



Factsheet

What is GCERF?

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) is the first global effort to support local, community-level initiatives aimed at strengthening resilience against violent extremist agendas. As a public-private partnership operating at the nexus of security and development, GCERF is committed to working 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.

Who will benefit from GCERF?

GCERF is committed to addressing radicalisation to violent extremism in countries where support is needed. In 2015 Bangladesh, Mali, Morocco, and Nigeria, have taken the lead to serve as “pilot” countries for GCERF funding. GCERF will focus its funding on communities at risk of radicalization to violence. GCERF funding will be extended to local government and non-governmental organisations working at the community level.

How will GCERF operate?

It is anticipated that GCERF will fund community-level initiatives aimed at building resilience against violent extremist agendas. GCERF will provide support to community-level initiatives that: seek to address the 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. Applications will be subject to rigorous independent assessment and performance monitoring and evaluation when funded.

How is GCERF structured?

GCERF is a not-for-profit Swiss foundation with a Secretariat located in Geneva. It is governed by a multi-stakeholder Governing Board with representatives of governments (both donor and beneficiary), the private sector, foundations, research institutions, and civil society. GCERF’s held its inaugural Governing Board meeting in November in Geneva.

How is GCERF supported?

Numerous countries have already pledged financial contributions, and a number of others have expressed strong support with contributions expected to follow. In addition, it is anticipated that other stakeholder constituencies will also provide financial support as well as contribute expertise and resources to GCERF.

How to engage with GCERF?

GCERF’s Governing Board is currently seeking to expand its stakeholder constituencies. If you are interested in participating in GCERF’s governance, providing support, or contributing your expertise, please write to the Secretariat at info@gcerf.org.