



In partnership with various stakeholders, GCERF works with a local organisation to design and implement a pilot programme that supports the Pre-departure of Third-Country Nationals from Northeast Syria Camps.

The pilot project extends over one year and aims to provide a wide range of services targeting TCNs from GCERF's partner countries to support potential repatriation efforts.


Investment Focus

 Develop the capacity of civil society partners and frontline workers to better prepare third-country nationals for voluntary return by GCERF partner countries.

 Al Roj Camp and Al Hawl Camp

 TCNs, Frontline workers, and members of informal educational institutions.

 2024

 A Project Advisory Steering Group (PASG) was established in July 2023. PASG members include U.S. State Department representatives; the Head of the Coordination Center for Countering Violent Extremism – Albania; the civil society lead of the Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group of the Global Action Platform (GAP); and an expert member of the independent Review Panel (IRP).



Current investment

-  TCN Pre-Departure Support Project Location
-  The rest of the Provinces of Syria

Investment Started 2024
Investment planned: USD 475k

Portfolio overview as of June 2024

Amal Organization for Relief and Development

2024 | Principal Recipient with 1 sub-recipient

- ❖ Identification process of Third-Country-Nationals from specified GCERF partner countries present in relevant areas
- ❖ Establishment of service provision centre to engage in project specific activities
- ❖ Dialogue, consultation, and collaboration sessions for reintegration stakeholders and professionals
- ❖ Training and knowledge transfer of case management approach with local partners
- ❖ Administrative, social support, mental health and social counselling, and medical assistance services
- ❖ Vocational and skills training provided to Third County Nationals
- ❖ Child and youth-centred trainings on healing, self-expression, and critical and positive thinking conducted for children and youth
- ❖ Peace-oriented child development and parenting training to parents and caregivers conducted
- ❖ Provide training in Trauma Violence Informed Care, Psychosocial Support, and Case Management.

Violent Extremism in Northeast Syria: Drivers

A need to return, reintegrate and Rehabilitate Third Country Nationals held in the NE Syrian Camps.

A need for trauma- and violence-informed care (TVIC), psychosocial support, and preventing stigmatisation

A need to support basic informal education for Children and Skills training for adult women

5th
On the Global
Terrorism Index
2024

Current Programming: Systems Approach

The GCERF beneficiaries in the camps will primarily be foreign children and their mothers, who are prioritised for return by countries of origin during the pilot phase. Information about the individuals to be returned will be received from the GCERF partner governments e.g., Albania, BiH, etc. GCERF partners will conduct individual and family trauma assessments to determine the best course of support during the pre-departure phase.

GCERF's strategy for engagement in North East Syrian Camps is built around the following objectives:

Providing capacity strengthening for frontline workers

Carry out psychological evaluation and provide needed support among returnees

Provide Informal Education Support such as tutoring and teaching basic trades.

GCERF is investing USD 475,000 at the request and support of the United States, a board member of the GCERF



GCERF's partner, Al-Amal centre in the Al-Ro camp- Photo by Al-Amal- April 2024



Animation activity in the Al-Roj camp with Children- Photo by Al-Amal – April 2024

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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