

Engaging Civil Society Actors in the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Violent Extremist Offenders and Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters

Call for Proposals (CfP)

DESCRIPTION

The Global Center on Cooperative Security (Global Center) is pleased to announce an opportunity for the award of small grants for (pilot) projects and activities focused on enhancing the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) and community leaders to support the rehabilitation and reintegration of violent extremist offenders (VEOs) and foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs) in the Sahel region. These projects are one element of a broader program coordinated by the Global Center and the [International Centre for Counter-Terrorism - The Hague \(ICCT\)](#). The broader programme aims to strengthen the networks, capacity, and will of civil society organizations and community leaders to support the rehabilitation and reintegration of VEOs who have been released from custody, as well as returned FTFs, including via cooperation with their respective governments. The broader program will develop an action agenda containing concrete regional and national programming ideas and policy recommendations for the effective efforts of civil society actors and communities on this topic (for more information, click [here](#)). Successful applicants to the small grants will develop and implement initiatives that help inform the development of the broader action agenda and will provide recommendations to, as well as implement recommendations from, the action agenda.

REQUIREMENTS AND FUNDING PRIORITIES

The (pilot) projects and activities must meet at least two of the following objectives:

- To build sustained mechanisms for sharing information and/or best practices on efforts to promote rehabilitation and reintegration (R&R);
- To further the collaboration between government and civil society actors in the area of R&R; and
- To identify and promote recommendations, good practices and/or policies for inclusion in the (draft) action agenda.

(Pilot) project initiatives and activities can include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Conducting a country specific needs, actors, and programs analysis in order to develop a local or national framework for strengthening the engagement with civil society actors in rehabilitation and reintegration;
- Providing training and mentorship programs for civil society actors and other volunteers who want to engage in rehabilitating and reintegrating VEOs and FTFs;
- Building networks of civil society actors working on rehabilitation and reintegration to coordinate efforts and share experiences;

- Supporting the development of vetting and monitoring protocols for the involvement of external actors in rehabilitation and reintegration programs; and
- Sponsoring the dissemination of a country's good practices and promising initiatives through subregional workshops.

Funding for (pilot) projects and activities will be available in three award levels, with the highest level having the fewest number of awards. The Global Center strongly encourages applicants to adhere to the budget level best commensurate with the project activities and reserves the right to work with successful applicants to better align budgets with project activities, if necessary.

- 1) \$5000 - \$7000
- 2) \$10,000 - \$12,000
- 3) \$15,000 - \$17,000

Applicant and recipient eligibility is as follows:

- Applicants must be nonprofit entity or organization
- Recipients of funds can include the following:
 - Researchers and non-governmental experts
 - Religious leaders or groups
 - Community leaders or groups
 - Social support organizations
 - Victims groups
 - Educational institutions
 - Other nongovernmental actors

Please note: Funding can NOT directly support VEOs or FTFs but rather should be aimed at strengthening the support systems that will create the conditions conducive to their successful rehabilitation and reintegration.

(Pilot) projects and activities can be implemented throughout the duration of the overall program (currently ongoing), but ideally should not span a period longer than 12 months. All projects must be finalized by 1 July 2017.

REPORTING AND MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Successful applicants will be required to submit quarterly narrative and financial reporting fifteen days following the end of each quarter (i.e. fifteen days after 31 March, 30 June, 30 September, and 31 December).

Successful applicants must demonstrate a concerted effort to evaluate the (pilot) project activities and will be required to submit, as part of their final narrative report, a detailed monitoring and evaluation report that offers an assessment of the project's impact.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please read this section carefully. Any applications that do not follow the instructions will be rejected.

To apply for the small grants, **applicants must first send a 2-page concept note** detailing the summary of the (pilot) project or activity, anticipated outcomes, potential implementing partners, approximate budget, and background on applicant's organization and registration.

The Global Center and its partners will review the concept note to ensure adherence to project parameters and will notify the applicant as to their status. If the concept note is approved, **applicants will receive a template proposal form and budget that will need to be filled out.** Applicants must address every prompt listed on the form and must include a line item budget as indicated (a budget template is provided). The proposal form is not to exceed **three pages, 12 pt font, 1 inch margins**. The budget is not subject to page limitations.

The Global Center and its partners will formulate the final award conditions with each successful applicant, including any specific reporting requirements beyond what is listed here and when and how often funding will be transferred.

By submitting applications, applicants acknowledge that they may need to comply with additional financial monitoring activities that the Global Center deems necessary. For example, the Global Center reserves the right to request any recently completed audits, if possible, or require that the successful applicant endeavor to conduct a professional audit within the first two quarters of the project implementation period, if possible. The Global Center will inform successful applicants of any such activities well in advance. Please submit your applications to Ms. Lara Nonninger (lnonninger@globalcenter.org).

ASSESSMENT AND FOLLOW UP

There will be a two-month open enrollment phase starting on 29 June, 2016, after which proposals will be reviewed. Select entities may be asked to submit a proposal outside of this open enrollment phase. All proposals will be assessed against the requirements and eligibility criteria set out in this CfP. Non-qualifying applicants will be notified and may reapply up to two more times.

The Global Center and its partners will work with each successful applicant to ensure that all recommendations and lessons learned from each project are reflected in the broader final action agenda and, when possible, to ensure that projects reflect any initial recommendations from the action agenda as it is being developed.

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CALL FOR PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

- 1) Project/Activity title
- 2) Organization
- 3) Period of performance
- 4) Funding requested
- 5) Project/Activity description
 - a) Key objectives
 - b) How project relates to CSO and rehabilitation & reintegration
 - c) Specific activities proposed
 - d) Target audience, including demographic breakdown (gender, age, geography, etc.)
 - e) Theory of change—Is there applicable research underlying your initiative's premise?
 - f) How project adds value/is unique from other efforts/addresses gaps
- 6) Implementation plan
 - a) Project timelines
 - b) Feasibility assessment—Can the entirety of the project's goals and aspirations be accomplished in the timeframe stipulated?
 - c) Risks and mitigation
- 7) M&E plan
 - a) Benchmarks
 - b) Key indicators and outcomes/outputs—can include number of institutions engaged, number of FTF returnees/VEOs reached, sustainability/replication, etc.
- 8) Sustainability plan
 - a) How to ensure project traction in conflict-ridden areas
 - b) How project can be sustained and replicated
- 9) Qualifications
 - a) Applicant's past experience/expertise relevant to proposed project
- 10) Staff
 - a) Contact details of main implementer
 - b) Identification of potential partners
- 11) Detailed budget—complete attached template