

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – RFP-2025-05- Iraq Returning with Hope Evaluation

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About GCERF

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) is a global fund based in Geneva providing grants for national organisations to prevent violent extremism. It signed a Headquarters Agreement with the Swiss government in May 2015, providing it with privileges and immunities in Switzerland.

GCERF is the first global effort to support local, community-level initiatives to strengthen resilience against violent extremist agendas. As a public-private partnership operating at the nexus of security and development, GCERF works in partnership and consultation with governments, civil society, and the private sector in beneficiary countries to support national strategies to address the local drivers of violent extremism.

GCERF provides support to community-level initiatives that: seek to address locally specific drivers of radicalisation; provide tangible, positive alternatives to what violent extremist groups may offer; counter violent extremist narratives and messaging and build the capacity of governments and civil society to counter violent extremism.

Description of Services

Background

GCERF focuses on local communities as they suffer the most from violent extremism (VE) and because they are optimally placed to understand and act upon the drivers of VE. GCERF's work is anchored in the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 16, "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions."



GCERF is also committed to the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy (2006) and the UN Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism (2016).

Iraq became a GCERF partner country in 2023. To date, GCERF has invested USD 7 million with active grants supporting 13 civil society organisations. These grants are funded by GCERF's unrestricted resources and USAID-funded holistic case management programme.

GCERF pioneers a unique model of investment designed to promote a whole-of-society approach and ensure the sustainability of our programmes. Under this model, in each partner country, we support national governments in establishing a steering committee called the Country Support Mechanism (CSM). In Iraq, the CSM is chaired by the President of the National Committee to Combat Violent Extremism (NCCVE) under the office of the National Security Advisor (ONSA). In addition to engaging NCCVE that brings together relevant government agencies and CSOs, GCERF also engages donor representatives. This mechanism provides strategic direction for the programmes, ensure results and progressively inherit ownership of funding community-level efforts to prevent violent extremism.

The primary objective of GCERF's investment is to strengthen the coordination and capacity of CVE local sub-committees, enhance an enabling environment for rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees, and improve community-security relationships.

Returning with Hope Programme (February 2024 – February 2026)

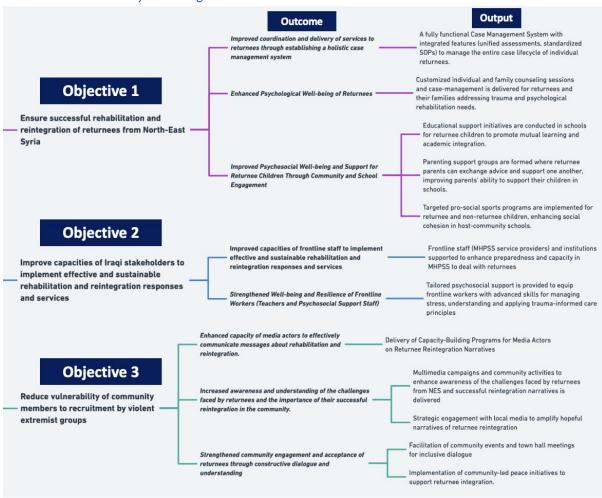
This programme aims to support a holistic case management to promote successful return from Northeast Syria to the areas of origin through the Jada'a transition centre. Key programme details are below:

- The programme is divided into 5 grants:
 - One (1) umbrella grant tackling comprehensive case management
 - o Three (3) Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and Educational Services provision in Ninewa, SalahEddin and Anbar
 - o One (1) grant on media and communication campaigns to support the enabling environment for return
- Grants timeframe: July 2024 December 2025 with possibility of extension until January 2026
- Areas of implementation: Ninewa, Anbar, Salaheddin



Programme Description

1. Detailed Theory of Change



2. Operational Approach Overview and Summary

a) Overview

Objective	Outcome Area	Partner*	Location	Target	Actual to date	Population group
Ensure successful	Case Management System	Partner 1	Ninewa,	2400	2183	Returnees
rehabilitation and reintegration of		Partner 2	Salah al- Din,	6990	3231	Returnees
returnees from NES	MHPSS and Educational	Partner 3	Anbar	9780	933	Returnees Returnees,
	Services	Partner 4		9700	4421	10% host community



Improve capacities of local Iraqi stakeholders to implement effective and sustainable rehabilitation and reintegration responses and services;	Capacity Building of Frontline Staff	Partner 1	Ninewa, Salah al- Din, Anbar	221	234	Frontline workers (grantee frontline staff, government staff, teachers)
Reduce vulnerability of community members to recruitment by violent extremist groups	Enabling Environment Support	Partner 5	Ninewa, Salah al- Din, Anbar	1800	0 (implementation to start in Q5 2025)	Community members (leaders, returnees, host)

^{*}Note that partner organisations details would be shared with the selected evaluation team.

b) Summary

Please refer to **Annex 1** of this document for a detailed description of the TOC graphic in narrative form describing the outcomes and outputs that underpin each strategic objective.

Objective of RFP

To commission a service provider (hereafter evaluation team) who will conduct an endline evaluation to assess the five GCERF funded grants that lay under the same theory of change (shown above) and results framework. The evaluation purpose is to verify the result achievement to date, to measure progress towards outcomes through indicator measurement, and answer a set of evaluation questions listed in the next section. The evaluation will take place between November and February 2025. It will encompass implementation across the 3 implementation areas of Ninewa, Anbar, and Salah al-Din.

The evaluation team will be responsible for elaborating the research design, collecting the necessary data, analysing the data collected, and producing a succinct presentation of results as well as provide a full good-quality report for publication.

The evaluation is expected to be designed using an **objective-oriented approach** to <u>assess and gather evidence</u> as to whether/to what extent the programme has achieved its designated objectives as well as a **theory-based approach** <u>assess and gather evidence about whether the programme theory of change logic is viable through the observed changes</u>. This evaluation is not designed to apply the OECD-DAC criteria; the focus is on the approaches and objectives mentioned.

A detailed explanation of the evaluation and research questions and scope can be found in the next section.

Evaluation Scope

This section is divided into two components. *First*, a list of detailed evaluation and research questions of strategic importance are listed and categorized as impact, program-wide, or directly



related to each of the three strategic objectives of the program. Second, is a list of core indicators to be measured through primary data collection taking place within this evaluation exercise.

1. Evaluation and Research Questions

The following evaluation questions will evaluate progress on outcomes as well as explore the validity of some of the key program assumptions and risk factors and how the program has addressed or operated in congruence with them.

Impact level

EQ1	To what extent are core program interventions contributing to the sustainability of R&R
	efforts in the intervention areas in Iraq? In what ways? The interventions mainly being A.
	case management services for returnees, B. capacity building of frontline workers, and
	C. media strengthening and community dialogue

Programme-wide

EQ2	To what extent can progress (positive or negative) of returnee reintegration be observed
	in the areas of intervention?
EQ3	What are current obstacles to rehabilitation and reintegration? Specifically, what are key
	existing contextual, governance, or resource gaps for successful rehabilitation and
	reintegration of returnees particularly in the 3 areas of implementation and during the
	timeframe of this programme, including the impact of global aid funding limitations
	starting 01/2025?

Strategic Objective 1: Ensure successful rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees from NES

EQ4	What are the direct and indirect results of the MHPSS and education interventions on the beneficiaries and their communities? Are MHPSS and education support helping participants (returnee parents, caregivers, and children) understand and cope with the
FOF	community, and facilitating their reintegration?
EQ5	Returnee Buy In: To what extent are program case management services supporting returnees' readiness to return and integrate?
EQ6	Accuracy of case management system: how are case management cases being defined, recorded, and accounted for? What are the case management services being provided to returnees? What is the measurement of beneficiaries who are registered in the system and those benefitting from further services?
EQ7	Ethics and Do No Harm: To what extent are the protocols used for MHPSS approaches safe and suitable for the beneficiaries and aligned with global standards?

Strategic Objective 2: Improve capacities of local Iraqi stakeholders to implement effective and sustainable rehabilitation and reintegration responses and services

EQ8	To what extent have capacity building trainings provided to CSO practitioners and
	educational staff improved support networks for returnees? (specialized training areas
	crucial for effective R&R, including trauma violence informed care (TVIC), psychosocial
	support, art therapy, legal advocacy, and child protection)



Strategic Objective 3: Reduce vulnerability of community members to recruitment by violent extremist groups

Е	Q9	How have positive narratives about rehabilitation and reintegration through targeted
		interventions influenced community perceptions?

2. Indicators to be Measured

This section lists indicators relevant to individual beneficiaries, targeted communities, and engaged stakeholders. They correlate with the program's theory of change outcomes and impact.

1	# of local Iraqi R&R institutions/actors adopting and implementing relevant program	
	R&R SOPs, disaggregated by direct implementers and other actors	
2	% of targeted community members who demonstrate acceptance towards peers from	
	different communities	
3	% of engaged community members who report sense of integration in the community	
4	% of returnees who report a sense of integration in the community	

Methodology

The evaluation team should develop a methodology that a) measures the above indicators (with elaboration of these indicators to obtain precise definitions and measurements), which are the <u>minimum scope</u> of quantitative measurement and b) propose and design additional indicators that correspond to each of the metrics: R&R ecosystem capacity; returnee mental health and reintegration readiness (adults and children); host community acceptance/coexistence.

Additionally, the methodology desired is an exploratory mixed-methods research approach commencing with quantitative measurement of the outcome indicators and results, followed by an informed qualitative phase for further in-depth exploration.

Expected Deliverables

After the entire evaluation process, the following deliverables are expected to be achieved:

- 1. An inception report detailing the methodology, including data collection strategy, workplan, and a tentative list of participants to be contacted.
- 2. Tools for data collection
- 3. Raw data collected (both quantitative and qualitative)
- 4. Aide memoire document in English (concise position paper capturing key findings from data collection)
- 5. One dissemination session for GCERF and partners on evaluation findings
- 6. Final evaluation report in English

It is expected that the achievement of deliverables follows the timelines below:

	Task/Output	Timetable
a.	Award of Contract	November 7, 2025
b.	Inception Report (5-10 pages)	November 13, 2025
C.	Tools for data collection	November 20, 2025
d.	Raw data collection finalised	January 20, 2026
e.	Aide memoire	January 21, 2026



f	Online dissemination session on the evaluation findings	February 13, 2026
g.	A final draft of the Report (20 30 pages, excluding annexes) –	February 23, 2026
	including a two-page summary of the evaluation purpose and	
	key findings & cleaned raw data files (quantitative & qualitative	
	summaries)	

Characteristics of the provider

GCERF is seeking to commission a service provider (an evaluation team) with demonstrated expertise in Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) or Return and Rehabilitation (R&R) as well as excellent evaluation skills.

Bidders should have the following competencies:

- Research and analysis experience on P/CVE or R&R:
- Experience and expertise in Evaluation;
- Thorough understanding of the sensitivities of P/CVE or R&R work in the context of Iraq on the topic of returnees;
- Be able to access the mentioned locations in Iraq and project beneficiaries; with preference to consultants based in the country;
- Availability to start the work as soon as the contract is signed;

The preferred bidder is a recognised, credible institution or company with extensive experience in Evaluation and P/CVE or R&R.

Bidders without prior experience on P/CVE or R&R and Evaluation need not apply. Current GCERF grantees in Iraq are not eligible to apply to this assignment.

Its staffing levels, qualifications and expertise should be appropriate to be able to provide timely and high-quality services to GCERF. The provider should demonstrate a high degree of commitment to good customer service and a willingness to listen to the ideas and priorities of GCERF.

The fees charged should be reasonable, competitive, and related to services rendered to the extent possible. The provider must comply with all applicable laws and regulations. It should adhere to a strict confidentiality policy in relation to client information. The provider should also abide by the following:

Submission of proposals

Proposals should follow the template provided below. Failure to follow the proposal structure or to comply with the instructions in this Request for Proposal will be at the bidder's risk and may affect the Evaluation of the proposal.

Proposals should be sent latest by **31 October, 2025** by email in the form of "pdf files" clearly marked "Bid reference: 2025–05". The email should be addressed to bids@gcerf.org.

Period of validity of the proposal

The proposal must be valid for a period of 120 days following submission.



Cost of preparation and submission of the proposal

The bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the proposal, including but not limited to the possible cost of discussing the proposal with GCERF, making a presentation, negotiating a contract and any related travel. GCERF will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the selection process.

Selection of bidders

Bidders are requested to provide the most appropriate and most cost-effective proposal to meet the requirements.

Current GCERF grantees in Iraq are not eligible to apply to this assignment.

The selection will be made based on a number of criteria that will be applied systematically to all bids received:

- Responsiveness to request;
- Proposed approach;
- Qualifications, experience and composition of the team;
- Credibility of the bidder organisation;
- Quality of the offer document; and
- Financial offer.

Proposal template

Bidders must submit their proposal following the template below:

The proposal is made up of four different sections

- 1. Disclosure form
- 2. Profile of the bidder
- 3. Technical proposal
- 4. Financial proposal

Please keep the overall proposal within 10 pages. You may annex additional information as needed.

1. Disclosure form

To be completed by a duly authorised representative of the Bidder. On behalf of (name of public institution/private or public business entity/myself) (referred to in this document as "the Bidder"), I (name and title of the Bidder's representative) confirm that I am a duly authorised representative of the Bidder and hereby submit this proposal in response to GCERF's Request for Proposal 2025-05. I confirm that all statements and representations made in the proposal are true and correct.

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Date submitted:
Submitted by: (Name of Bidder)
Name and Title of Authorised Representative:
Date:
Signature



2. Profile of the Bidder

Please provide a brief background of the Bidder, highlighting relevant research and country experiences, including existing relationships in the country.

Please explain the legal status of the bidder; including its registration with the relevant competent authorities.

Please explain your organisational/individual strengths and values and your customer service approach.

Please provide information on prior experience with similar requirements and references that GCERF may contact.

3. Technical Proposal

A. <u>Business need</u>: Please indicate your understanding of GCERF's business needs for which you are submitting this proposal.

B. Objectives and deliverables:

Please list the deliverables as specified in this Request for Proposal and indicate whether and how the Bidder commits to deliver these.

Optional: Present deliverables not listed in this Request for Proposal but which in your expert assessment, are necessary to achieve the objectives of this request.

C. Approach:

Please provide your ideas on the following:

- 1. Research design and methods that will be used to collect the data and answer the questions proposed.
- Suitability of the proposed work plan and timeline: key tasks/phases, deliverables, indicative timeline and provisional dates of activities - may be presented using text and/or graphics;
- 3. Measures to ensure quality control over the delivery of services to GCERF.

D. <u>Service Management Plan</u>:

Please provide details for how your firm would ensure that it provides satisfactory services to GCERF. Please explain how you would coordinate the service offering, including proposed meetings and any proposed mechanism for feedback to and/or coordination with GCERF.

E. <u>Team Composition</u>:

Please provide the following information on the proposed team that would work with GCERF:

- Team organisation
- Individual team members; name, role in the team, area of expertise and relevant experience. Please include their CVs.



F. Risk Mitigation Plan:

Please list any identified risks, including potential security and ethical concerns, which may affect the successful delivery of services and any proposed mitigating measures.

G. Assumptions (optional):

Please list the assumptions on which your proposed approach and successful completion of deliverables are based that you think would be important for GCERF to understand.

H. References:

Please briefly provide recent examples of similar projects that have recently been undertaken. Please indicate if the name of the client may be disclosed and if GCERF may contact the client for references.

4. Financial Proposal

Please explain the basis of the proposed fees and any other charges to GCERF and their level. This should include costs for administrative tasks including travel, accommodation, and visa procurement. Please note that GCERF is exempt from VAT. Please include the basis for invoicing and terms and conditions for payment.



Annex 1: Full Programme Description 4.1 Strategic Objective 1

Ensure successful rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees from NES

Outcome 1.1: Improved coordination and delivery of services to returnees through establishing a holistic case management system.

This outcome focuses on the creation and implementation of a holistic case management system designed to enhance the tracking and coordination of services provided to returnees. The system will ensure returnees' needs are addressed, facilitate communication and collaboration among service providers, and enable timely support to returnees.

Output 1.1.1: A fully functional Case Management System with integrated features (unified assessments, standardized SOPs) to manage the entire case lifecycle of individual returnees.

A fully functional Case Management System with integrated features (unified assessments, standardized SOPs) to manage the entire case lifecycle of individual returnees. The system will incorporate unified assessments and standardized SOPs to ensure consistent and comprehensive case management from intake to closure. This will provide a streamlined process for addressing the unique needs of each returnee, facilitating their successful rehabilitation and reintegration

GCERF's approach to achieving this objective includes the development and implementation of a holistic case management system that follows on the provision of direct essential MHPSS and educational support services and the referral of returnees to other services provided by implementers. The case management system will be designed to track and coordinate services received by Iraqi returnees, ensuring they receive tailored, effective, and coordinated support across various domains such as health, education, psychosocial support, and livelihoods.

Outcome 1.2: Enhanced Psychological Well-being of Returnees

This outcome focuses on the mental health and psychological resilience of returnees. Through individual and family counselling sessions tailored to address the trauma and psychological needs specific to returnees, the initiative seeks to mitigate the impact of the returnees past experiences. Additionally, therapy sessions help the returnees be able to deal with the complexities of re(integrating) into areas of origin and host communities.

<u>Output 1.2.1</u>: Customized individual and family counseling sessions and case-management is delivered for returnees and their families addressing trauma and psychological rehabilitation needs.

Through a case management approach, GCERF will provide individual and family counselling sessions to the targeted group of returnees across the three selected governorates. These



sessions will be designed to specifically address the trauma and psychological needs unique to each individual and family to ensure fostering mental health and facilitating the returnees reintegration into the community. GCERF will employ a case-management approach to these cases. GCERF will also work with the returnees to capture and direct them to other implementers who are delivering services that are adapted to their specific needs based on the assessment of their individual case.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS): GCERF will provide MHPSS services to support the mental health and well-being of returnees. This includes establishing and improving mental health facilities and PSS centers in key neighborhoods, ensuring accessible, consistent care throughout the project duration. A baseline study will assess the needs of returnees, guiding the customization of subsequent MHPSS interventions. Community-based support groups and peer-to-peer counseling services will facilitate social bonds and mutual support among returnees. GCERF will provide direct assistance to individuals with mental health needs, including counseling, medication, and transportation support.

Outcome 1.3: Improved Psychosocial Well-being and Support for Returnee Children Through Community and School Engagement

This outcome aims to bolster returnee children psychosocial well-being by establishing educational support mechanisms. Initiatives will establish educational support within schools that aim to create a conducive learning environment for returnee children. Moreover, parenting support groups will offer a platform for returnee parents to share advice and support. Additionally, pro-social initiatives, such as sports, will bridge the gap between returnee and non-returnee children.

<u>Output 1.3.1</u>: Educational support initiatives are conducted in schools for returnee children to promote mutual learning and academic integration.

Educational support initiatives will be established in schools for returnee children, with the initiatives aiming to integrate educational programs tailored to the specific needs of the children. This will ensure that returnee children are given opportunities to reintegrate with their peers in the school system.

<u>Output 1.3.2</u>: Parenting support groups are formed where returnee parents can exchange advice and support one another, improving parents' ability to support their children in schools.

Parenting support groups will be formed where returnee parents can come together to exchange advice and provide support to one another. These groups aim to facilitate a network of shared experiences and knowledge, with the objective of empowering parents to better support their children's reintegration into the community and educational settings.

Output 1.3.3: Targeted pro-social sports programs are implemented for returnee and non-returnee children, enhancing social cohesion in host-community schools.

Pro-social initiatives, such as sports programs, will be facilitated to foster interaction between returnee and non-returnee children. These initiatives will serve as a bridge to bring children



from diverse backgrounds together, promoting inclusivity, teamwork, and a sense of community through shared activities.

Educational Services: GCERF's educational services will work with returnee children into school systems through fostering their mental health and social well-being. The initiatives will cover;

- o enrollment support,
- o assessments of educational levels,
- and the development of individual education plans in collaboration with educators and psychologists.

Training for teachers and school principals on trauma-informed care will be emphasized, along with organizing parental sessions on homework support and facilitating extracurricular activities to foster social bonds among students. Where referral services are insufficient, GCERF will provide the necessary resources to support the educational needs of returnee children.

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MHPSS Centers Locations

Educational support initiatives will be established in schools for returnee children. Parenting support groups will be capacitated and/or established, allowing returnee parents to exchange advice and provide mutual support. Pro-social initiatives, such as sports programs, will foster interaction between returnee and non-returnee children, promoting inclusivity and a sense of community. Regular monitoring and evaluation of educational services will ensure quality and effectiveness, with an endline study conducted to evaluate the overall impact. By implementing these activities, GCERF aims to create a supportive educational environment that addresses the unique challenges faced by returnee children and facilitates their successful reintegration into their communities.

4.2 Strategic Objective 2

Improve capacities of local Iraqi stakeholders to implement effective and sustainable rehabilitation and reintegration responses and services

Outcome 2.1: Improved capacities of frontline staff to implement effective and sustainable rehabilitation and reintegration responses and services



This outcome is dedicated to strengthening the capacities of frontline staff, including members of civil society organizations, government entities, and educators, who directly support returnees. The focus will be on enhancing their abilities to provide MHPSS services. Through targeted capacity-building initiatives, these key stakeholders will gain advanced skills, knowledge, and access to resources necessary for addressing the psychological and social needs of returnees. The initiatives aims to develop more responsive, culturally and contextually appropriate MHPSS services, contributing to the well-being of returnees and fostering social stability and cohesion within communities.

<u>Output 2.1.1</u>: Frontline staff (MHPSS service providers) and institutions supported to enhance preparedness and capacity in MHPSS to deal with returnees

This output focuses on ensuring that crucial stakeholders, including CSOs, government representatives, and educators, exhibit increased capability in addressing the mental health and psychosocial needs of returnees. Through comprehensive training and resource provision, these key actors will be better equipped to implement tailored, effective MHPSS interventions.

Outcome 2.2: Strengthened Well-being and Resilience of Frontline Workers (Teachers and Psychosocial Support Staff)

This outcome focuses on strengthening the mental health, resilience, and overall well-being of frontline workers, including teachers and psychosocial support (PSS) staff. These individuals are critical pillars in the reintegration process, thus the initiative aims to provide them with comprehensive support and resources. This includes specialized training and trauma-informed care practices.

<u>Output 2.2.1</u>: Tailored psychosocial support is provided to equip frontline workers with advanced skills for managing stress, understanding and applying trauma-informed care principles

This output will initiate initiatives designed to address the specific pressures and emotional challenges these workers encounter due to their direct involvement in the complex process of rehabilitating and reintegrating returnees.

Capacity Building for Frontline Workers: In addition to the case management system, GCERF will focus on enhancing the capacity of frontline workers, including social workers and health professional representing local organizations and government entities. Comprehensive training programs will be developed and implemented to cover all aspects of the case management process and best practices in trauma-informed care and psychosocial support. Workshops and training sessions will be conducted regularly to ensure frontline workers are equipped with the skills and knowledge needed to support the rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees effectively. This capacity-building effort will also extend to CSO practitioners and community stakeholders, ensuring a broad support network for returnees.



4.3 Strategic Objective 3

Reduce vulnerability of community members to recruitment by violent extremist group

Outcome 3.1: Enhanced capacity of media actors to effectively communicate messages about rehabilitation and reintegration.

GCERF's will further establish forums for peer learning and professional development, encourage ongoing dialogue among media partners, and facilitate community-driven events like cultural festivals and town hall meetings. These activities will be enriched by the direct participation of returnees and supported by small grants to implement community initiatives. The offline approach will contribute to building an enabling environment for returnees.

<u>**Output 3.1.1:**</u> Delivery of Capacity-Building Programs for Media Actors on Returnee Reintegration Narratives

This output targets the ability of media actors to effectively communicate the complexities and successes of returnee reintegration. Through specialized training sessions and workshops, media professionals will be equipped with the knowledge to disseminate impactful stories that foster support for returnees' journeys back into the community.

Outcome 3.2: Increased awareness and understanding of the challenges faced by returnees and the importance of their successful reintegration in the community.

This outcome seeks to increase community awareness regarding the complexities of reintegration. Narratives of successful reintegration will spread through multimedia campaigns and community activities with a message aimed at fostering a more receptive and supportive environment for the returnees.

A comprehensive communication strategy will be developed to structure GCERF's approach. It will begin by identifying returnees eager to share their personal stories of overcoming adversity, which will be showcased through various forms of communication products. The narratives, along with key messages and statistics, will be featured in posters and brochures, distributed widely across community centers, schools, and religious institutions.

<u>Output 3.2.1</u>: Multimedia campaigns and community activities to enhance awareness of the challenges faced by returnees from NES and successful reintegration narratives is delivered

This output will focus on implementing targeted multimedia campaigns and organize community events. These initiatives will feature compelling stories of resilience and success from NES returnees, aimed at fostering a supportive environment for their reintegration.

<u>Output 3.2.2</u>: Strategic engagement with local media to amplify hopeful narratives of returnee reintegration



This output focuses on forming strategic partnerships with local media outlets and digital platforms. The aim is to broaden the dissemination of positive and hopeful narratives surrounding the reintegration of returnees. The initiatives intend to circulate inspiring stories of returnee resilience and success by leveraging the reach and influence of local media.

Outcome 3.3: Strengthened community engagement and acceptance of returnees through constructive dialogue and understanding

This outcome will involve the participation of key stakeholders, such as community leaders, educators, and local authorities, in initiatives designed to discuss reintegration challenges and foster community dialogue. GCERF plans to collaborate with local media outlets to disseminate content that highlights returnee experiences and their journey towards successful reintegration.

Output 3.3.1: Facilitation of community events and town hall meetings for inclusive dialogue

Series of community events and town hall meetings will be held with the goal of establishing platforms for open, inclusive dialogue between returnees and community members, aiming to break down barriers, address misconceptions, and highlight the shared benefits of successful reintegration. The initiative seeks to cultivate a sense of community solidarity and empathy towards returnees. These events will be designed and implemented in accordance to the specific-needs of each community.

Output 3.3.2: Implementation of community-led peace initiatives to support returnee integration.

Under this output, the focus is on supporting and delivering small-scale, community-led peace initiatives. These grassroots projects, designed and led by community members, aim to create sustainable peacebuilding activities that directly contribute to the reintegration of returnees.