

### GCERF in Kenya

GCERF supports the localisation and implementation of the National Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism (NSCVE) and County Action Plans (CAPs);

Two components were added to our revised Investment Strategy in 2023: rehabilitation and reintegration (R&R) and strengthened relationships between communities and authority figures.

### Portfolio overview as of August 2023

#### Act Change Transform! (ACT!)

2021 – 2023 | Principal Recipient with 7 Sub-Recipients

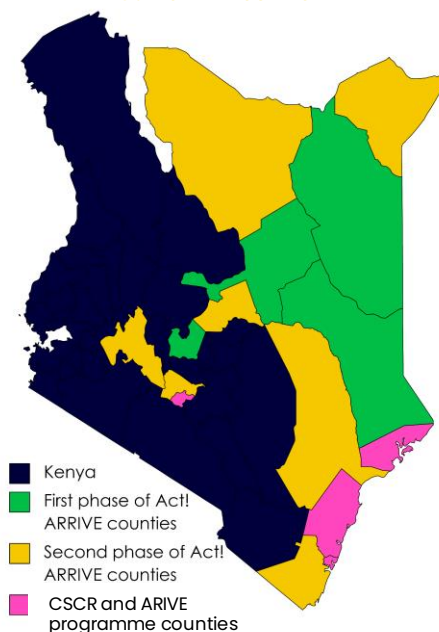
- ❖ Capacity strengthening of CEFs and support to increase the leadership and coordination capabilities of Lead CSOs; linkages to economic opportunities for women and youth; improving community-security relationships; and support to efforts to mainstream PVE within wider developmental and security structures.

#### Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR)

2023 – 2024 | Direct grantee

- ❖ Enables religious and community leaders to take more robust counter-measures to prevent and counter radicalisation and violent extremism.

### Current investment



Investment started: 2018  
Investment to date: USD 8.3 million  
Current investment: USD 3.9 million  
Active grants: 2

### Current Programming: Systems Approach

**National:** Supporting the implementation of the National CVE Strategy at the county level and coordination between local and national PVE levels.

**County:** Strengthening the capacity of CEFs and ensuring inclusivity and mainstreaming PVE into governance structures and frameworks, e.g. County Integrated Development Plans. Strengthening the role of CSOs in CEFs and PVE work.

**Community:** Providing support to community policing and early warning mechanisms; women's leadership in PVE structures and CEFs; improve relations between youth and security actors; and improving awareness of drivers and solutions to radicalisation and recruitment.

**Individual:** Improving economic opportunities for vulnerable youth, improving trauma support for VE victims.

### Investment Focus



Coordination and capacity strengthening of Community Engagement Forums; Rehabilitation & Reintegration; Improving community-security dialogues.



- The Coast (Kilifi, Kwale, Lamu, Mombasa, Tana River)
- Northern and North-eastern (Garissa, Isiolo, Mandera, Marsabit, Wajir)
- Metropolitan Nairobi (Kiambu, Meru, Nairobi, Nakuru, Nyeri).



Government entities; CSOs and CBOs; Women, men, boys and girls in vulnerable communities; Individuals who have disengaged from VEOs and their family/host communities; Frontline workers; Influential individuals.

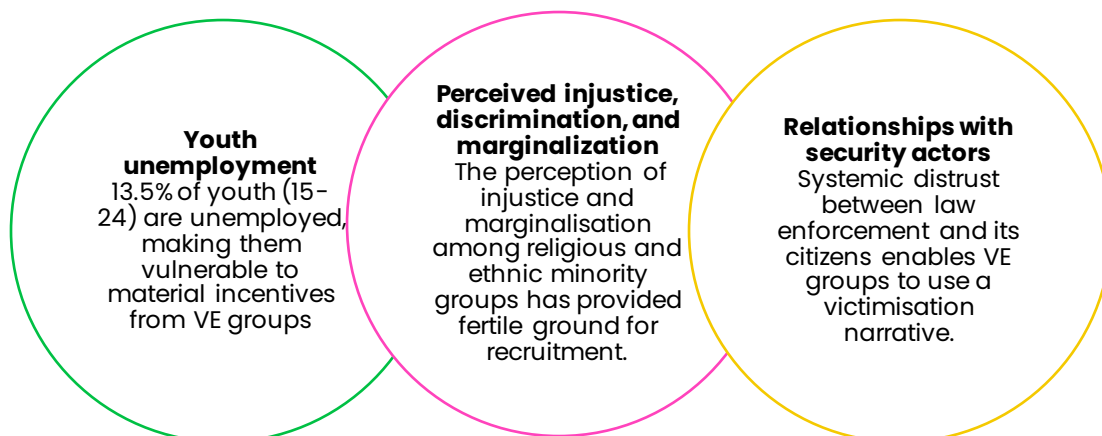


2021 – 2027



We and our partners work with both NCTC and county level government actors.

### Violent Extremism in Kenya: Drivers



## 20th

On the Global Terrorism Index 2023.

### Stories of Change

**Education and peer-learning are important tools in reducing youth vulnerability to radicalisation and recruitment.**

Martha is one of many young people that have undergone knowledge and skills sensitisation by Kiunga Youth Bunge Initiative (KYBI), GCERF partner in Lamu, under the ARIVE programme. Martha is a student at one of the Technical and Vocational Educational and Training (TVET) Centres in Lamu.

Following the training, Martha and other trainees formed a club at their TVET aimed at PVE sensitisation for their peers. The mission of the club is to use the knowledge gained from the training to engage their youth peers and the broader community on discourses around PVE, and to inspire their vulnerable peers to enroll in local TVETs. Under the guidance of the education pillar, the club has designed a sensitisation plan, delineated roles, and set realistic objectives and goals. With support from the education pillar members of the Lamu County Action Plan, the club has embarked on conducting community youth outreach programmes, targeting the most vulnerable youth, in a drive called 'Twendeni TVETs' (translated as let's join TVETs).

So far, **over 100 vulnerable youth have been reached through this initiative**, and Martha has been instrumental in using these platforms to embolden other young women and men to embrace TVET opportunities, dismantling stereotypes concerning women's roles and amplifying the pivotal role of education in reducing vulnerability. This concerted initiative has spurred an increased interest in TVET enrollment, with countless unemployed, idle or uneducated youth committing to join TVET in the next enrollment in October.

### Sustainability of PVE efforts is often-times a challenge due to limited local resources.

Some partners such as Worthy Vision are actively seeking to lobby their county governments for resources to sustain PVE efforts under the ARIVE programme.

Worthy Vision, GCERF partner in Wajir successfully lobbied the Wajir County Assembly Budget, Peace Committees, County Executive Committee (CEC), and other departments to mainstream the Wajir County Action Plan (CAP) into the county's County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) and Annual Development Plan.

For the first time, the county government has allocated budget (27 million KES) to PVE initiatives for the 2023 fiscal year to fund county-level initiatives on deradicalisation and substance abuse as well as in the prioritised CAP pillars of education, economic, and ideology.

FC Lady Legends in action in Kashmir



### From Struggles to Strength: ARIVE's Soccer Story in Lamu County

In the serene sand hills of Bombay village in Kashmir, Lamu island, a quiet but impactful change is sweeping through the community, all thanks to a local community initiative focused on empowering vulnerable individuals and fostering resilience against the vulnerabilities and threats of extremism.

At the heart of this transformation is Naima, a young woman whose journey from the streets to the soccer field is a testament to the power of connection, support, and the beautiful game. Naima's story shines as a true example of ARIVE's positive influence, demonstrating the far-reaching effects it creates while highlighting the pivotal role of women in preventing violent extremism.

### GCERF's Added Value



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



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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