***Call for Expressions of Interest for a Learning Partner in East Africa***

***Information Session***

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# Participant organisations

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| Alma Consult | International Council for Refugees and Immigrants, Inc. |
| Axiom Monitoring and Evaluation | KasmoDev - Somalia, Kenya |
| Center for Research and Development in Drylands (CRDD) | Prestige Support Centre |
| Coalition of Somali Human Rights Defenders (CSHRD) | Samuel Hall |
| Comert Consulting | Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM) |
| Education For All Somalia (EFASOM) | Taloford Consulting |
| Global Consulting Partners, Kenya | TGSN Nairobi |
| Global e-Schools and Communities Initiative | Usalama Reforms Forum |
| Horn Population Research and Development (HPRD) | Youth Protection and Empowerment Agency (YOPEA) |
| IMPACT Initiatives |  |

# Introduction

GCERF is the only global fund dedicated to preventing violent extremism and terrorism.

GCERF funding mechanisms include direct grants to civil society organisations and consortium grants managed by principal recipients. GCERF works in collaboration with local governments and other stakeholders.

GCERF's current work in Kenya and Somalia includes enhancing the capacity of women and youth leaders, strengthening community peacebuilding and PCVE structures, and improving socio-economic conditions to reduce the appeal of violent extremism.

The present call seeks a nonprofit organisation to act as a learning partner, facilitating monitoring and increasing learning between and within the portfolios in Kenya and Somalia. The grant will be up to $250,000 for 24 months.

**Important clarification:** Applications can be submitted by either a single organisation or a consortium (comprising two or more organisations). If applying as a single organisation, it must meet all requirements, including being non-profit, possessing the necessary experience and expertise, and having registration and a presence in both Kenya and Somalia. In a consortium, organisations can complement each other to meet these requirements. For example, one organisation in the consortium can be registered in Kenya, and the other can be registered in Somalia. Although consortium members can include for-profit organisations, it is essential that the Principal Recipient (lead organisation) is a non-profit.

**Questions and Answers**

# 1. Eligibility

## 1.1. Can international organisations apply?

GCERF aims to have the funds provided spent totally in the targeted countries. International organisations are eligible if they have a local presence in Kenya and Somalia and ensure that funds remain in-country. No overheads should flow to headquarters abroad.

## 1.2. Must the lead organisation (Principal Recipient) be based in Somalia?

No. The Principal Recipient (PR) can be based in either Kenya or Somalia, provided the consortium demonstrates strong coverage and capacity in both countries.

## 1.3. Can a for-profit company apply as lead?

No. The PR must be a non-profit organisation. For-profits may participate as sub-recipients within a consortium.

## 1.3. Can current GCERF grantees join the consortium?

No. To avoid conflicts of interest, organisations that are already GCERF grantees cannot participate in this call.

# 2. Consortium Formation

2.1. Can two organisations (one in Kenya, one in Somalia) form a consortium?  
Yes. This is encouraged as long as the consortium covers both countries and is led by one PR.

2.2. How many times can an organisation apply?

We recommend one application per organisation for credibility. However, an organisation may appear as a PR in one application and as a sub-recipient in another.

2.3. How many sub-recipients are allowed?

There is no set limit. The number should be realistic and manageable within the USD 250,000 budget. Proposals with very large numbers of sub-recipients are discouraged.

# 3. Geographical Scope

3.1. Can we apply to cover only Kenya or only Somalia?

No. This is a multi-country call. The learning partner must cover both Kenya and Somalia. Applicants are encouraged to partner with others to ensure full coverage.

# 4. Funding

4.1. What is the grant ceiling?

USD 250,000 total for both Kenya and Somalia combined, over a period of 24 months. It is not USD 250,000 per country.

4.2. Can the budget increase later?

Possibly. Additional funding may be considered based on performance, efficiency, and GCERF’s ability to mobilise more resources.

4.3. Are overhead costs allowed?

There is no separate overhead line. Operational and administrative costs should be integrated into programme budget lines.

# 5. Scope of Work

5.1. What does “facilitating monitoring and learning” mean?

The learning partner will:

* Conduct in-person monitoring, including in hard-to-reach areas.
* Establish a remote monitoring system to complement field visits.
* Facilitate communities of practice and knowledge-sharing events.
* Conduct rapid needs assessments to support decision-making.
* Track lessons learned and produce concise, accessible reports.

5.2. Will the learning partner assess past or current grants?

The focus is on current grants. Past documents may be shared for background reference.

# 6. Application Process

6.1. What documents are required?

Applicants must submit:

* Annex A (application form, which **includes other supporting documents**)
* Annex B (past projects)
* Annex C (proposed budget)

6.2. Where can we find templates?

Templates are available on the GCERF website and via the EOI call link.

6.3. Can we form or adjust consortiums after submission?

No. Consortiums must be established before submission. Changes after submission are not recommended unless specifically requested by GCERF.