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**Tab 2 – Planned ESF Activities for CTPF Pilot Program
Counter Boko Haram and Violent Extremism in the Lake Chad Basin Region**

Nigeria Regional Transition Initiative (\$2,200,000)

Funds will support USAID to expand Nigeria Regional Transition Initiative (NRTI) community stabilization and conflict mitigation activities to communities in Yobe state who are affected by Boko Haram's activities (including displaced people in those states), in collaboration with those state governments. Specifically, activities will seek to improve government responsiveness to citizen expectations, reduce perceptions of marginalization, and assess and pilot ways to reduce youth vulnerability to violent extremist influences. Increased positive engagement between government and communities will lead to increased trust in government and citizen satisfaction, thus allowing less space for violent extremist groups to develop and operate. Increased opportunities for youth to engage within their communities in a positive manner will reduce the appeal to engage in violent extremism. USAID/OTI will manage this funding.

Early Response/Early Warning Network in Northeastern Nigeria (\$700,000)

Funds will support ongoing efforts to strengthen early warning and early response programming for communities threatened by Boko Haram in Adamawa and Borno states of Nigeria. Activities will seek to promote a community-based early warning and early response system and strengthen the capacity of local community members and state and local government actors to work together to secure communities. DRL will manage this funding.

Arewa24 Hausa-Language Project to Counter Violent Extremism (\$400,000)

Funds will support the ongoing Arewa24 Hausa-language multimedia platform to counter violent extremist ideology in northern Nigeria. Planned activities will help to promote richer content across more media platforms, enhance monitoring and evaluation, and strengthen local partner production quality standards. CT will manage this funding.

Niger Transition Initiative (\$1,900,000)

Funds will expand ongoing CVE-relevant programming in the Diffa region of southern Niger to improve the resilience of communities to violent extremism and counter recruitment by Boko Haram and other violent extremists. Increased civic engagement between Nigerien government authorities, civil society and citizens in vulnerable areas will lead to an increased sense of belonging and collective participation, building social and community cohesion to counter violent extremism. Decreased marginalization, exclusion, and injustice for at-risk youth

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will lead to less interest in young people taking part in illegal or violent extremist activities. USAID/OTI will manage this funding.

Countering Violent Extremism in Diffa Province of Niger (\$700,000)

Funds will support efforts by the Government of Niger and local civil society groups to counter violent extremist recruitment by Boko Haram and promote conflict mitigation in the Diffa region. Funds may promote efforts to strengthen civil society capacity, counter violent extremist messaging, and promote rehabilitation and reintegration of disengaged fighters. In close coordination with AF and DRL, CT will manage this funding and finalize new grants through a competitive funding opportunity.

Countering Violent Extremism in Chad (\$1,200,000)

Funds will expand CVE programming focused on youth and communities in the Lake Chad region of Chad, which is threatened by Boko Haram. Activities will seek to engage youth and youth groups to support economic empowerment through activities such as vocational training and livelihoods support, as well as social empowerment through funding youth-led community projects proposed by a network of youth leaders. Activities will also seek to support legitimate and trusted influencers to communicate messages of peace, tolerance, and support for governmental and traditional institutions as well as increasing dialogue and trust between local governments and the communities they serve. Activities will also seek to increase community confidence in the government and local institutions while addressing in a limited manner demands for public services. Funds will be managed by USAID/West Africa.

Countering Violent Extremism in Cameroon (\$500,000)

Funds will seek to improve the access of communities threatened by Boko Haram in the Far North region of Cameroon to credible, mainstream information, including security information, to reduce vulnerability. Activities will also provide communities with fact-based information about key issues regarding regional conflict, promoting Cameroonian mechanisms that support social cohesion, creating forums where youth, religious leaders, and community leaders can address grievances, and possibly sensitizing the northern communities about post-conflict peace and reintegration issues. USAID/West Africa will manage this funding.

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