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**Closing session of CVE conference (first day)**

**Key themes**

- Better to stop someone becoming a terrorist in the first place than arresting a terrorist.
- Communities beat terrorists.
- Need to tackle the regional threat regionally. (Regional governments working together. And donor governments looking regionally with their programming. )
- But understand that the picture is varies widely at local level so needs locally-specific responses.
- Leadership at three levels (religious, national government and community level) is key

**Things to think about:**

**As partners, we all need to make sure that we:**

**At a practical level**

- Are working at community level, supporting communities
- Ensure a multiagency approach when tackling radicalisation

**In terms of understanding**

- Better understand the drivers of radicalisation. Don't assume that socio-economic factors are more important than they are. Psychological drivers are often key: marginalisation, grievance, feeling of political exclusion.
- Better understand and take into account in our response a) how ideas are shared between those who are vulnerable to radicalisation and b) the theological debate is polarising and potentially creating radicalisation
- The differences in what the problem looks like different local areas

**How to get the messaging right**

- Think about the target audience and how best to reach them.
- Think about who is delivering the message.
- Make sure actions and messaging are consistent. (This is crucial in building trust and particularly important in terms of supporting and managing returnees.)

**As donors:**

- We need to make sure:
  - We co-ordinate better amongst ourselves
  - We are careful to stay a step removed to avoid undermining the credibility of the message.
  - We don't get involved before we understand what we're doing

**We agreed to stay in touch as we develop our programme thinking, and to do this in partnership with one another.**

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