



GCERF
Preventing Violent Extremism
and Terrorism

COUNTRY SNAPSHOT YEMEN

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BACKGROUND

Yemen is at the beginning of a long process of transitioning from eight years of humanitarian emergency toward stabilisation. Preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) efforts have been fairly insignificant as immediate humanitarian needs required significant efforts and attention by the international community, often citing Yemen as the largest humanitarian catastrophe in the world. The country has no national policy or strategy on Counter Terrorism or P/CVE at the moment. In this context, and building on experiences from other countries, GCERF launched PVE programming.

COUNTRY SUPPORT MECHANISM (CSM)

In Yemen, GCERF was invited by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) to cooperate with the relevant government agencies, civil society organisations, and donor representative in the internationally recognised Government of Yemen. 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 YEMEN



Rehabilitate and reintegrate children and youth disengaging from non-state armed groups through a holistic approach.



Strengthen the capacity of staff in the rehabilitation centres, formal and informal educational institutions to increase opportunities for children and youth.



Provide economic opportunities for vulnerable children and youth to avoid joining non-state armed groups.

2023

Yemen became a GCERF partner country in 2023

USD 2 M

GCERF's total investment in Yemen to date

USD 2 M

Active grants value

8

Current civil society partners

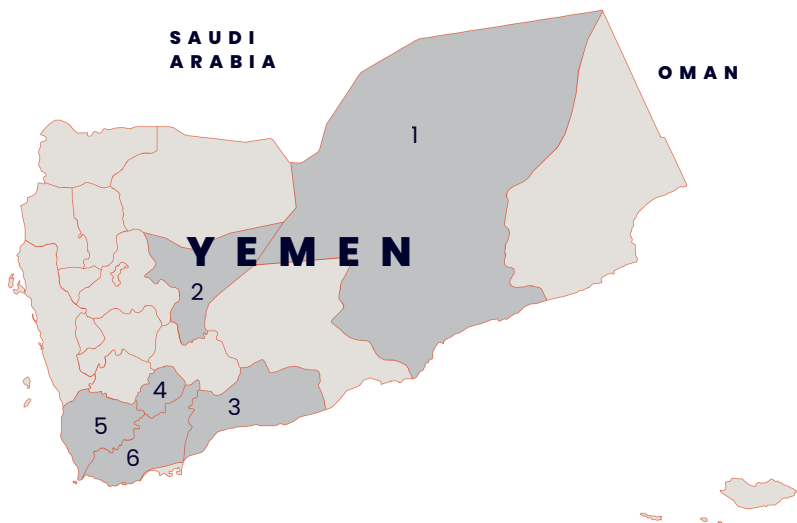
DRIVERS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Dire economic situation

Limited access to education

Weak governance and sectarianism

GCERF FOCUS AREAS AND POPULATION GROUPS IN YEMEN



LOCATIONS

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|--------------|------------|
| 1 Hadhramaut | 4 Al Dhale |
| 2 Marib | 5 Taiz |
| 3 Abyan | 6 Lahej |

POPULATION GROUPS

Former Children Associated with Armed Forces and Groups (CAAFAG) and Youth Soldiers

IVulnerable members of the community into which these children and youth will be returning to

Frontline workers of rehabilitation centres

Local authorities

KEY RESULTS*

700+

Former CAAFAG and youth-at risk of radicalisation received reintegration support (psychological, entrepreneurship, livelihoods)

650+

Family members of returnees, community members, influential stakeholders engaged through community dialogues to foster trust, reintegration and strengthen cohesion

300+

Former CAAFAG have been supported through rehabilitation centres to facilitate their sustainable rehabilitation and reintegration

90

Former CAAFAG received psychosocial support (trauma healing activities) to prevent recidivism

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Her confidence grew and by the end of the term, she proudly expressed her wish to return to formal school. With the project's coordination and referral support, she was re-enrolled in a nearby public school. When she returned to school, it gave the whole group hope. The children started to believe that they, too, could go back and continue learning.

-Facilitator of a young girl who had been out of school for 2 years due to conflict and displacement

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*Cumulative figures from 2024 until December 2025