



## BACKGROUND

In Tunisia, there has been a shift in violent extremist tactics since 2017 with lone actors targeting security forces. Despite diminished extremist group capacities, the underlying conditions that fuel radicalisation remain acute. The ongoing socio-economic decline with youth unemployment reaching 30% and poverty exceeding 15% leave vulnerable communities open to exploitation by violent extremist groups. This also leads to increased migration, some of which carry links to violent extremist elements.

## COUNTRY SUPPORT MECHANISM (CSM)

In Tunisia, CSM is chaired by the Commission Nationale pour la Lutte Contre le Terrorisme (CNLCT) and brings together relevant government agencies, civil society organisations, and donor representatives. CSM provides strategic direction for the programmes, ensure results and progressively inherits ownership of funding community-level efforts to prevent violent extremism.

## OUR INVESTMENT STRATEGY IN TUNISIA

GCERF has successfully mobilized in-country funds, with support from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the Dutch Embassy, to ensure program continuity with the Ifrikyia Center for Common Ground (ICCG) starting in April 2026.



Strengthen trust among youth, community leaders and governance actors.



Expand opportunities for young people at-risk of radicalisation.

**2017**

Tunisia became a GCERF partner country in 2017

**USD 4.8 M**

GCERF's total investment in Tunisia to date

**USD 500,000**

Active grants value

**3**

Current civil society partners

## DRIVERS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Perceived feeling of marginalisation, exclusion and limited access to social support systems

Perceived governance deficit

Unemployment and lack of sustainable opportunities

## GCERF FOCUS AREAS AND POPULATION GROUPS IN TUNISIA



### LOCATIONS

- 1 Siliana
- 2 Kairouan

### POPULATION GROUPS

Young girls and boys (10-16 years)

Women

Grassroots organisations

Community actors

State actors (local authorities, social workers, educators, mediators)

### KEY RESULTS\*

**10,000+**

Young people at-risk of radicalisation, religious leaders and teachers trained in conflict resolution and management to address grievances before VE groups can exploit them

**4,500+**

parents, teachers and youth engaged through dialogues and consultations to increase awareness on PVE, strengthen trust and social cohesion

**2,200+**

Young people and school children engaged through peace clubs and forums to strengthen their resilience against violent extremism

**300+**

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

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By empowering women like Amina and institutionalising groups like the Civic Action Group, the project built a sustainable infrastructure of inclusive leadership. These women are the active guardians of the social fabric, shifting the PVE narrative from reactive security to proactive community care.

-President, Union Nationale de la Femme Tunisienne (UNFT) Kairouan, Tunisia

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\*Cumulative figures from 2018 until December 2025