

Proposal: **PROTECTING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS IN BORDER REGIONS**
Proposal #: **RSI-1632**
Funding Requested: **\$14,000.00**
Status: **Regional Review Pending** RELEASE IN PART B7(F),B6
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Project Owner(s):

Name	Email	Phone

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Project Purpose:

Increased understanding of the dynamic between nomadic populations and growing insecurity in border regions. This project will fund a study to be performed by an Association of Herders and Nomads to determine the scope and nature of contacts with illicit traders and extremist organizations. The study will also recommend a course of action to counter influences that threaten stability while improving communication between rural populations and security forces in the most problematic zones.

Description of Program Proposed:

The project will fund a ten-day study involving five members of the Association for Herders and Nomads (AEN) who will meet with border communities to determine the breadth and scope of extremist influence and illicit activities. The study will include the border zone in the Lake Chad Basin where Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria and Niger meet. It may also include areas further north towards the Libyan border where the Islamist influence is most noticeable or further south towards the CAR border. The AEN is comprised of individuals from herder and nomad families and communities, and is uniquely positioned to gather information from the nomadic tribes that inhabit these borderlands, crossing from one country to the other. The methodology will include meeting with local authorities and then with leaders from the various herder and nomadic groups in the zone. Grantee teams and the local leaders will determine together a workplan to survey communities that are most vulnerable. These survey teams will then visit the areas considered to be subjected to the negative influence of Islamists, violent extremists and smugglers in order to engage in discussions with their members regarding the problem and recommended solutions. To this end a questionnaire will be developed by the grantee and reviewed by the GOR prior to the initiation of fieldwork. The survey teams will return to N'Djaména and will provide a summary of its findings and recommendations in a report that will be presented to a group of stakeholders. It is expected that the recommendations will lead to a project proposal that addresses some of the push factors for youth in border communities towards negative and harmful behavior while increasing the surveillance and communication role of border communities with local leaders and security forces.

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

The study to be produced by this project will lead to a better understanding of border populations in Chad that are susceptible or complacent to the Islamist threat, violent extremism, and criminality. In this manner the project will help define a set of CVE activities that reinforce community resilience and strengthen stability, contributing to the attainment of a priority U.S. foreign assistance goal in Chad to foster a more stable, secure and increasingly capable partner against internal and external threats. More specifically, the project will help Chadians sustain tolerance and reject violent extremism, an important U.S. foreign policy objective.

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

N/A - this project will be funded from ESF which does not require a law enforcement capacity-building component.

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?)

The current proposal is innovative for Chad as it will focus on nomadic and herder populations in border areas. There is no risk of duplication within the interagency because of its uniqueness and no risk of duplication with other donors since no other donors in Chad are yet engaged in CVE.

Project Monitoring:

This project proposal consists of a ten-day survey that will result in a final report and an outbrief. It does not require a robust monitoring end evaluation system due to its short duration and two outputs (final report and outbrief). The Grant Officer Representative will remain in close contact with the grantee during and following the brief implementation phase of the survey to ensure that the final report is expeditiously drafted and results communicated within a reasonable period.

Time Frame for Implementation:

From: 09/01/2015 **To:** 12/01/2015

Place of Implementation:

- Chad

Implementer Information:

Implementer Partner	POC Name	POC Email	POC Phone
1 n/a Association for Herders and Nomads (l'Association des Eleveurs et Nomades)			

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Program Audience:

The primary audience for this project will be CT and CVE stakeholders in Chad; a secondary audience is the community of CT and CVE experts and practitioners in the region and at the policy-making levels of State, USAID and AFRICOM.

Funding Breakdown:

Country	Budget Item	Amount
Chad	Communications (brochures, stationery supplies, media coverage)	\$8,000.00
Chad	In-country Transportation (4WD vehicle rental, fuel)	\$6,000.00

Funding/Implementation Mechanism Type:

- Grant

Objectives & Indicators:

Objective	Indicator
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Funding Sources:

- CVE

Fiscal Year:

2015

Comments:

