GCERF-funded programmes aim to 1) build the capacity of national and local institutions and frontline practitioners working on Rehabilitation and Reintegration (R&R) and PVE; 2) improve strategic communications on R&R within institutions and to the public; 3) increase social cohesion and community agency to create an enabling environment for R&R of returnees.

Investment Focus



Community-based rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees



Cantons of Sarajevo, Tuzia, Zenica-Doboj, Una-Sana, and Central Bosnia.

R&R and PVE practitioners at the local, cantonal and federal level; local media actors, CSOs.



2022-2024



GCERF in Bosnia and Herzegovina works with the Ministry of Security.

Bosnia and Herzegovina Saraievo canton Zenica-doboj canton

Tuzla canton Central Bosnia canton

Una-Sana canton

Investment started: 2022 Investment to date: USD 0.8 million Current investment: USD

0.8 million Active grants: 1

Current investment



Portfolio overview as of June 2024

Atlantic Initiative

2022-24 | Direct Grant

- Re-establishing and strengthening mobile teams mandated to implement R&R and PVE at the federal and cantonal level;
- Encouraging constructive media coverage on R&R and PVE
- Strengthening the capacities of civil society organisations (CSOs).
- Contribute to the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Returnees from Northeast Syria to the Western Balkans Working Group of the Global Action Platform

National: Re-establishing federal mobile teams mandated with R&R and building their capacity; revising the communications strategy on R&R and PVE.

Community: Building the capacity of local CSOs to contribute to PVE and R&R; training journalists to report on security-sensitive topics.

Cantons: Establishing local mobile teams in cantons where returnees live

Individual: individual support will be provided through additional grants.

Violent Extremism in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Drivers

Returnees from foreign conflict zones:

Over 90 people returned to Bosnia and Herzegovina from foreign conflicts, particularly from Syria and Iraq.

Post and pre-conflict context:

Political instability and inadequate reconcili ation caused by previous conflicts have polarised com munities along ethnic, religious, and cultural

lines.

Socioeconomic drivers:

High unemployment, limit ed trust in institutions, and established crime networks contribute to violent extremist narratives.

89th

On the Global Terrorism Index 2024



Key Outputs

January 2022 - June 2024

103 Beneficiaries benefitted from 4 meetings for the mobile team coordinated by the

10 sessions with journalists conducted to improve their reporting skills on R&R

82 Civil society representatives were trained in R&R

72 Participants benefitted from the local mobile team on addressing R&R at the community

level

Total beneficiaries

January 2022 - June 2024

700

Key achievements

January 2022 - June 2024



Through the interactive workshops with prison employees, Al representative sensitized them about the use of SOPs for the prerelease program of returnees from conflict zones, and post-penal assistance to those returnees in the local community.



Atlantic Initiative compiled in a single document the Protocol, guidelines for creating workplans and strategic communication; standard operating procedures (SOPs); indicators and risk management plans for members of cantonal advisory and local multidisciplinary teams.



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Journalists

benefitted from the

AI training on R&R

It assisted the Interagency Working Group of the Government of the Federation of BiH to conduct fine-tuning of all sub-laws developed in accordance with the Protocol for the actions of institutions in the Federation of BiH in the process of rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees.







GCERF's Added Value



GCERF focuses on **building institutional** capacity e.g., CSOs, and government agencies.



GCERF invests in building a PVE-focused community of practice with CSOs, government agencies, and experts



Communities are at the forefront of project design and implementation, and the programme works with existing community structures for sustainability



All project design and implementation are done in coordination with nationally-aligned, locally-led programmes



GCERF connects CSOs, communities, and other stakeholders with government and security actors, leading to better coordination and relationships



GCERF's consortium model and capacitybuilding approach enables us to work across the country

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