

GCERF in Bosnia and Herzegovina

GCERF-funded programmes aim to 1) **build the capacity** of national and local institutions and frontline practitioners working on Rehabilitation and Reintegration (R&R) and PVE; 2) **improve strategic communications** on R&R within institutions and to the public; 3) **increase social cohesion and community agency** to create an enabling environment for R&R of returnees.

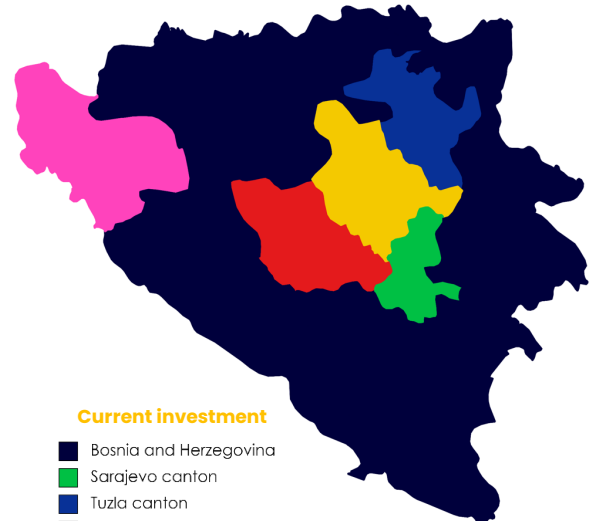
Portfolio overview as of February 2024

Active grants

Atlantic Initiative

2022-24 | Direct Grant

- ❖ Re-establishing and strengthening mobile teams mandated to implement R&R and PVE at the federal and cantonal level;
- ❖ Encouraging constructive media coverage on R&R and PVE
- ❖ Strengthening the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs).



Current investment

- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Sarajevo canton
- Tuzla canton
- Zenica-doboj canton
- Una-Sana canton
- Central Bosnia canton

Investment started: 2022
Investment to date: USD 0.5 million
Current investment: USD 0.5 million
Active grants: 1

Current Programming: Systems Approach

National: Re-establishing federal mobile teams mandated with R&R and building their capacity; revising the communications strategy on R&R and PVE.

Cantons: Establishing local mobile teams in cantons where returnees live

Community: Building the capacity of local CSOs to contribute to PVE and R&R; training journalists to report on security-sensitive topics.

Individual: individual support will be provided through additional grants.

Investment Focus



Community-based rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees



Cantons of Sarajevo, Tuzla, Zenica-Doboj, Una-Sana, and Central Bosnia.



R&R and PVE practitioners at the local, cantonal and federal level; local media actors, CSOs



2022-2024



GCERF in Bosnia and Herzegovina works with the Ministry of Security.

Violent Extremism in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Drivers

Returnees from foreign conflict zones:

Over 90 people returned to Bosnia and Herzegovina from foreign conflicts, particularly from Syria and Iraq.

Post and pre-conflict context:

Political instability and inadequate reconciliation caused by previous conflicts have polarised communities along ethnic, religious, and cultural lines.

Socio-economic drivers:

High unemployment, limited trust in institutions, and established crime networks contribute to violent extremist narratives.

89th

On the Global Terrorism Index 2024.

Key Outputs*

* January 2022 – February 2024

Total beneficiaries

January 2022 – February 2024

Direct: 412



Key achievements*

* January 2022 – February 2024



Through the interactive workshops with prison employees, AI representative sensitized them about the use of SOPs for the pre-release program of returnees from conflict zones, and post-penal assistance to those returnees in the local community.



Atlantic Initiative compiled in a single document the Protocol, guidelines for creating workplans and strategic communication; standard operating procedures (SOPs); indicators and risk management plans for members of cantonal advisory and local multidisciplinary teams.



It assisted the Interagency Working Group of the Government of the Federation of BiH to conduct fine-tuning of all sub-laws developed in accordance with the Protocol for the actions of institutions in the Federation of BiH in the process of rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees.



GCERF's Added Value



GCERF focuses on **building institutional capacity** e.g., CSOs, and government agencies.



GCERF invests in building a PVE-focused **community of practice** with CSOs, government agencies, and experts



Communities are at the **forefront of project design and implementation**, and the programme works with existing community structures for sustainability



All project design and implementation are done in coordination with **nationally-aligned**, locally-led programmes



GCERF connects CSOs, communities, and other stakeholders with government and security actors, leading to **better coordination** and relationships



GCERF's consortium model and capacity-building approach enables us to work **across the country**

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