

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST****FROM POTENTIAL PRINCIPAL RECIPIENTS OF GCERF FUNDING IN INDONESIA****APPLICATION DEADLINE: 31 July 2024 – 11:59 PM (Central European Time)****Background**

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) was established in 2014 to support efforts to prevent violent extremism. GCERF is a global fund, hosted by Switzerland, that supports local, community-level initiatives that address the drivers of violent extremism and strengthen resilience against violent extremist agendas. More information is available on our website: <https://www.gcerf.org/>

Indonesia is currently ranked 31<sup>st</sup> on the 2024 Global Terrorism Index. However, different types of violent extremism endure: international terrorism; a multi-generational militant Islamist movement; Indonesians fighting abroad.

In this context, the Government of Indonesia and the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) have established a partnership to prevent further violent extremism in Indonesia. GCERF investment envisions supporting the resilience of West Nusa Tenggara, Central Sulawesi, and Jakarta (Handayani Rehabilitation Center) communities to violent extremist groups' recruitment and radicalisation practices, by providing grants to Indonesian CSOs to prevent violent extremism, supporting rehabilitation and reintegration of people returning from conflict areas, supporting integration of people released from prison, and addressing online and offline radicalisation in formal and informal educational institutions. These interventions will contribute to building social cohesion and providing economic alternatives so that VE groups cannot exploit, radicalise and recruit.

In every partner country, GCERF's investments are overseen by Country Support Mechanisms (CSMs), which are multi-stakeholder forums that bring together government, donors, civil society and academics. In Indonesia, our CSM is Chaired by the National Counter Terrorism Agency – BNPT, working closely to the Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Human Rights, and other relevant stakeholders both at the national and local levels.

GCERF funds CSOs, either directly or in consortia, to implement initiatives aimed at preventing violent extremism. Consortium grants are managed by "Principal Recipients" (PRs) who are the legal recipients of GCERF funding and then disburse funds and provide support to "Sub-Recipients" (SRs). "Recipients" of GCERF funding include: "Principal Recipients" and "Sub-Recipients" in the context of a grant to a consortium, and "Direct Grantees" that receive funding from GCERF but do not lead a consortium.

**Current call**

The purpose of this Expression of Interest (EOI) is for applicants to demonstrate that they meet GCERF's prerequisites to receive funding and that they have sufficient technical, managerial and administrative experience to effectively implement a project that will seek to address the issues outlined below.

Received application forms will be evaluated against standardised criteria and applicants will be duly informed whether their proposed projects will move to the next stage of evaluation, which will include working with GCERF to add further detail to project design and budget.

As per GCERF's **Investment Strategy for Indonesia** and in support of the BNPT in implementing NAP on PCVE and the **Handayani Rehabilitation Center**, the focus of our funding will be as follows:

## **WHAT**

Enabling prevention and resilience-building of different groups against VE by building vertical social cohesion through 1) community-based integration of returnees and former VE offenders, 2) community agency development, and 3) alternative economic capacitation.

It will be done by:

- Identifying CSOs based in the communities affected by terrorism.
- Developing a capacity assessment and building tool to evaluate, benchmark and track the progress of CSOs during the duration of the programme.
- Providing trainings to improve thematic knowledge on PVE.
- Providing trainings to improve operational capacity including on financial management, monitoring and evaluation, risk management, grant writing.
- Setting-up a mentoring/on-the-job training scheme for more experienced CSOs to support small CBOs in their region of work.
- Ensuring coordination with local government institutions and the larger strategic goals of the government of Indonesia.
- Supporting small CSOs in implementing PVE activities.

We intend to fund CSO and CBO-led programmes that will strive:

- I. To support rehabilitation and reintegration of VE groups returnees and former detainees charged with extremism through building an enabling environment (policy framework and capacity building of frontline workers and community leaders)
- II. To promote community-based (re)integration for returnees and their families, bridging them with the host communities, through social cohesion and economic alternatives interventions
- III. To raise awareness against online and in-person radicalisation, promoting critical thinking and digital literacy in formal, informal and religious educational institutions.
- IV. To enhance the role of women in PCVE in promoting social cohesion resilience through support to female leaders at the community level
- V. To increase access to economic opportunities for daily labour workers, small traders, returning migrant workers, and people from vulnerable or stigmatised neighbourhoods

**Applicants can choose to propose interventions in several of these technical sectors, or all of them.**

## **WHO**

Applicants' proposals should seek to target the following categories:

1. Youth between the ages of 15 and 30 (Males and Females)
2. Returnees & Former VE offenders and their families (Males and Females), including Returnee children, youth, and women
3. Educational institutions: University Students and Students in Religious Boarding Schools

## WHERE

Organisations must work in up to 6 cities/regencies in West Nusa Tenggara, 2 cities/regencies in Central Sulawesi, and 1 district in Jakarta. The selected areas are the following:

- Jakarta Province – Districts: Cipayung
- West Nusa Tenggara Province – City/Regency: Bima Regency, Bima City, Mataram City, Lombok Barat Regency, Lombok Timur Regency
- Central Sulawesi Province – City/Regency: Poso, Morowali

## HOW

Applicants should refer to the 'Guiding Principles' described on page 07 of the Investment Strategy for Indonesia.

### **Applicants should demonstrate an understanding of the following:**

- Previous work promoting social cohesion and/or enhancing economic opportunities with one or more of the groups outlined above;
- How and why proposed activities will address these issues; and
- What knowledge, experience and/or networks your organization has in these districts that make you best placed to implement this programme.

Proposals should demonstrate knowledge of previously established or existing mechanisms, platforms and capacities of communities and authorities and how these will be built on or improved.

The safety and security of any staff or participants/ beneficiaries of the project should be considered in project design. **We encourage applicants to think innovatively and in response to the current needs and priorities.**

Examples of such approaches could include:

- 1. Rehabilitation and Reintegration:** Capacity building of central-level, local level government R&R and PVE institutions and actors through technical support, development of guidelines, provision of training and facilitation of coordination.
- 2. Community-based (re)integration:** Reducing the stigmatisation towards returnees, increasing interreligious and inter-ethnic tolerance, and building capacities of communities on PVE and early identification; providing direct support to returnees and vulnerable people, including medical, psycho-social, educational, administrative, and livelihood support.
- 3. Digital literacy:** Conduct training and capacity building on Digital Media Literacy and Social Media Entrepreneurship to recognise and combat misinformation and ensure the ethical use of digital media.
- 4. Livelihoods:** Lifting barriers to meaningful social and economic opportunities through training, grants, working with cooperatives or unions, life skills training, Entrepreneurship, business management and provision of business and vocational-technical kits.

- 5. Social cohesion:** Enhancing community members’ sense of belonging to an inclusive and positive group or community through the promotion of community dialogue. This may include interfaith dialogue, safe spaces, and community action response teams) and through the promotion of tolerance (respect for other communities, beliefs, or lifestyles).

**Grant size and duration**

Proposed projects should cover a period of **3 years – 36 months**. We intend to issue a maximum of three grants for **up to 2.4 million USD, no more than 800,000 USD each**, over the duration of the grant period. This amount may increase, subject to grantee performance and availability of funds. **Any application with a budget above this amount will not be considered.**

**Grantee**

The potential grantee needs to be locally registered as NGOs in Indonesia, preferably with an office either in Jakarta, West Nusa Tenggara, or Central Sulawesi. Consortia should ensure that they have operational partners in each of these 3 locations, or at least, in each of the locations they are targeting.

**Please note that this call is only open to local NGOs.**

<b>PREREQUISITES</b>
(i) Appropriate legal registration with the Ministry of Law and Human Rights.
(ii) Willingness to accept and fulfil the role of a Principal Recipient <u>if applying in consortium.</u>
<b>REQUIRED CAPABILITIES</b>
(i) Established relationships and credibility with the communities and population groups identified in the proposed geographical locations.
(ii) Previous experience and current capacity in project design and management.
(iii) Previous experience and current capacity to manage and account for international donor funding.
(iv) Previous experience and current capacity to work within a consortium and/or managing sub-recipients - for those choosing to form a consortium.
(v) Previous experience and current capacity to deliver community-level initiatives that address the local drivers and strengthen resilience against violent extremism.

**How to Submit an Expression of Interest**

All Expressions of Interest must be duly filled and submitted electronically to [call.indonesia@gcerf.org](mailto:call.indonesia@gcerf.org) by **31 July 2024 - 11:59 PM (Central European Time)**. The email should include ‘**EOI Indonesia**’ in the subject line. Failing to do so could compromise the processing of your submission. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted to take part in a due diligence assessment.

**Question and Answer Session**

Please note that we will be holding an information session on **Monday, 8 July at 11:00 Geneva time, 16:00 Jakarta time**. To register for this event, please contact [call.indonesia@gcerf.org](mailto:call.indonesia@gcerf.org).

**Please ensure that your application includes the following documents (provided in attachment to this EOI):**

- Completed Annex A – Application form
- Completed Annex B – Theory of Change
- Completed Annex C – Budget Outline
- Last Audited financial reports for the years 2022 and 2023. (Audited reports only for the Consortium Lead organisation for those choosing to apply as a consortium.).

**The application must be submitted in English. The annexes will be available only in English.**

**If any part of the form or process is unclear, please send requests for clarification or further detail to [call.indonesia@gcerf.org](mailto:call.indonesia@gcerf.org).**