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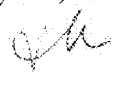
October 1, 2015

ACTION MEMO FOR CT COORDINATOR TINA KAIDANOWFROM: CT/SPP - B6
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SUBJECT: Approved Proposals for CT ESF Funding

Recommendation

That you 1) approve the processing of the projects outlined herein, and 2) approve the amended budget totals for certain projects, all which were approved by you for funding on May 28, 2015.

RELEASE IN PART B7(F),B6Approve 

Disapprove _____

Background

As part of AQM requirements for the processing of grants, CT has prepared this memo for your review and signature. By signing this memo, you approve CT to begin preparing the projects outlined below for immediate processing, whether in the Department of State grants system or by the relative U.S. Embassies. You approved all projects for funding in the CT proposal review meeting on May 28, 2015. Funds will not be obligated until the Congressional Notification is approved.

Additionally, several projects that you approved on May 28, 2015 have increased/decreased in total budget. By way of this memo, we are notifying you of the updated budgetary figures for these projects, and are seeking your approval for these totals. The below CVE activities total \$12,150,000 and are transferred to FY 2015 ESF funds pursuant to section 610 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. In addition to the funds noted above, CT will receive an additional \$6 million in ESF-OCO funding in FY 2015.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Clarke Ellis, Senior Reviewer

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Levant**LEVANT7 - Implementing Support Networks Against Destabilization**Locations: LebanonBudget: from \$86,980 to \$150,452

Activity Description: The aim of this project is to strengthen the resilience of Lebanese communities against drivers of violence and extremism by building a network of community-level actors in the Bekaa Valley and Northern Lebanon so that they can leverage the insights, resources and support of their peers to respond to ISIL and Nusra-inspired sectarian tensions. The program will strengthen the capacity of CSOs, NGOs, and youth groups to identify and respond to local drivers of instability, work collaboratively to conduct civic engagement activities that target the identified drivers, and receive training on how to identify gaps in linkages and communication.

The project will be implemented by local partners. As a result of capacity building efforts, municipal officers, CSO leaders, and youth would establish ten coalitions, one in each community, under a local countering violent extremism (CVE) council to draft community goals, hold meetings to gather perceptions and regularly craft responses to community issues. This project will develop sustainable decision-making networks that serve as platforms and launch locally-owned joint initiatives to ensure ongoing responses to drivers of violence and strengthen community resilience. The scale-up includes third party consultants to monitor and evaluate the reach of the project and the AQM 1% fee since CT will be issuing the grant.

Counter Radicalization and Recruitment CampaignLocation: LebanonBudget: \$470,000

Activity Description: This project will amplify positive voices and provide a counterweight to violent extremist narratives, strengthened by activities targeting youth vulnerable to recruitment among Sunni communities in the Bekaa Valley and Northern Lebanon regions. This campaign will feature a series of short films produced as a result of community-based assessments and outreach activities

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aimed at empowering local leaders to address the drivers of radicalization to violence.

Sectarian tensions, the lack of economic opportunities, and the lack of quality basic services for all citizens have contributed to radicalization in Lebanon. Through a multifaceted campaign, this project will educate Lebanese youth on the recruitment efforts and strategies of ISIL, provide peaceful alternatives to joining violent extremist groups like ISIL, and foster a healthy discourse and a counter-message to the growing rancor among Lebanese youth and youth who are sympathetic to the violent extremist.

The campaign will engage national and local leaders and moderate voices to support their online and offline activities, raise awareness about ISIL recruitment efforts and false promises, and promote a constructive role for youth. The project will be implemented by a media-oriented civil society organization (CSO) to build a network of activists, bloggers, influential leaders, media figures, and CSOs to engage in the campaign and promote counter-extremist narratives; a leading research firm to conduct an impact study; and an international marketing firm to formulate the right message and design the campaign. The objective is to create a campaign that becomes locally owned and continues beyond the project time frame.

Voices of Moderation

Location: Lebanon

Budget: from \$200,000 to \$202,000

Activity Description: This project will provide a countermeasure to ISIL and other violent extremists' ongoing public relations and social media outreach efforts aimed at Lebanon's Sunni community, and minimize recruitment campaigns. To ensure that the program reaches the Sunni Muslim communities in Lebanon that are most prone to recruitment and that it promotes a comprehensive moderate message, it will be managed by an international information and communications technology NGO and involve a three-part strategy with Lebanese Sunni religious leaders in an advisory role and two local media-oriented CSOs.

The NGO will develop a team that tracks violent extremist materials online, and establishes strategic responses that focus on positive redirection to be broadcast through Lebanese social media. The project will also work to identify local

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mosques in areas most prone to recruiting to be included in the program. One contact in each area, generally from the mosque's cultural and community organization office, will be identified to receive training in advocacy and local outreach skills, and effective methods to counter violent extremism. It is projected that over 100 mosques will be reached by this part of the project. The scale-up accounts for the AQM 1% fee since CT will be issuing the grant.

Countering Violent Extremist Ideologies through Religious Leader/Youth Collaboration

Locations: Jordan

Budget: from \$200,000 to \$231,834

Activity Description: These funds will support a program to develop a core team of trainers composed of approximately 25 religious leaders -- from various governorates in Jordan -- selected jointly with Jordan's Ministry of Religious Affairs, to be paired with young experts in the use of social media and communications technologies.

A need has been identified by the Government of Jordan to help religious leaders and other communicators to develop effective skills to understand and counter violent extremist messaging targeting Jordan's youth, and to develop effective partnerships between religious leaders and non-religious civil society. The project will include a train-the-trainer component that will allow participants to train other religious leaders and activists within their home governorates. Training will focus on how to promote credible local dialogues, how to effectively message, and how to and support communities with interventions to stop youth from falling victim to ISIL and Nusrah recruiting messages. Trainings will be conducted in Jordan. The local implementer, a leading CSO, will coordinate to bring one or two religious leaders who work in these fields in the United States to Jordan to discuss best practices and implementation. The core group of trainers will be deployed to Jordan's governorates to further train and support other pairings at mosques in those areas. It is expected that such pairings will reach over 800 community leaders and become force multipliers among their communities in voicing a non-violent message. The scale-up accounts for increased participation of religious leaders and activities to be added to the program.

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Countering Violent Extremist Rhetoric through Public Service AnnouncementsLocation: JordanBudget: \$49,836

Activity Description: This project will utilize a leading Jordanian media NGO to produce a series of public service announcements (PSAs) aimed at countering the appeal of violent extremist ideologies among Jordanian youth. Jordanian youth are exposed to violent extremist ideological appeals that are not countered by any realistic positive options available to them. These funds will support the research, production, and broadcast of at least 15 PSAs over various media outlets, focusing on ways to steer youth away from violent extremist ideologies and suggest progressive options available to them. PSA content will be developed through youth-conducted focus groups varying in geography, age, and levels of education to discover what positive message resonate with them. PSAs will then be produced and disseminated on radio, TV, and online in rounds and using additional focus groups to determine the results and impact of each round of PSAs before moving on to the next round. U.S. Embassy Amman will ensure mutual support with other CVE efforts in Jordan such as the previous youth/religious leader collaboration project.

East Asia Pacific**Jakarta: CVE Coordinator Position Continuation**Locations: IndonesiaBudget: \$57,000

Activity Description: This funding will support the continuation of the existing CVE coordination position, located in Jakarta. The CVE Coordinator is responsible for ensuring all U.S. government CVE activity within Indonesia is carefully coordinated with and directly supportive of ongoing U.S. government counterterrorism and law enforcement efforts.

In addition to synchronizing and coordinating CVE activities to avoid duplication of effort with other initiatives being conducted by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, and

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the Department of Justice, the coordinator will directly support CT-funded CVE grants designed to increase community trust and engagement with law enforcement by engaging communities in educating people about the threat of extremism and helping support re-integration of extremists into mainstream society.

Europe**Engaging Women to Counter Violent Extremism**

Location: Macedonia

Budget: \$100,000

Activity Description: Partnering with a local NGO, this project will counter violent extremism in Macedonia through community engagement and discrediting violent narratives. The project will begin with an assessment of potential at-risk populations and radicalization trends in particular areas of Macedonia. The purpose of the assessment will be to understand the local radicalization and recruitment landscape and inform engagement strategies and activities. Based on these findings, the implementer will design and implement counter-messaging and community engagement activities that focus on women and youth.

The implementing partner will initiate activities to raise awareness on how to identify and counter violent extremism at a community level. Included in these activities is a series of women's dialogue and training sessions to equip women in Macedonia with the skillsets needed to identify and mitigate support for violent extremism in their communities. Upon graduation from the program, women will receive small grants to continue their own community engagement efforts and lead interventions in their local communities.

Empowering Local Civil Society to Counter Violent Extremism Online

Location: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia

Budget: from \$ 237,266 to \$293,450

Activity Description: Online radical recruitment to violence continues to contribute to flows of FTFs to conflict zones in Iraq and Syria, including from the Balkans. This project will equip local NGOs throughout the Balkans with the tools

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needed to create and disseminate effective online counter-narrative campaigns to push back against violent extremist narratives and help to prevent radicalization and recruitment of individuals to violence in Balkans "hotspots."

The implementing partner will conduct the project over a 14-month period by analyzing the region-specific threats, sharing evidence-based theories, laying groundwork for counter-narrative practices, and advising on campaign launch techniques. A variety of assessments, trainings, and workshops will be conducted to build sustainable capacities among the local NGOs to develop online CVE products and projects, and subject matter experts from key social media companies will be used to teach relevant outreach skills and media campaign strategies. The scale-up accounts for increased participation, activities and larger project impact in the region.

CVE through the Promotion of Democratic Values and Civic Engagement

Location: Albania

Budget: \$99,570

Activity Description: This initiative will expand upon a current project being implemented by the Albanian Islamic Community (AIC) to engage at-risk Muslim youth in several suburbs of Tirana, Albania. In this new iteration, AIC will employ a series of social activities and seminars to teach youth populations in areas susceptible to radicalization about democratic principles, human rights, civic duties, and tolerance. Participants will develop knowledge, perspective and skills to help promote civic values, counter violent extremism and violent ideologies, and identify and report cases of violent extremism. This iteration of the project will include replication of ongoing activities to new at-risk areas, engagement with parents and adults to raise awareness on the threats of radicalization and recruitment to violence, and expansion of the pilot project's online social website, which serves as an alumni network and resource hub.

Africa**Women, Peace, and Security: Building Women's Capacity to Prevent Violent Extremism**

Location: Kenya and Nigeria

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Budget: \$259,900

Activity Description: The funding will allow the ongoing Women Preventing Violent Extremism (W-PVE) project to expand on its initial programming in Kenya and Nigeria by supporting and fostering existing women's networks with the continuation and expansion of the local-, national-, and regional-level community dialogues. After the 18-month expansion project is completed, the women civil society leaders and organizations will have acquired sufficient skill sets, knowledge, and experience to be self-sustainable in their efforts to prevent violent extremism. This project, which was piloted in 2013 to develop the W-PVE project in Kenya and Nigeria, has fostered local and national networks of women engaged in counter radicalization and community resiliency.

Sustainable Pathways to Peace in Somalia: Supporting the Community-led Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Disengaged al-Shabaab Fighters

Location: SomaliaBudget: \$860,000

Activity Description: In line with the Federal Government of Somalia's National Stabilization Strategy and Counterterrorism Strategy, this project will develop and expand a reconciliation process that allows former al-Shabaab militants to reintegrate into their communities. A key component of this process is the development of these communities' capacity to deal with inter- and intra-clan disputes more fairly and effectively, so as to avoid their escalation and diminish the appeal of and threat posed by al-Shabaab. Specifically, the project will provide technical assistance to key partners including the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Security, and community leaders to implement the National Programme for Disengaged Combatants and expand the reintegration of ex-combatants at the community level. Geographically, this project will take a targeted approach, mainly in newly liberated areas where assistance is desperately needed.

In keeping with international good practices in CVE, the project's approach will leverage the fundamental importance of engaging with community members as partners to develop knowledge-driven, community-based solutions to the local concerns that communities identify as key issues and triggers of violence. The project will work with non-state actors at the district level, as well as at the regional and national levels, bringing together state and non-state stakeholders,

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including representatives from the justice and security sectors, to participate in networking and learning activities. One result of this multilevel engagement will be reestablishing the trust of Somali citizens toward the central government in Mogadishu, helping to strengthen the perceptions among the Somali populace that the Federal Government of Somalia provides a better justice alternative to al-Shabaab. This project will build on previous efforts funded by Bureau of African Affairs and other international donors.

Developing CVE Initiatives for At-Risk Communities

Location: Kenya

Budget: \$700,000

Activity Description: This one-year project aims to support the Kenyan Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government (MoICNG) in its efforts to counter violent extremism in Kenya. This will be achieved by improving the institutional capacity of the MoICNG and Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM) to plan and implement CVE programming; supporting the further development and initial implementation of an inclusive CVE strategy; and establishing effective institutional structures to coordinate government and civil society CVE initiatives.

In order to build institutional capacity, this project will build the skills and knowledge of MoICNG officials and SUPKEM leaders in core CVE standards. Efforts could include identifying risk factors associated with "at-risk" youth and individuals vulnerable to radicalization and recruitment to violent extremist networks; information, counseling, and referral services programming; and community revitalization programming. This project will focus on promoting the rehabilitation and reintegration of Kenyan fighters who have returned from Somalia and violent extremist offenders.

The project will also support the development of policies and procedures (such as manuals, standard operating procedures, and guidelines) for planning and implementation of CVE programs. The United States is coordinating with other donors, such as the European Union, that are likely to contribute additional funding for this project.

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Promoting Community Resiliency against Youth Radicalization in Kilifi and Lamu CountiesLocation: KenyaBudget: \$99,281

Activity Description: This proposal will address the challenges and drivers of violent extremism among youth in the Kilifi and Lamu Counties along Kenya's Swahili Coast, which is facing a severe economic downturn due to declining tourism in the wake of extremist incidents. An active and well-established NGO partner that works in Kenya's most difficult and radicalized communities will focus project effort on 1) encouraging reintegration into the community of youth who have been involved in violent extremism and 2) creating awareness on nonviolent ways of dealing with conflict and opportunities for socioeconomic development. This proposal builds on a prior CVE Local Grant award notified under CN 11-287, "Dialogue not Handcuffs," designed to help improve communications and interactions between at-risk communities and Kenyan security services.

East Africa Credible MessengersLocation: Kenya, Somalia, and TanzaniaBudget: \$97,900

Activity Description: This proposal will amplify the messaging of an anti-ISIL and anti-al Shabaab communique drafted at the Istanbul Credible Messengers Workshop in November 2014. Participants from East Africa – selected for their role as trusted and respected voices on issues of religion and community leadership, and for their independent ability to reach large audiences within their networks – drafted ideas for carrying their findings to the wider East African Muslim community. A proven NGO partner, based in Mogadishu, that helped to refine and shape these ideas for messaging will manage the disbursement of funds to individual messengers and their delivery in the field. The series of specific activities to be undertaken may include local, authentic community engagement, workshops, dialogues, and a variety of media fora that directly target specific audiences within each Messenger's sphere of influence.

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Project Suuqa: Countering Violent Extremist Narratives in SomaliaLocation: SomaliaBudget: \$200,000

Activity Description: This funding will support the establishment of a dedicated and independent communications unit -- *Suuqa*, or "marketplace" -- to elevate the voices of influential civil society groups and leaders, including religious leaders, to counter al-Shabaab's messaging. Specifically, Project *Suuqa* aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Support influential civil society leaders and organizations to develop and deliver long-term, coordinated communications strategies that guide their activities and messages, contributing to an inclusive national discourse which promotes peace and reconciliation, complements the communications of the Federal Government of Somalia and the African Union Mission in Somalia, and undermines al-Shabaab's propaganda; and
- Ensure that, in the aftermath of terrorist incidents, a broad range of credible and influential civil society voices can reach target audiences with authentic and effective anti-al-Shabaab messages across multiple platforms, thereby undermining al-Shabaab's efforts to gain support for these actions, and enabling the Federal Government of Somalia to better position itself as leading a broad coalition of public opinion.

Training on strategic communications methodology and use of the new unit's equipment will also be provided. *Suuqa* will help Somali civil society to communicate its messages domestically, regionally, and internationally by producing and disseminating tactical counter-al-Shabaab communications on TV, radio, print, and online platforms. The Office of Regional and Security Affairs within the Department of State's Bureau of African Affairs (AF/RSA) will contribute an additional \$591,204 in FY 2014 PREACT ESF funds and will manage this project. AF/RSA notified its support for this initiative through a separate CN.

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Enhancing Community Resistance to Radicalization and Recruitment to Boko HaramLocation: NigerBudget: \$400,000

Activity Description: In August 2014, USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) began the Niger Community Cohesion Initiative (NCCI) to enhance resistance to violent extremism within communities in the Diffa region, which has been targeted for recruitment and attacks by Boko Haram. This funding will support the expansion of this ongoing project under which NCCI has engaged with communities through activities that strengthen ties among Nigerien government authorities, civil society, and citizens; and through programming that 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. With this funding, USAID/OTI will expand the NCCI program in areas jointly identified by Government of Niger authorities, by NCCI's recent rolling assessment, and through conversations with local leaders as areas vital to the stability of the Diffa region.

Activities will include the organization of public events to create a forum for political and local leaders to communicate with the populace; facilitating links between leaders and local radio stations to develop regular broadcasts; and working with local leaders to identify and support small projects that improve infrastructure and feelings of security, and build youth involvement in the community.

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CVE Capacity Building for Ministries in the Sahel RegionLocation: Mali and MauritaniaBudget: \$583,000

Activity Description: Religious and community leaders are well-positioned to be key influencers in countering violent extremism, but they often lack appeal and resonance among youth in their communities and countries. This funding will support a project to build specific capacities of ministries of religious affairs in Mali and Mauritania to better equip religious and community leaders to speak out against violent extremism, reach youth who may be susceptible to radicalization and recruitment, and offer them relevant and appealing positive alternatives. In the spirit of emerging international CVE good practices, this project will also support ministries of religious affairs to partner and work with other relevant ministries, which will also receive training and technical assistance. Other relevant ministries may include those dealing with youth, education, and social affairs.

The project approach may combine work with ministry officials and community-based religious and community leaders to pilot new CVE capacity building and other approaches.

Mobilize MoptiLocation: MaliBudget: \$87,766

Activity Description: This project will promote activities that counter violent extremists' messages, and will build on innovative approaches to engaging with community leaders and opinion makers. The project will focus activities in the Mopti region of Mali, which served as the bulwark against violent extremists gaining further foothold in southern Mali in 2012. The four project components will include the following:

- Conducting civic education programs at Arabic-language religious schools in select cities;
- Training of members of the High Islamic Council of the Mopti region in digital technologies, including how to create positive online presences;
- Providing entrepreneurship training to 35 graduates of Middle Eastern universities who face employment challenges, and are therefore at risk of

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recruitment to violent extremism, because they speak Arabic rather than French – the language of commerce and business – as their second language; and

- Promoting intra-community discussion by religious leaders on violent extremism, involving all social strata.

South Central Asia**Maldivian Families and Communities Affected by Jihadi Recruits for Foreign Wars**

Location: Maldives

Budget: \$120,000

Activity Description: This assistance will support production of a three-part video documentary on the topic of countering violent extremism in the Maldives. Through a partnership between the Maldivian Democracy Network and the Maldives' premier documentary filmmaker, the project will explore the narratives of recruitment groups that attract Maldivian youth toward violent extremism through interviews with families of Maldivians who have joined and conducted activities for extremist groups. The documentary will expose the breakdown in family and community ties that renders youth susceptible to radical messaging, highlighting the issues faced by the families of fighters who have been involved in fighting foreign wars. The program will also include interviews with civil society groups working to provide moderate outlets for youth, political figures addressing alternative methods of dealing with social problems and conflict, and moderate religious scholars speaking against extremist viewpoints.

This project supports CT's strategic objective to counter violent extremist radicalization and recruitment in the region through support for targeted CVE capacity building efforts and counter-messaging campaigns. The project will include a community engagement component through focus group discussions with viewers and documentary participants, as well as widespread dissemination of the final product via state and private television, radio, and social media.

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Bangladesh Visual Media ProjectLocation: BangladeshBudget: \$237,293

Activity Description: This funding will support a third and final year of a project to address the growth of student radicalization in Bangladesh by building linkages between university faculty, students, professional journalists, and filmmakers to promote religious tolerance and develop counterterrorism messaging in Bangladesh. The project combines film and television production, education, mentoring, and dissemination of student work to enhance conflict resolution and CVE efforts within Bangladeshi universities and student communities, with focused community engagement efforts (such as film festivals and university-based discussions) to multiply the impact of the project beyond the participating students.

The activities supported through this funding will ensure the sustainability of the project past the life of the grant. The majority of the didactic training will be provided by [redacted] faculty who have observed the course over the past two years, and students from four other Bangladeshi universities will continue to participate in the course and use [redacted] facilities. The project implementer (University of California -- San Diego) will deploy a CVE subject matter expert to the field as a mentor for the participating students and faculty. Activities will also include continuation of ongoing monitoring and an impact evaluation of the project activities, including film production and dissemination.

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B7(F)Global**Community-Based CVE Programming via the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund**

Locations: Global; pilot countries may include Bangladesh, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Tunisia

Budget: \$3,030,000

Activity Description: These funds will support the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), the first multilateral fund supporting

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community-based projects that counter the local drivers of recruitment and radicalization to violence. While the previous support from Bureau of Counterterrorism (CT) focused on providing GCERF the necessary expertise to design and build its approach to CVE grant-making, this funding will facilitate GCERF's funding of the first generation of projects in the pilot countries of Bangladesh, Mali, and Nigeria, as well as in potential future pilot countries of Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Pakistan, and Tunisia.

A portion of this funding may also support GCERF's Accelerated Funding Mechanism (AFM), which, if established, would finance projects in countries most directly affected by emerging violent extremist threats (e.g., ISIL, al Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, al-Shabaab, Boko Haram, Jemaah Islamiyah), including foreign terrorist fighters (FTF) source countries. AFM eligibility will be determined by the GCERF Governing Board. In addition to those countries listed above, participating countries may include Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Niger, the Philippines, Serbia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Turkey, Uganda, and Yemen. Potential GCERF projects could focus on areas such as women, youth, media, or education. Funding may also be used to help facilitate the administrative structure of GCERF and help maintain its capacity to deliver its objectives.

Building a Civil Society Rehabilitation and Reintegration Network

Locations: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Kenya, Kosovo, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Somalia, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Uganda

Budget: \$1,010,000

Activity Description: These funds will support a project to build the capacity of civil society actors to engage with law enforcement and other governmental entities for the purpose of reintegrating violent extremist offenders and returning FTFs into communities. Civil society actors already play a critical role in promoting the reintegration of violent extremist offenders -- complementing the efforts of governments. Civil society can also play such a role in reintegrating those returning FTFs who cannot be successfully prosecuted through a rule of law-based process. This project will also facilitate relationships of trust among civil society actors and governmental security sector authorities help to create

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supportive interpersonal networks and formulate and validate good practices concerning rehabilitation and reintegration.

An NGO will serve as the lead and convener on this project. This lead NGO, which will be selected through an open competition, will operate concurrent sub-regional lines of activity in at least three of the following sub-regions: the Sahel (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, and Senegal), the Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia), the Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda), Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines), and the Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and Macedonia).

CVE Capacity Building and Technical Leadership at Hedayah

Location: Based in the United Arab Emirates

Budget: \$1,515,000

Activity Description: This funding will support Hedayah, the international center of excellence for CVE, based in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, to conduct CVE capacity building activities. These activities will focus on, but may not be limited to the following:

- Developing the capacity for developing national CVE strategies and implementation plans;
- Training government and civil society actors on countering violent-extremist messaging related to ISIL, FTF, and others, with a particular focus on social media;
- Developing, disseminating, and supporting education-based approaches to CVE; and
- Promoting effective, community-based CVE approaches and techniques.

Counter-messaging activities will build on Hedayah's December 2014 CVE Communications Expo and a recent Hedayah workshop on the counter-messaging role of former violent extremists. Hedayah offers a regional platform and neutral convening space for such efforts – as well as a hub through which to institutionalize CVE training and capacity building over time. Funds will also support a senior CVE expert as Hedayah's Director of Dialogue. Programming will involve participants from assistance-eligible countries in the Middle East and North Africa; Western Balkans; Sahel and West Africa; East Africa; South and Central Asia; and Southeast Asia. Participating countries may include

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Afghanistan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan, Serbia, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia, Uzbekistan, and Yemen. Participants from Russia, China and the Arab Gulf countries may be included in activities supported with this funding, though their participation will not be funded.

CVE Program Support

Location: Global, based in Washington D.C. and Geneva, Switzerland

Budget: from \$1,299,208 to \$1,295,718

Activity Description: This funding will support CVE program design, implementation, management, monitoring, and evaluation, including contractor labor and travel. This amount also includes funding for an ongoing counterterrorism contractor technical expert at the GCERF in Geneva.

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