

## **GCERF seeks applications for its expert advisory group, the Independent Review Panel**

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), the global fund for preventing violent extremism, is looking for world-class experts for its Independent Review Panel (IRP), which serves as a technical advisory group.

This is a great opportunity to become part of a global experts' panel and contribute to efforts to prevent and counter violent extremism globally. Through this platform, the experts use their experience to provide technical advice on programming, to enhance the capacities of stakeholders in preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE), and advise on where GCERF funding can make the most significant contribution.

GCERF is a global fund that works with local partners to strengthen community resilience to violent extremism. GCERF directs resources to initiatives led by local communities in order to empower women, girls, boys, and men. GCERF focuses on local communities because they suffer the most from violent extremism, and because they are optimally placed to understand and act on the drivers of violent extremism.

GCERF is seeking to add two to three new members to its IRP. The panel provides technical advice to the GCERF Secretariat and Governing Board and assesses funding proposals.

### **BACKGROUND**

The IRP is an independent, impartial group of 8 to 14 experts appointed by the GCERF Governing Board to provide a rigorous technical assessment of requests for funding made to GCERF. The IRP's review is against established technical standards, placing special emphasis on the overall coherence and performance potential of the application.

Written and spoken fluency in English is required of all IRP members. Fluency in French and languages of partner countries is an added advantage. We particularly encourage applications from countries where GCERF is operational. The current IRP Terms of Reference are available in the job posting.

### **INDEPENDENCE**

The IRP is institutionally independent of GCERF Secretariat, GCERF Board, and other governance structures of the GCERF Board. IRP members serve in their personal capacities and do not represent their employer, any government, or other entity. Members of the GCERF Secretariat are ineligible to serve on the IRP. Board Members, Alternate Board Members, Board committee members, or individuals who participate in Board meetings as part of Board constituency delegations, and Country Support Mechanism (CSM) members shall stand down from these roles if selected to serve on the IRP.

### **EXPERTISE**

The IRP includes experts in the following areas:

- preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) and understanding the drivers of recruitment and radicalisation to violent extremism;

- community-level resilience and capacity development of grassroots and community-based organisations;
- conflict transformation, rehabilitation and reintegration for violent extremism and ex-combatants (DDR);
- linking policy and advocacy to civil society in the efforts to P/CVE;
- P/CVE, rehabilitation and reintegration curriculum development;
- small- and medium-size enterprise and livelihood development for marginalized population groups;
- experience in intra-faith and inter-faith dialogue;
- engendered issues – youth, women, and victims/survivors of terrorism;
- strategic communication on P/CVE; and
- expertise in GCERF partner countries and other countries vulnerable to VE that are likely to become GCERF partner countries in the next few years.

In addition to the expertise listed above, IRP members should ideally have:

- experience in applying for or assessing requests for grant funding and making recommendations and in financial management including budgeting and financial reporting;
- experience in developing, funding, managing or overseeing programmes in the fields of P/CVE, DDR, and SSR in developing countries; and
- experience in reintegration of returning foreign terrorists fighters and their families.

#### **TERM AND HONORARIUM**

IRP members shall serve for up to three years and are eligible for appointment for a second term of up to three years. IRP members may receive an honorarium of USD 2,000 a year. GCERF will defray all direct costs associated with an individual's role on the IRP, such as travel and accommodation costs.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply to be a member of the IRP, please email: (a) your curriculum vitae (CV)/resume; and (b) the names, titles, email addresses, and phone numbers for two professional references (c) a maximum one page long cover letter to explain the candidate's interest and specific expertise to: [calls@gcerf.org](mailto:calls@gcerf.org), with the Subject line: "IRP Application: LAST NAME, First Name." The GCERF Secretariat will screen and, where appropriate, complete reference checks for applications for IRP membership. The application deadline is 30 July 2020.