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**To:** CT\_CVE-COI  
**Subject:** FW: Global Civil Society Network on Rehabilitation and Reintegration

CVE-COI Colleagues: I wanted to flag the below cable that just went out regarding an ongoing CT project to advance civil society rehab/reintegration work as part of the State/USAID CVE Strategy. We'll keep you posted as the project continues to develop. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks, [redacted]

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**Subject:**

Global Civil Society Network on Rehabilitation and Reintegration

1. (U) This is an action request; please see paragraphs 2, 8, and 9.

**SUMMARY:**

2. (U) The Bureau of Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism (CT) has launched a new project to identify and promote a network of civil society organizations (CSOs) and community actors engaged in the rehabilitation and reintegration of people involved in violent extremism. Nongovernmental organizations and actors at the community level (religious and community leaders, family members, social workers, victims organized in groups, students, and teachers, and others) can and should play key roles in different stages of the rehabilitation and reintegration of violent extremist offenders, to include returning foreign terrorist fighters. This project will be implemented by the Global Center on Cooperative Security (GCCS), in conjunction with the International Center for Counter-Terrorism - The Hague and several sub-regional partners. Addressee Posts are requested to identify an embassy point of contact to engage with CT and GCCS on this project. Posts are also requested to help identify civil society organizations and leaders who might be able to participate in this network.

**BACKGROUND:**

3. (U) Promoting the rehabilitation and reintegration of violent extremist offenders is a critical component of addressing the full lifecycle of violent extremist radicalization and recruitment. The importance of rehabilitation and reintegration was one of the themes highlighted by the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism in 2015 and was reaffirmed in the UN Secretary General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism, which was released earlier this year. This approach and

these types of related programs have become even more critical as a growing number of violent extremists around the world are released from prisons, and as many foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) return home who cannot and/or should not be prosecuted for a variety of reasons.

4. (U) While the role of governments on this topic is understood, the invaluable roles that civil society organizations and community actors can play are currently underappreciated. As the Global Counter Terrorism Forum's (GCTF's) Hague-Marrakech and Rome Memoranda highlight, nongovernmental organizations, actors at the community level (religious leaders, family members, social workers, victims organized in groups, students, teachers, and others) can and should play key roles in different stages of the rehabilitation and reintegration of violent extremist offenders, including returning FTFs. Reintegration back into the community can often be challenging - even for those former violent extremists who are disillusioned, have renounced the terrorist cause, and are eager to become productive members of society. For instance, stigmas often exist in the communities preventing their smooth reintegration. NGOs and community leaders can help address this problem.
5. (U) As announced at the Counter-ISIL and Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Leaders' Summit at the UN General Assembly in September 2015, CT has launched a new project to help identify and promote a network of civil society organizations that can provide expertise and capacity on the rehabilitation and reintegration of people formerly engaged in violent extremism, including terrorism offenders who have been released from custody. The project will also identify recommendations and practices for how civil society organizations can cooperate with governmental actors such as law enforcement and prison services in this regard.
6. (U) To build the network, this project will initially focus on three sub-regions: the Sahel-Maghreb, the Greater Horn of Africa, and Southeast Asia. The project will seek to identify civil society actors as well as government stakeholders that have expertise in rehabilitation and reintegration efforts - both specific to violent extremism and more broadly. The project will convene actors in each

of the regions to develop programming ideas and policy recommendations for civil society-led efforts to promote rehabilitation and reintegration. The project also includes a small amount of funding to provide grants to select civil society organizations for related pilot projects - to complement ongoing project activities. (Note that no funding from this project will go directly to activities benefiting former violent extremists.) The attached synopsis provides more details on the project.

7. (U) The project will be implemented by the Global Center on Cooperative Security (GCCS), in conjunction with the International Center for Counter-Terrorism - The Hague and several sub-regional partners. GCCS also provides support for a number of initiatives undertaken by the GCTF and will seek to coordinate efforts wherever possible. Policy and programmatic recommendations from this project may be presented to the GCTF in the future. CT will also work closely with GCCS to ensure coordination with other ongoing CVE efforts in the relevant countries and regions. This global project aims to provide technical support and capacity for organizations as they conduct specific national and local efforts. Based on the project, CT also hopes to identify potential partners for future CVE funding in the rehabilitation and reintegration space.

#### ACTION REQUEST

8. (U) Addressee Posts are requested to identify an embassy point of contact that can engage with CT and GCCS on the implementation of this project over the next twelve to eighteen months. Specifically, the point of contact will liaise with CT and GCCS via periodic email, meet with GCCS during a possible country visit, and help make introductions with partner-nation stakeholders as deemed appropriate by Post.
9. (U) Posts are also requested to provide recommendations of civil society organizations or individuals as well as government actors who are involved in rehabilitation and reintegration work and could contribute to this project. Importantly, organizations do not have to necessarily be involved in work with former violent extremists per se. In addition to capacity building outlined above, one of CT's main objectives for this project is to help identify and share lessons learned and expertise from other contexts of

disengagement, rehabilitation, and reintegration that can be applied in the CVE and counterterrorism context.

REPORTING DEADLINE

10. (U) Please provide your response via email by Friday, July 29, 2016.

POINT OF CONTACT

11. Please contact CT/SPI's Deputy Director [redacted] B6  
[redacted] or CT's Senior Rule of Law Advisor [redacted] B7(F)  
[redacted] with any questions.

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