



## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### FROM POTENTIAL PRINCIPAL RECIPIENTS OF GCERF FUNDING IN KENYA

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 1 NOVEMBER 2024 – 11:59 PM (EAT)**

**\*\*\*Note: GCERF is in the process of securing funding for this opportunity and any grant agreement resulting from this Call is contingent on the outcome of this process. GCERF will only be able to sign a grant agreement with the intended awardee once funding is secured\*\*\***

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#### **Background**

The Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) was established in 2014 to support efforts to prevent violent extremism (PVE). 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/>

GCERF has been funding projects in Kenya since 2018. Under GCERF's current Investment Strategy for Kenya, we fund initiatives to strengthen capacities at county and national levels to implement the National Strategy to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism (NSPCVE), including the disengagement and rehabilitation framework. At present, GCERF funds three programmes in Kenya. Further information about our investment in Kenya is available on our website: <https://www.gcerf.org/kenya/>

In every partner country, GCERF's funding is overseen by Country Support Mechanisms (CSMs), which are multi-stakeholder forums that bring together government, donors, civil society and academics. In Kenya, our CSM is Chaired by the National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC), with whom we work closely at both the strategic and programmatic 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) or Sub-Grantees (SGs) who are usually smaller CSOs or CBOs. The current call is for an opportunity to be part of a PVE programme funded by the European Union Delegation to Kenya.

#### **Current call**

**Please note that we will be holding an information session on 25 October 2024 at 1000 EAT. To register for this event, please contact [call.kenya@gcerf.org](mailto:call.kenya@gcerf.org).**

The purpose of this Call is to receive Expressions of Interest (EOI) from applicants to demonstrate they meet GCERF's requirements to receive funding and that they have sufficient technical, managerial and administrative experience to effectively implement a programme as outlined below.

Received application forms will be evaluated against standardised criteria and applicants will be duly informed whether they will move to the next stage of evaluation. This will include co-creating additional programme detail (workplan, budget etc) with GCERF.

As per GCERF's **Investment Strategy for Kenya (2023–2027)** and in support of Kenya's NSPCVE, the focus of our funding will be as follows:

## WHAT

The purpose of this EOI is to identify a Primary Recipient (PR) who will **undertake grant making to at least 20 CBOs and monitor delivery of activities**. GCERF will provide capacity strengthening support and technical guidance. Please note that the theory of change (TOC) and high-level budget for this programme has already been determined and is shared as part of this EOI package.

The PR will identify and provide small grants to **community-level, grassroots initiatives** (including community-based organisations) working on prevention of violent extremism (PVE) in the identified geographic areas, to contribute towards the following outcomes:

- Increased awareness of women, youth and the community on PVE – including human rights and gender (offline and online)
- Improved agency for community leaders, especially youth and women, on driving P/CVE, including by having a more positive relationship with local authorities/law enforcement
- Increased socio-economic resilience for women and youth (especially disengaged youth) against violent extremism through increased sustainable income

## WHO

In order to be eligible for a grant, the lead applicant must be:

- A legal person;
- Not for profit; and
- Established in Kenya.

In addition to these legal requirements, the applicants must have:

- Capacity in the identified locations for this action; and
- Proven expertise with identifying and managing subgrants (including selection, evaluation, monitoring and reporting).

The Principal Recipient will support GCERF with on the ground implementation of an initiative funded by the European Union.

## WHERE

The programme will have two phases: the first issuing sub-grants in urban, peri-urban and rural areas of Lamu and Tana River; the second phase would include issuing of sub-grants in Mandera, Marsabit and Wajir.

## HOW

The PR should be capable of:

- Undertaking a scoping of community needs and CBOs in the agreed geographic areas of focus for the programme, based on criteria agreed with GCERF;
- Undertaking transparent EOI processes in geographic areas of focus to identify organisations/initiatives with the potential to deliver results who would become sub-grantees of the PR; and
- Providing systems to manage the sub-grants and strengthen capacity of these CBOs – both before and during implementation, with support from the GCERF team.

## Grant size and duration

Proposed programmes should cover a time period of 3 years (36 months). We intend to issue one grant for up to 1,400,000 EUR over the duration of the grant period.

Proposals should ringfence a minimum of 1,200,000 EUR for sub-grants, as shown in the application form. It is foreseen that these sub-grants will be between 5,000 EUR and 60,000 EUR per organisation and will take place in agreed phases (i.e. sub-grants will be not all be issued simultaneously).

**Grantee**

Please note that this funding is only available to **Kenyan not-for-profit organisations**. International organisations are not eligible to apply.

<b>PREREQUISITES</b>
(i) Appropriate legal registration in Kenya
(ii) Willingness to accept and fulfil the role of a Principal Recipient.
<b>REQUIRED CAPABILITIES</b>
(i) Previous proven experience and capacity in project design and management in the geographical areas targeted.
(ii) Previous experience and capacity to manage and account similar levels of funding.
(iii) Previous experience in managing multiple sub-grants.
(iv) Previous experience and current capacity to support the delivery of community-level initiatives in the identified counties.

As above, the selected Principal Recipient will act as the lead on-the-ground implementer of an EU-funded programme on preventing violent extremism in Kenya. The selected Primary Recipient will need to register in the PADOR database of the European Commission and confirm to GCERF their registration number.

Registration can be done via:

<https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=33522282#Chapter2-Howtoregistryourorganisationine-CallsPADOR?-Chapter2HowtoregistryourorganisationineCallsPADOR?-2.1Log-intoe-CallsPADORwithyoure-mailaddress>

**How to Submit an Expression of Interest**

All Expressions of Interest must be duly filled and submitted electronically to **call.kenya@gcerf.org** by **1 November 2024**. The email should be titled 'EOI KENYA' 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.

**Please ensure that your application includes the following documents:**

1. Completed application form
2. Completed Annex A – Details of past programmes
3. Completed Annex B – Budget summary
4. Audited consolidated financial reports for the years 2023, 2022 and 2021
5. Copies of legal registration in Kenya
6. Organisational organogram

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