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Tunisia's second round of funding runs from January 2022 to December 2025. It aims to strengthen trust between youth, community leaders, and governance actors and to increase socio-economic opportunities for at-risk youth. GCERF supports four consortia of local NGOs in the underserved Western governorates to provide skills training, mentoring and links to sustainable livelihoods and income-generating activities; develop joint planning between a range of local actors; and create support networks for young people and their families. A fourth grant to tackle the issue of violence in Schools is in the launching phase as it started in Q2 of 2024.

Investment Focus



Enabling prevention, resilience-building and community-based integration through greater vertical social cohesion and community agency.



Tunis, Jendouba, Kef, Kasserine, Sidi Bouzid, Gafsa, Kairouan, Siliana



Religious leaders, local authorities, victims of violent extremism, and vulnerable youth and pre-adolescents.



2022-2025



The WLS-led Consortium has concluded a partnership with the House of Crafts (under the Ministry of Tourism) in Kasserine to guide further and support the beneficiaries.



Portfolio overview as of June 2024

Forum El Jahedh (FEJ)

2022-2025 | Principal Recipient with 1 sub-recipient

Supporting religious and community leaders to develop sustainable peer support networks, linking these with local authorities and providing livelihood support to vulnerable youth.

We Love Sousse (WLS)

2022-2025 | Principal Recipient with 4 sub-recipients

Strengthening coordination mechanisms between local actors for increased support of people exposed to VE, reinforcement of the civic participation of young people in public life, support and assistance to victims of VE and socio-economic support to women's groups.

Friguia For Strategies

2022-2025 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

Support vulnerable youth in developing a sense of purpose, strengthening socio-professional support and integration of young people, and helping to build trust between local authorities and communities.

Ifrikya Center for Common Ground

2024-2025 | Principal Recipient with 2 sub-recipients

Tackle the issue of violence in schools by providing peace education, and creating school councils for dialogue mechanisms between different stakeholders.

Violent Extremism in Tunisia: Drivers

Social factors such as feelings of marginalisation, excl usion and difficulty in accessina social support systems contribute to the potential for radicalisation.

Political factors such as lack of responsiveness of local authorities, perceived lack of governance, and limited trust in the government exacer bate the attraction of joining extremist groups.

Unfavorable economic factors such as unemployment and lack of sustainable opportunitie s encourage youth without perspectives to engage in VE.

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Current Programming: Systems Approach

National: To date, formal state actors have had limited engagement with PVE programming. By increasing their understanding of PVE and their capabilities to plan activities and integrate PVE approaches into wider, sustainable networks of experienced multi-sectoral actors and PVE plans will be developed in the target areas, and sustainably funded.

Governorate: Building on GCERF's initial investment in Tunisia, the program will further strengthen national ownership at state and local levels, with a focus on capacity development and support to local authorities, and CSOs to be able to jointly respond to VE challenges beyond the lifespan of GCERF's second investment.

Community: The past two years of programming have shown that while the majority of donor projects have been able to achieve their objectives individually, to achieve the type of larger-scale social change required to respond to the VE threat in Tunisia, greater cross-sector coordination and institutional engagement are necessary. Funding is covering a four-year programme to develop sustainable P/CVE responses through multi-stakeholder (state and non-state) cooperation and planning at the community level.

Individual: A project supporting teenagers aged 14 to 18 who have dropped out of school, by providing them with ad hoc support enabling them to return to school, access vocational training or, for the older ones, integrate into the job market. The objective is to give these young people prospects for the future and to regain their self-confidence before they are tempted to join VE groups.







Capacity building for children aged 14-18 years- January 2024- Photo by FEJ



Rehabilitation of Cultural Bus to provide access to cultural activities in remote areas- June 2024- Photo by Friguia

GCERF's Added Value



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



done in coordination with nationally-aligned, locally-led programmes



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



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



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



GCERF's consortium model and capacitybuilding approach enables us to work in remote areas

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