



GCERF works with the government of Niger to implement joint strategies and invests in local organisations that design and run programmes improving stability and resilience.


GCERF-funded activities engage local stakeholders to support and strengthen the capacity of communities to mobilise, organise and effectively engage with their members and local authorities on resilient pastoralism, sustainable economic opportunities, conflict prevention, child protection, and psychosocial support to victims of violent extremism (VE).


Investment Focus

 Increase resilience of youth and women to the risks of radicalisation and violent extremism, strengthen local conflict resolution mechanisms, rehabilitate and reinsert ex-combatants, reintegration of young repentant.

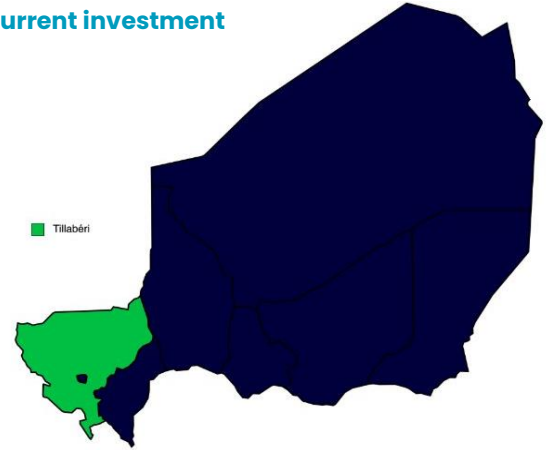
 Tillabéri region

 Unemployed men and women and early school dropouts (15-25 years old), local authorities, customary and religious leaders, young repentants and local peace committees.

 2022-2024

 We work with the national government, through the Country Support Mechanism, and with donors present in country to ensure a coordinated approach to the prevention of violent extremism in Niger.

Current investment



Investment started: 2022
Investment to date: USD 3 million
Current investment: USD 2.1 million
Active grants: 2 + 1 Local Knowledge Partner

Portfolio overview as of June 2024

Mouvement des Jeunes pour le Développement et l'Education Citoyenne (MOJEDEC)

2022-2024 | *Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Caring for victims of human rights violations, supporting participatory and inclusive local governance through capacity-building, technical and financial support for Income Generating Activity among women and youth, community-level dialogue, and awareness-raising campaigns through broadcastings.

ONG Garkua, Niger

2023-25 | *Principal Recipient*

- ❖ Promoting the disengagement of young people from extremist groups, integrating young repentants into public services or in the socio-economic environment of their communities, with the support of public authorities, mediation training for community and religious leaders.

Violent Extremism in Niger: Drivers

Low levels of legal literacy:
95% of youth are not aware of their legal rights and duties and are vulnerable to violent extremist discourses.

Lack of economic opportunities:
Women and youth are impacted the most by the lack of economic autonomy and are at risk of radicalisation.

High insecurity in Tillabéri region:
More than 11,000 people displaced within the region, a constant search for security and stability, make it a fertile ground for violent extremist groups.

10th
On the Global
Terrorism Index
2024

Current Programming: Systems Approach

GCERF intervention in Niger is part of the wider Sahel strategy that engages with intergovernmental bodies to promote regional cooperation in the nexus of development and security. Our programming in the region cover Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger, and our engagement directly bolster the implementation of National Action Plans of the five countries working in partnership with local, national, regional, and global partners.

GCERF's strategy for engagement in the Sahel region is built around two strategic objectives:

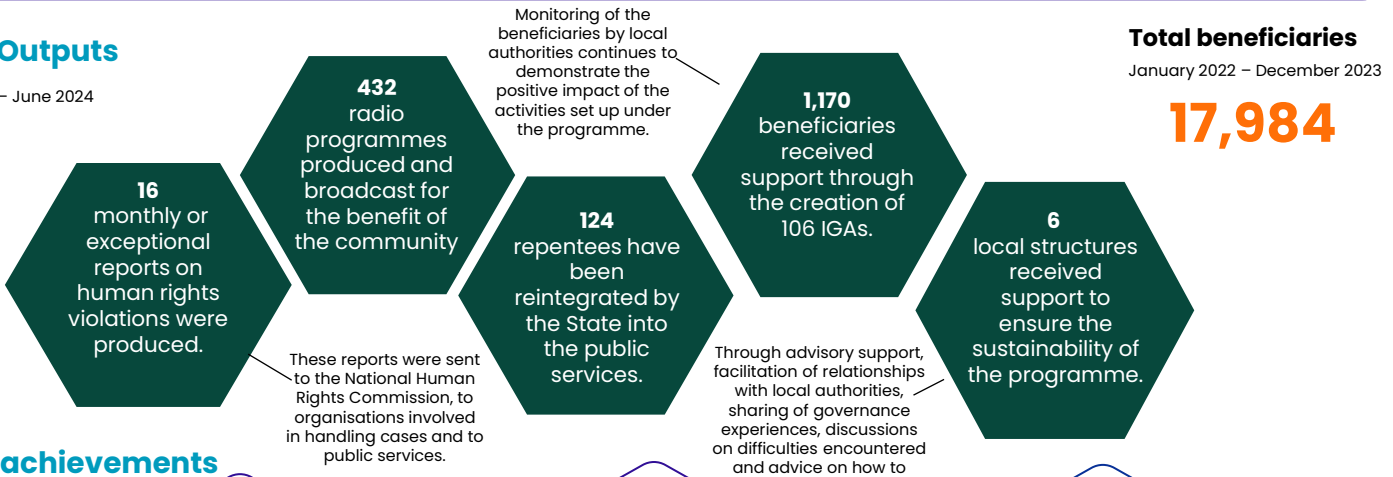
To contribute to improvements in the social ecology to create conditions conducive to prevention and resilience-building.

To facilitate community-led rehabilitation, disengagement, and (re)integration, including people disengaging from criminal, non-state armed, and violent extremist groups.

GCERF will mobilise and invest up to USD 10 million – in the Sahel region – to meet these objectives in a minimum period of three years. GCERF will prioritise resilience and prevention programming, including cross-border projects, that meet these objectives – all within the scope of regional and national NAPs and equivalents in order to achieve its overarching objective of supporting stability and resilience.

Key Outputs

July 2022 – June 2024



Key achievements

July 2022 – June 2024

Through a process of profiling, deradicalisation and training, the repentees are trained to join the public interest services or work in promising occupations, enabling them to be reintegrated into the social fabric. All repentis who have completed the deradicalisation and training process have been integrated into the national guard.

The IGAs set-up by MOJEDEC are ongoing in all the communes with the support of the local authorities and technical services. Market gardening activities are being implemented by women, enabling them to secure their livelihood by selling their crops in their commune and supplying other markets. The young beneficiaries can concentrate on telephone repair, hairdressing or welding activities.

82 leaders have been trained by MOJEDEC in 6 communes. Their role is to monitor local planning to ensure the long-term success of the programme in addressing the aspirations of young people and women to prevent violent extremism. Some civil society players have already been invited to take part in local activities, such as radio debates.

"Training in Citizen Control of Public Action (CCAP) has enabled me to acquire new knowledge about local governance and the evaluation of basic data for decision-making. I'm going to take this knowledge and get more involved in my community, particularly at town hall level in education-related activities. I'm also going to put this knowledge into practice to raise awareness among members of my community who weren't able to take part in the training."

- A youth leader from the department of Gothèye taking part in training in Citizen Control of Public Action organised by the NGO MOJEDEC.

Story of Change

The Programme for the Prevention of Violent Extremism and the Promotion of Community Resilience (PEV- RC in French) is operating in the Tillabéri region and is being implemented by the NGO MOJEDEC in collaboration with the NGO GADER, the Cadre de Concertation des Associations de Jeunesse de Tillabéri (CCAJ Tillabéri) and local women's groups in the six intervention communes (localities in the tri-border area). This programme aims to improve the social ecology in order to create conditions conducive to the prevention of violent extremism, the strengthening of community resilience, the reintegration of people disengaging from criminal groups, the care of victims of human rights violations and support for participatory and inclusive local governance. Four main areas are involved: **capacity-building and technical and financial support** for young people and women involved in IGAs; **awareness-raising campaigns** on the prevention of violent extremism; **identifying and taking into account the needs and aspirations** of young people and women in local planning and policies; and **providing psychosocial support** and referrals for cases of human rights violations caused by extremism. The **implication of local authorities** in the monitoring of IGA is an important element for success.

"I am originally from the department of Gothèye, but I am currently internally displaced in the department of Torodi. I had to seek refuge elsewhere because of the activities of terrorist groups who ordered the inhabitants of my village to leave. We ended up in Torodi, where we were welcomed by the local communities, who consider us family. Through these radio broadcasts that you organise, we can now listen to our brothers who have stayed in the village. It's also a framework that allows us to interact with our hosts from Torodi and discuss aspects that could be a source of conflict in our coexistence, because we don't have the same realities and customs as our host families,"

A., IDP from Torodi department, during a radio programme on peace.

"The training workshop on Citizen Control of Public Action that we have just attended in Tillabéri has taught us a great deal about the management of communal resources and many other areas. As a young citizen, I know a little more about my role and my duty in this process. I'm calling on young people, who are the pillars of community development, to get more involved and participate in local governance and resource management through the CCAP. I hope there will be more training sessions for young people at local level. As a youth leader, I am committed to sharing my knowledge with my colleagues so that this training will benefit us forever"

President of the young people of the commune of Makalondi during training in Citizen Control of Public Action in Tillabéri.



As part of the PAIRSIP project, community leaders are key players in implementing the surrender process for combatants from armed groups. For this reason, training in negotiation and mediation techniques and in the surrender process in Niger has been planned by the project implemented by GARKUA with a view to building their capacities.

"This is the first training I've had since I became involved in mediation. We need more of this kind of training so that we can get to know each other better, coordinate better and carry out our mediation work, which is a high-risk job".

-A community leader and mediator, trained in the redemption process.



GCERF's Added Value

 <p>GCERF focuses on building institutional capacity e.g., CSOs, and government agencies.</p>	 <p>GCERF invests in building a PVE-focused community of practice with CSOs, government agencies, and experts</p>	 <p>Communities are at the forefront of project design and implementation, and the programme works with existing community structures for sustainability</p>
 <p>All project design and implementation are done in coordination with NCTC, leading to nationally-aligned, locally-led programmes</p>	 <p>GCERF connects CSOs, communities, and other stakeholders with government and security actors, leading to better coordination and relationships</p>	 <p>GCERF's consortium model and capacity-building approach enables us to work in remote areas</p>

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