



**BACKGROUND**

Tajikistan was among the first post-Soviet states to face violent extremism, initially emerging during the 1992–1997 civil war. While early threats were limited, including no suicide attacks until 2010, recent years have seen a marked escalation. Extremism has evolved in four phases: conflict and political Islam (1991–1997), peacebuilding and ideological spread (1998–2012), increased radicalisation and foreign fighter mobilisation (2013–2016), and reintegration efforts (2017 onwards). Current strategies prioritise the rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees, reflecting the government’s shift from security-focused responses to more preventive and community-based approaches.

**OUR INVESTMENT STRATEGY IN TAJIKISTAN**



Strengthen local capacity for case management, psychosocial support, and PVE programming. Develop a secure digital data platform for coordinated case management and monitoring.



Enhance youth resilience to online radicalisation through digital literacy and alternative narratives.



Implement PVE programmes in prisons, including pre-release planning and mental health support.

**COUNTRY SUPPORT MECHANISM (CSM)**

In Tajikistan, the CSM has been co-created and co-designed with the General Prosecutor’s Office comprising also officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Committee for National Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Health and Social Protection to provide strategic direction for the programmes, ensure results, and progressively inherit ownership of funding community-level efforts to prevent violent extremism.

**2024**

Tajikistan became a GCERF partner country in 2024

**DRIVERS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

Socioeconomic marginalisation, characterised by widespread poverty and unemployment

Discrimination, exploitation and mistreatment of migrant labourers

Rise of religious conservatism and foreign ideological influence

**GCERF FOCUS AREAS AND POPULATION GROUPS IN TAJIKISTAN**



**LOCATIONS**

- 1 Sughd Region
- 2 Districts of Republican Subordination (DRS), including Dushanbe
- 3 Khatlon Region

**POPULATION GROUPS**

Returnee Women and children; Vulnerable women, children and youth in intermediate communities; Community members in targeted mahallas; frontline workers

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