

Proposal: **ENHANCING COMMUNITY RESISTANCE TO RADICALIZATION
AND RECRUITMENT TO BOKO HARAM IN DIFFA, NIGER**
 Proposal #: **CT-1680**
 Funding Requested: **\$400,000.00**
 Status: **Funding/Implementation Clearance Pending**
 Age: **353 day(s)**
 Submit Date: **04 Jun 2015** RELEASE IN PART B7(F),B6

Project Owner(s):

Name	Email	Phone

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Project Purpose:

In August 2014, USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives began the Niger Community Cohesion Initiative (NCCI) to enhance resistance to violent extremism within communities in the Diffa region through activities that strengthen ties among Nigerien government authorities, civil society and citizens; and to decrease the interest among youth to participate in illicit or extremist activities. NCCI targets youth, returnees, marginalized groups, and the communities in which they live in order to mitigate recruitment to violent extremist organizations and/or radicalization to violence. To date, the program has conducted activities that increased citizens' trust and confidence in their government; increased participation of civil society in community decision making processes; enhanced local government outreach and communication efforts; and increased youth positive engagement in their communities. Additional funding would allow the OTI program to expand this work into new areas.

Description of Program Proposed:

With this funding, USAID/OTI would expand the NCCI program in the areas of Maine Soroa, Bosso, Toumour, and N'guigmi-areas jointly identified by GoN authorities, NCCI's recent rolling assessment and through conversations with local leaders as areas vital to the stability of Diffa region. The objectives of the project are: Objective 1: To strengthen ties among Nigerien government authorities, civil society and citizens in areas that are vulnerable to conflict or extremist influence Sub-Objective 1.1: To increase citizens' trust and confidence in their government Sub-Objective 1.2: To increase local government outreach and communication efforts Objective 2: To decrease the interest among youth (young men and women aged 15-35) to participate in illicit or extremist activities Sub-Objective 2.1: To increase youth positive engagement in their communities and in political processes Activities would include: * Capacity building for local leadership on communication skills and means * Establishing the space for effective coordination and communication between traditional leaders, elected leaders, security officials, and civil society organizations. * Funding the organization of public events which allow elected and local leaders to communicate more effectively with the local populace. * Facilitating the link between local community radio and elected leaders to create regular

broadcasts of credible information on the security situation in the area. * Working with local leadership, to include civil society organizations and elected officials, to identify small projects that will enhance infrastructure, increase feelings of security, and involve youth in a positive manner in their communities.

Specify explicitly how this proposal advances US national security and foreign policy interests:

This proposal would help counter the spread of Boko Haram - a designated foreign terrorist organization - into Niger, and advance the U.S. Strategy to Counter Boko Haram. This proposal would also advance the CT Bureau's Partnership Concept strategic objective #4: "Mitigate and contain the impact of Boko Haram by strengthening rule of law-based law enforcement response capabilities and increasing community resilience and protection in areas directly affected by Boko Haram.

Specify explicitly how this activity supports law enforcement's ability to counter terrorism:

This proposal - likely funded by ESF resources - would not directly support law enforcement.

What have the sponsors of the project done to coordinate this program with this interagency or multilateral partners? (What offices/agencies have been consulted. How did you ensure this is not duplicative?)

USAID has developed this proposal in close coordination with Embassy Niamey and the Bureau of African Affairs. OTI also coordinates closely with other donors, UNHCR, and the Government of Niger.

Project Monitoring:

NCCI employs a utilization-focused approach to Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E). This approach dictates that the M&E components are designed to be used by and be relevant to programming. Data gathered is used to refine program design based on findings and lessons learned. M&E is also seen as a collaborative effort allowing the learning processes to inform and improve the program, specifically through the sub-strategy process. The M&E system is composed of a series of triangulated checks that monitor activity progress, critically analyze activity and program level outcomes, and monitor strategic direction. The goal of the system is to test hypotheses, learn and adapt, and use a combination of qualitative and quantitative measures to demonstrate impact and identify lessons learned. Each activity will identify objectives for the following: ? Objective 1: Immediate output of the activity. Tangible results of the activity â the â what.â ? Objective 2: Anticipated outcome of the activity. Direct/immediate effect(s) that the activity is reasonably expected to achieve. ? Objective 3: Anticipated impact to which the activity contributes.

Time Frame for Implementation:

From: 06/01/2015 **To:** 06/30/2016

Place of Implementation:

- Niger

Implementer Information:

Implementer	Partner	POC Name	POC Email	POC Phone
Enhancing Community Resistance to 1 Radicalization and Recruitment to Boko Haram in Diffa, Niger	USAID/OTI			
Enhancing Community Resistance to 2 Radicalization and Recruitment to Boko Haram in Diffa, Niger				
Enhancing Community Resistance to 3 Radicalization and Recruitment to Boko Haram in Diffa, Niger				
Enhancing Community Resistance to 4 Radicalization and Recruitment to Boko Haram in Diffa, Niger	IOM			
Enhancing Community Resistance to 5 Radicalization and Recruitment to Boko Haram in Diffa, Niger	IOM			

Program Audience:

Community leaders and civilian government officials in the Diffa region of Niger

Funding Breakdown:

Country	Budget Item	Amount
Niger	CT Project Costs	\$400,000.00

Funding/Implementation Mechanism Type:

- Bureau Transfer

Objectives & Indicators:

Objective	Indicator
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Funding Sources:

- ESF

Fiscal Year:

2014

Comments:

06/25/2015 - SUBMITTER/PROGRAM
Approved 6/25

06/10/2015 - LEGAL

OK

06/04/2015 - SUPER USER

OK

06/04/2015 - REVIEW

Approved by the CT/FO.

06/02/2015 - SUPER USER

OK

05/27/2015 - SUPER USER

Ok

04/29/2015 - REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Regional CT Field Coordinator - project aligns with objective four of sahel region concept paper. It expands on the existing program which means a track record has been set. Another advantage is that the matter was jointly identified with the Gov't of Niger and it focuses on a geographic hotspot. Relies on established implementer IOM. I would need more details to evaluate the budget. I support the project concept and think it is well structured and builds on previous experience with post's partners.

Legal signed off 06/10/2015