

GCERF established a partnership with the Government of Mozambique in 2023 and by the end of the year, signed grant agreements with three CSOs to support the implementation of interventions that contribute to the achievement of the PCVE sections of the Northern Mozambique Integrated Resilience and Development Programme (PREDIN) and the Cabo Delgado Reconstruction Plan of Areas Affected by Terrorism (PRCD).

These CSOs seek to strengthen the resilience of communities in Northern Mozambique against radicalisation, recruitment and exploitation by violent extremists.

Investment Focus

- 1. To promote social cohesion in communities affected by violent extremism,
- 2. To provide economic opportunities for vulnerable children and youth to avoid joining non-state armed groups.

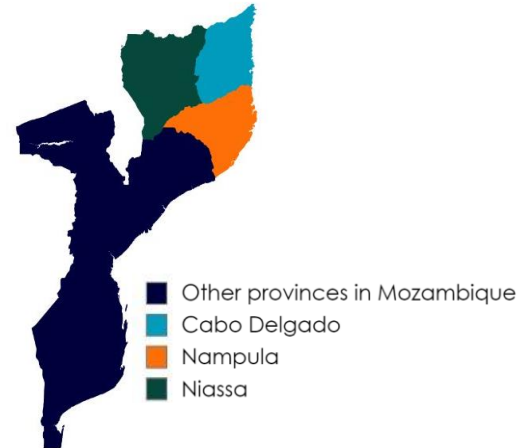
Cabo Delgado, Niassa and Nampula provinces

- Socio-professional groups, with a focus on unemployed youth between 15-35 years old.
- Local authority figures (religious and communal leaders/influencers)
- Supporting structures for PCVE (CSOs with existing capacity for PVE or a potential to develop capacities in PVE, public institutions of the district, provincial and national administration)

2024-2026

GCERF's primary focal point within the Government is the Agency for the Integrated Development of the North (ADIN), who hold the Chair of the Country Support Mechanism.

Current investment



Investment started: 2024
Investment to date: USD 2.5 million
Current investment: USD 2.5 million
Active grants: 3

Portfolio overview as of June 2024

Association for Support and Legal Assistance to Communities (AAAJC)

Reinforcement of Means of Subsistence and Inclusion of Communities Affected by Violent Extremism – MSICA

2024-2026 | Principal Recipient with 3 Sub-Recipients

- ❖ Enhancing the sense of inclusion and increasing resilience against violent extremism of youth and communities engaged.

ActionAid Mozambique

Supporting youth in Addressing Radicalisation and Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism in Northern Mozambique – Moz PCVE

2024-2026 | Principal Recipient with 2 Sub-Recipients

- ❖ Improving youth resilience against violent extremism through sustainable employment options and youth participation in decision-making.

MASC Foundation

Peace and Resilience Building – Amani

2024-2026 | Principal Recipient with 3 Sub-Recipients

- ❖ Increasing community and youth resilience against violent extremism in the northern provinces by improving access to sustainable livelihoods and addressing grievances and misconceptions within communities.

Violent Extremism in Mozambique: Drivers

Socio-economic hardships, loss of livelihoods and unemployment, loss of access to ancestral land, perceived marginalisation of youth from some communities

Ethnic grievances in the North have been used to recruit demographic groups who have felt marginalised

A desire for a sense of purpose has contributed to increasing the vulnerability of men who are unemployed, uneducated, and single to feel empowered

15th

On the Global
Terrorism Index
2024

Programming in Mozambique: Systems Approach

Violent extremism is a relatively new phenomenon in Mozambique, with the conflict in Cabo Delgado starting in 2017. While there has been military progress in containing the violent extremist groups, there are limited PVE interventions in the northern provinces (Cabo Delgado, Nampula and Niassa). Mozambique has developed several strategies on security and development in the North, but not yet on PCVE. GCERF's experience has shown that CSOs can be engaged and resourced to contribute to strengthening community resilience build against violent extremist and terrorist groups. GCERF's consortium-based approach enables it to provide funding to small community-based organisations (CBOs).

GCERF's strategy for engagement in Mozambique is built around two strategic objectives:

Enhancing community members' sense of belonging to an inclusive and positive group or community, through the promotion of community dialogue (interfaith dialogue, safe spaces, community action response teams) and through the promotion of tolerance (respect of other communities, beliefs, or lifestyles)

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.

GCERF intends to mobilise and invest up to USD 12 million to meet these objectives in a period of four years. GCERF will prioritise resilience and prevention programming that meet these objectives to achieve its overarching objective of strengthening resilience against violent extremism in the most vulnerable communities.

Key achievements

The grantees have worked with their sub-recipients to set up their respective consortia and had coordination meetings with local and national authorities

The grants were officially launched in March in partnership with ADIN and other development partners

The launch was followed by a PCVE training attended by all principal and sub-recipients as well as government representatives, delivered by the Institute of Economics and Peace

Official launch of the programmes



Positive Peace training

GCERF's Added Value



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



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 capacity-building approach enables us to work in **remote areas**