

GCERF engages Mauritania as a partner country facing significant violent extremist threats, and equally as a bearer of significant endogenous solutions and successes with benefits to the wider regional and global PVE community. GCERF works with the government of Mauritania to implement national and regional strategies and action plans to support stability and resilience against VE in the most exposed communities.

GCERF-funded activities engage local stakeholders to support and strengthen the capacity of communities to mobilise, organise, and effectively engage their members on topics such as socio-economic insertion of vulnerable groups, prevention in educational environments, and generational conflict mediation.

Investment Focus



Supporting mediation to tackle existing and emerging conflicts, supporting the promotion of community and religious dialogue in combatting VE and transnational activity, production and dissemination of knowledge on successes.



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Youth (aged 15–18 and 19–25) **and women** (from rural settings and minorities, Islamic schools students, street youths, widowed and displaced women, single mothers) **local authorities** (religious and opinion leaders, customary chiefs, community council members), **socio-professional groups** (pastoralists and agriculturalists).

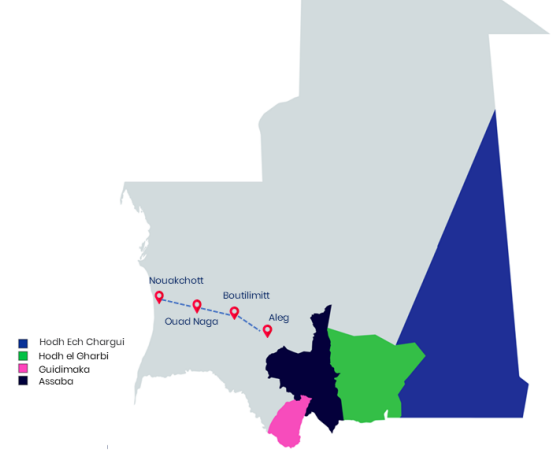


2023–2026



We work with the government, through the Country Support Mechanism, and bilateral and multilateral donors to ensure a coordinated approach to prevention of violent extremism in Mauritania.

Current investment



Investment started in 2023
Investment to date: USD 2.5 million
Current investment: USD 2.5 million
Active grants: 3

Portfolio overview as of June 2024

Appui au Développement Intégré des Communautés Rurales (ADICOR)

2023–26 | Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients

- ❖ Promoting social cohesion and living together inherited from ancient traditions of solidarity. Strengthening community agency and mutual trust between local governance and communities.

ECO-Développement (ECODEV)

2023–26 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

- ❖ Disseminating the Mauritanian PVE model to share good practices among communities. Supporting the socio-economic resilience of vulnerable women and agro-pastoralists through vocational training and mentorship support system.

Initiatives pour le Développement (ID)

2023–26 | Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients

- ❖ Disseminating alternative discourses to hate and VE speech in school and community settings stemming from inter-generational conflicts to reinforce social cohesion. Preventing intra-inter community conflicts to promote social dialogue.

Violent Extremism in Mauritania: Drivers

Unemployment and unequal access to resources

Lack of sustainable economic opportunities make vulnerable young people vulnerable to violent extremist groups, which offer alternative material incentives.

Socio-political tensions

Profound social, economic, and demographic mutations rejuvenate generational conflicts among affected communities and socio-professional groups.

Cross-border VE activity

Violent extremist groups exploit Mauritania's porous South and East borders and high mobility of populations to amplify their activities across the Sahel.

89th

On the Global
Terrorism Index
2024

Current Programming: Systems Approach

GCERF's Strategy for Investment in Mauritania is part of the wider GCERF Sahel Strategy that engages with intergovernmental bodies to promote regional cooperation in the nexus of development and security. Our programming in the region cover Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger, and our engagement directly bolster the implementation of National Action Plans of the five countries working in partnership with local, national, regional, and global partners.

GCERF's strategy for engagement in Mauritania is built around three strategic objectives:

To promote preventive approaches to radicalisation and violent extremism.

To create enabling environments for de-radicalisation.

To support the incubation of coordinated local PVE communities championing the Mauritanian model.

GCERF will mobilise and invest up to USD 8 million to meet these objectives in a minimum period of three years. GCERF will prioritise resilience and prevention programming, including cross-border projects, that meet these objectives – all within the scope of national and regional strategies and action plans – to achieve its overarching objective of strengthening resilience against violent extremism in the most exposed communities.



Meeting with G5 Sahel - Division Gender, Youth and Radicalisation



Meeting with Country Support Mechanism to approve due diligence reports

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 in **remote areas**

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