoro
- 3 Bamako
- 4 Gao
- 5 Sikasso

### POPULATION GROUPS

Individuals who have disengaged from VE groups

Women and survivors of VE

Religious and traditional leaders

Farmers and herders

Local authorities

Youth

### KEY RESULTS\*

**16,000+**

Women, young people at-risk of radicalisation, religious leaders, ex-detainees and ex-combatants trained in PVE, peacebuilding, conflict resolution to address grievances before VE groups can exploit them

**3,000+**

Women, young people identified at-risk of radicalisation, detainees and ex-combatants trained in vocational skills and entrepreneurship to strengthen their economic resilience

**5,000+**

Community leaders, religious leaders, women leaders and elected officials trained in advocacy, leadership and accountability to address community grievances

**230+**

Survivors of violent extremism received psychosocial support to heal trauma and recover

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Through drawing, I learned to process the painful memories of the attack on our village - memories that could have turned into anger or a desire for revenge. Every time a difficult memory surfaces, I draw instead of letting bitterness take hold. Art gives me a way to heal, so that grief does not become hatred.

-a survivor of violent extremism

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\*Cumulative figures from 2024 until December 2025