

Proposal: **REHABILITATING AND REINTEGRATING VIOLENT EXTREMISTS IN SENEGAL'S PRISONS**
Proposal #: **RSI-1672**
Funding Requested: **\$120,000.00**
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Project Owner(s):

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Project Purpose:

Senegal continues to be at risk of violent extremism given its porous borders with Mali and Mauritania and local dynamics. In the last year, Dakar prosecutors opened cases against several individuals suspected of recruiting for international terrorist groups, including ISIS, using existing terrorism laws. Senegal's prisons - which are overcrowded due to lack of criminal justice sector capacity and case congestion - could serve as hotbeds for violent extremist recruitment and radicalization. This project seems to establish a program within prisons to counter violent extremism, particularly by teaching employable skills, providing legal services, and helping with reintegration of inmates back into society.

Description of Program Proposed:

This project would support a local NGO named Tostan, which has experience working in Senegal's prisons, to undertake a series of activities to counter violent extremism in Senegal's prisons. Specifically, Tostan would work in five prisons to (1) improve conditions (e.g., providing medical supplies, mattresses, mosquito nets), (2) to provide legal support to prisons awaiting trial and prisons who may be eligible for parole or early release, (3) to provide vocational training for prisoners, and (4) to ensure released prisoners are successfully reintegrated into their families and communities (including to provide support for small-scale income-generating activities).

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

This proposal will help to counter potential violent extremist radicalization or recruitment within Senegalese prisons. Countering prison radicalization is a focus area resulting from the White House Summit on Countering Violent Extremism. This proposal would also advance the CT Bureau's Partnership Concept strategic objective #3: "Counter violent extremist influences, messaging, and recruitment in targeted areas of the region, especially in Mauritania, Nigeria, and Senegal, through capacity-building for credible civil society organizations and networks."

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

This project will be carefully coordinated with Senegalese prison authorities and will increase their capacity to identify and counter violent extremist influences within Senegalese prisons.

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?)

This project has been socialized by Post with the Senegalese Ministry of Justice. It is consistent with the ongoing efforts of the CT-funded DOJ Resident Legal Advisor at Post.

Project Monitoring:

Post will stay in close contact with the partner organization throughout the grant, and will visit the project sites (prisons) at various stages to observe Tostan at work. At the conclusion of the project, POCs will evaluate the partners' report and conduct a final evaluation. Key metrics for the project will be: (1) Number of prison inmates visited, educated, and re-integrated into the community; (2) How many of those inmates, who have participated in the program, are arrested and/or returned to prison; and (3) Extent to which Senegalese prison authorities partner with civil society organizations and take steps to counter prison radicalization.

Time Frame for Implementation:

From: 08/01/2015 **To:** 09/30/2016

Place of Implementation:

- Senegal

Implementer Information:

Implementer	Partner	POC Name	POC Email	POC Phone
1 Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Violent Extremists in Senegal's Prisons	Tostan Dignity for All			
2 Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Violent Extremists in Senegal's Prisons				
3 Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Violent Extremists in Senegal's Prisons				
4 Rehabilitating and Reintegrating Violent Extremists in Senegal's Prisons	TOSTAN			

Program Audience:

Inmates in Senegalese prisons and their families/communities; Senegalese prison authorities and officials

Funding Breakdown:

Country	Budget Item	Amount
Senegal	Grant to TOSTAN	\$120,000.00

Funding/Implementation Mechanism Type:

- Fund cite to post

Objectives & Indicators:

Objective

Indicator

Funding Sources:

- CVE

Fiscal Year:

2014

Comments: