

In partnership with the government of Yemen, GCERF works with local organisations to design and implement programmes that support stability and resilience against VE. The first round of funding runs from **January 2024 to December 2026 and is** being implemented by **two local consortium lead CSO** partners (Deem for Development and Resonate! Yemen)

The two programmes work at the national and regional level to strengthen the capacities of government organisations and civil society to support rehabilitation and Community-Based Integration of Children Formerly associated with Armed Forces and Groups (CAAFAG) and Youth Soldiers.

**Investment Focus**



Strengthening trust and tolerance among communities and leaders to foster social cohesion and renewed sense of purpose. Increasing resources of livelihood, leading to economic resilience of vulnerable at-risk youth. Supporting rehabilitation and community-based integration and Former Children Associated with Armed Forces and Groups (CAAFAG) in their communities. Awareness-raising on PVE for communities to take the necessary local actions to prevent VE.



Abyan, Aden, Dhale, Lahej, Hadramawt, Shabwah and Marib



**Local and Informal Authorities** religious leaders, community and governorate council members, tribal leaders, influencers, **Former Children Associated with Armed Forces and Groups (CAAFAG) and Youth Soldiers, and Vulnerable Members of the Community into which these Children and Youth will be returning to** Supporting Community Structures for Rehabilitation and Community-based integration.



2023-2027



GCERF work with the Internationally Recognised Government through the Ministry of Planning and international Cooperation and bilateral and multilateral donors to ensure a coordinated approach to the prevention of violent extremism in Yemen.



**Current investment**

- Hadramawt
- Shabwah
- Marib
- Abyan
- Lahej
- Aden
- Dhale
- Other Governorates of Yemen

Investment Started 2024  
Investment planned: USD 2M

**Portfolio overview as of June 2024**

**Deem For Development**

2024-2026 | *Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Improve and expand Rehabilitation centres' and service providers' operations capacity in the provision of comprehensive rehabilitation program services for (CAAFAG) and the broader community.
- ❖ Increase the Community members' and CSOs' acceptance and knowledge towards the re-integration of CAAFAG.
- ❖ Increase Youth job preparedness and labour market skills

**Resonate! Yemen**

2024-2026 | *Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Increase Community members' acceptance of reintegration, recovery, and mitigation of returnees and individuals at risk
- ❖ Support the Returnees and those at risk to gain confidence, resources, and opportunities to effectively re-integrate into society
- ❖ Increase the capacity and knowledge of rehabilitation centres on rehabilitation and reintegration.

**Violent Extremism in Yemen: Drivers**

**The Civil War, Confusion and Lack of Opportunities for Youth**  
VE groups exploit existing and emerging conflicts to increase their grip on communities as they cannot foresee the end of the conflict and have no opportunities from it.

**Sectarian based conflicts**  
VE groups exploit the gap in social cohesion created by inter-community tensions and are influenced by regional rivalries.

**Lack and the Absence of Education Infrastructure**  
Young people and children lack educational opportunities due to damage to schools and educational opportunities.

**23rd**  
On the Global  
Terrorism Index  
2024

**Current Programming: Systems Approach**

GCERF's Strategy for Investment in Yemen is based on a whole of community approach to P/CVE and Rehabilitation and Community Based Integration through capacity building of government and civil society partners that reinforces existing mechanisms and fosters relationships between government and CSOs to implement yemeni-led strategies.

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

To support the rehabilitation and integration of children and youth disengaging from non-state armed groups, through a holistic approach

To support the capacity of staff in the rehabilitation centers, formal and informal educational institutions to increase opportunities for children and youth

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GCERF aims to mobilise and invest up to USD 12 million to meet these objectives in at least four years. GCERF will prioritise resilience and prevention programming that meet these objectives to strengthen resilience against violent extremism in the most vulnerable communities.



Project Kick-off meeting held by Deem for Development with various stakeholders including government representatives. May 2024 – Photo by GCERF



**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**