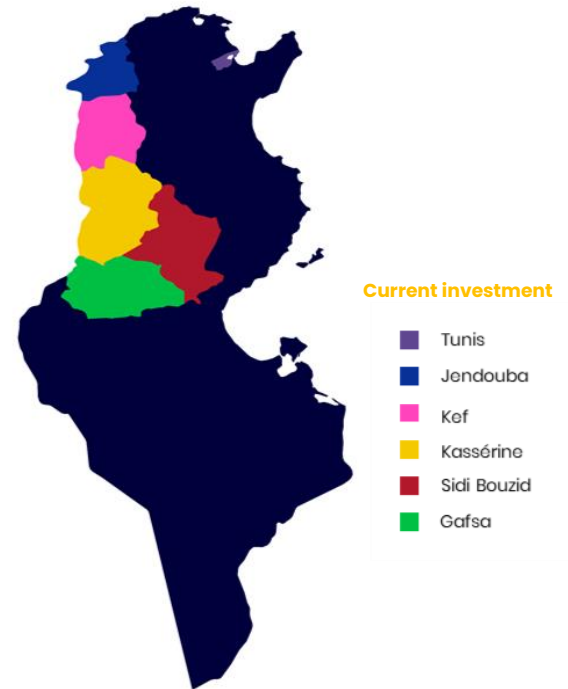


GCERF in Tunisia

The second round of funding in Tunisia runs from **January 2022 to December 2025** and aims to **strengthen trust** between youth, community leaders and governance actors, and to **increase socio-economic opportunities** for at-risk youth.

To achieve this, GCERF is supporting three grantee consortia in the underserved Western governorates to provide skills training, mentoring and links to sustainable livelihoods; develop joint planning and activities between a range of local actors; and create support networks for young people and their families.



Investment 2019 – 2021: USD 1.2 million
 Investment 2022 – 2025: USD 2.5 million
 Active grants: 3

Portfolio overview as of January 2023

Active grants

Forum El Jahedh (FEJ)

2022–2025 | *Principal Recipient with 1 sub-recipient*

- ❖ Supporting religious and community leaders to develop sustainable peer support networks, linking these with local authorities and providing livelihood support to vulnerable youth.

We Love Sousse (WLS)

2022–2025 | *Principal Recipient with 4 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Strengthening coordination mechanisms between local actors for increased support of people exposed to VE, reinforcement of the civic participation of young people in public life, support and assistance to victims of VE and socio-economic support to women's groups.

Friguia

2022–2025 | *Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Supporting vulnerable youth to develop a sense of purpose, strengthening socio-professional support and integration of young people, and helping to build trust between local authorities and communities.

Investment Focus



Enabling prevention, resilience-building and community-based integration through greater vertical social cohesion and community agency



Tunis, Jendouba, Kef, Kasserine, Sidi Bouzid, Gafsa



Religious leaders, local authorities, victims of violent extremism, and vulnerable, out-of-school youth



2022–2025



The FEJ consortium has concluded partnerships with the Ministry of Education, the Defense and Social Integration Committee (CDIs Mellassine), the Youth Home of Hrairia, the women's regional directorate of Ben Arous.

Violent Extremism in Tunisia: Drivers

Social factors such as feelings of marginalization, exclusion and difficulty in accessing social support systems contribute to the potential for radicalisation.

Political factors such as lack of responsiveness of local authorities, perceived lack of governance, and limited trust in the government exacerbate the attraction of joining extremist groups.

Unfavorable economic factors such as unemployment and lack of sustainable opportunities encourage youth without perspectives to engage in VE.

38th

On the Global Terrorism Index 2022, with 4 attacks and 5 deaths in 2021.

Current Programming: Systems Approach

National: To date, formal state actors have had limited engagement with or responsibility for PVE programming. By **increasing their understanding of PVE** and their capabilities to plan activities and integrate PVE approaches into wider, **sustainable networks of experienced multi-sectoral actors** and PVE plans will be developed in the target areas, and **sustainably funded**.

Governorate: Building on GCERF's initial investment in Tunisia, the program will further **strengthen national ownership at state and local levels**, with a focus on capacity development and support to local authorities and CSOs to be able to jointly respond to VE challenges beyond the lifespan of GCERF's second investment.

Community: The past two years of programming have shown that while the majority of donor projects have been able to achieve their objectives individually, to achieve the type of larger-scale social change required to respond to the VE threat in Tunisia, **greater cross-sector coordination and institutional engagement are necessary**. Funding will cover a four-year programme to **develop sustainable P/CVE responses through multi-stakeholder (state and non-state) cooperation** and planning at the community level.

Individual: A project supporting teenagers aged 14 to 18 who have dropped out of school, by providing them with individualized support enabling them to return to school, access vocational training or, for the older ones, integrate into the job market. The objective is to give these young people prospects for the future and to regain their self-confidence before they are tempted to join VE groups.



Identification and selection of at-risk youth aged between 14 and 18 and meeting with parents of youths, Tunis Region, October 2022.



Training session for 40 young people to develop skills in line with labour market needs, Kef, October 2022.

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**

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