

NORTH MACEDONIA

GCERF partners build the capacity of governmental and non-governmental actors in the prevention of violent extremism (PVE) and rehabilitation and reintegration (R&R); provide direct assistance to returnees from conflict zones covering medical, psycho-social, educational, administrative and livelihood support; contribute to reducing the stigmatisation of returnees and promote inter-religious and ethnic tolerance and social cohesion

Investment Focus



Community-based rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees.



Skopje, Polog, Southwestern Northeastern districts



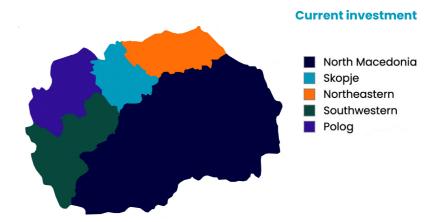
Returnees from conflict zones; men, women, children and youth in receiving communities; frontline workers and other R&R actors, religious leaders, media actors.



2021-2024



GCERF in North Macedonia works with the National Committee for Countering Violent Extremism and Countering Terrorism (NCCVECT).



Investment started: 2021 Investment to date: USD 1.3 million Current investment: USD 1.3 million Active grants: 2

Portfolio overview as of February 2024

Macedonian Centre for International Cooperation (MCIC)

2021-24 | Principal Recipient with 4 sub-recipients

- * R&R support to returnees
- Build capacity and coordination among governmental and non-governmental R&R stakeholders
- Raise awareness on PCVE and R&R and reduce stigmatization of returnees

Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA)

2021-24 | Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients

- Build capacities of local institutions on R&R
- Build resilience of children, youth and parents on PCVE
- * Reduce stigmatisaion and increase acceptance of returnees

Violent Extremism in North Macedonia: Drivers

Returnees from foreign conflict zones:

Almost 100
people returned
to
North Macedonia
from foreign
conflicts, particul
arly from Syria
and Iraq.

Post and preconflict context:

Political
instability and
inadequate reconcili
ation caused by
previous conflicts
have polarised com
munities
along ethnic,
religious,
and cultural lines.

Socioeconomic drivers:

High
unemployment, limi
ted trust
in institutions,
and established
crime networks
contribute to violent
extremist narratives

89th

On the Global Terrorism Index 2024



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Current Programming: Systems Approach

National: improve coordination among governmental and non-governmental PCVE and R&R stakeholders

Municipality: Building PVE and R&R capacity of Local Multidisciplinary Teams (LMTs) mandated with R&R of returnees; improve capacity and coordination of frontline practitioners

Community: Building inter-ethnic tolerance among youth; fostering reduced stigmatisation of returnees; improving local media coverage on PCVE and R&R.

Individual: Provide tailored R&R support to returnees; provide livelihood support to returnees and vulnerable groups; building capacity of parents on pedagogical skills;

Total beneficiaries Key Outputs October 2021 - February 2024 December 2020 - February 2024 4,554 67 8 Research activities Individual plans completed to developed on identify and assess professional local labor market 50 development for needs Pyschiatric drug 92 RFTFs and their 160 therapy and Beneficiaries amily members Actions were done to benefitted from examination promote access to sessions conducted the Local social services for women and Municipality Team intervention and children trainings

Key achievements

October 2021 - February 2024



Local multidisciplinary teams have developed their work in combating violent extremism and terrorism and established coordinati on and firm cooperation. The teams that work with returnees and their families exchange information promptly and communicate on an everyday level when necessary.



Three community sport events were organized in the scope of the project and with that CCG completed all ten community outreach events in the last quarter of 2023. The primary aim of these events was to foster stronger and more cohesive communities through sports activities, promoting resilience and inclusivity.



advocacy

Horizon Civitas(HC) team undertook three key actions to support Case I and their family. In October, they facilitated the purchase and delivery of additional medications for Case 1's mother from Turkey, personal connections to streamline the process.











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 capacitybuilding approach enables us to work in remote areas

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