

# Building **Stronger** Partnerships for a More **Secure** World

Countering  
Violent Extremism



# Resilient communities

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Governments cannot tackle violent extremism alone. A more just and secure world is only possible when civil society works alongside governments, multilateral institutions, and corporations. Civil society organizations are often best placed to identify the drivers of violent extremism and know what will work in their communities. Yet, community groups and civic leaders frequently face funding

challenges, lack access to decision-makers, and operate in a restricted space.

That is why the Global Center finds practical ways for civil society organizations to get a seat at the table, have a voice in the conversation, and access the tools and networks needed to play their part in building safe and resilient communities.



The Global Center brought together civil society activists, government officials, and representatives from multilateral organizations in Washington in 2015 to share experiences in tackling violent extremism.

# Our Work

The Global Center works with civil society organizations, governments, the private sector, and multilateral institutions around the world to build more resilient communities and address the root causes of violent extremism.

- We conduct in-depth analyses of national and multilateral policies and programs to counter violent extremism and assess their potential negative impacts.
- We provide flexible grant funding to community groups to address violent extremism locally.
- We create opportunities for these diverse groups and individuals to build relationships and share experiences and good practices.
- We deliver training and capacity development support to civil society organizations so that they are better equipped to address violent extremism.



## ***Supporting Civil Society Organizations to Address Violent Extremism in Their Communities***

By the end of 2020, we will have provided over \$5 million in direct financial support to local and regional organizations working at the grassroots level to prevent and counter violent extremism. “Going Local” shares lessons learned from our small grants program in South and Central Asia.



## ***Using Film and Storytelling to Support the Rehabilitation of Violent Extremist Offenders***

The film “The Way Home,” produced by Rumah Katu Community in Indonesia, was made possible by a small grant from the Global Center. It portrays a former violent extremist offender and the critical role the community plays in his rehabilitation. The film was screened across Indonesia.



## ***Supporting the Next Generation of Leaders to Address Violent Extremism***

Tackling the drivers of violent extremism has to start at the grass roots. Together with the Kenya Community Support Centre and Carefronting Nigeria, we empower youth leaders to counter violent extremism and build resilient communities in Kenya and Nigeria.

# Our Partners

The Global Center fosters strategic and collaborative partnerships with a wide range of actors—civil society, governments, the private sector, and multilateral institutions—to drive impactful programming and to inform our policy guidance.

- We work with [UN](#) bodies and member states to promote effective responses to violent extremism.
- We help to inform the work of the [Global Counterterrorism Forum](#), a global coalition of countries dedicated to tackling violent extremism, by delivering workshops and reviewing policies and practices.
- We support the [Strong Cities Network](#) expansion into Asia and Africa, to bring cities and local municipalities to the center of efforts to address violent extremism.
- We helped to establish a [civil society hub](#) in East Africa, a secure platform that enables hundreds of members to share their experiences and offers a safe mechanism for them to contribute to policy change.
- We work with a vast network of local civil society partners, including several of the quoted individuals and organizations.



*"The Global Center provided funding for my organization to produce podcast stories of 30 mothers from Kashmir and Kerala about the effects and impact of violent extremism on their lives and the lives of their children. I was able to share the results of these efforts in regional and international forums."*

**Archana Kapoor, filmmaker, activist, founder of SMART (Seeking Modern Applications for Real Transformation), and creator of a community radio station in Mewat, India**



*"As a social development expert and peace-builder working with at-risk populations in the Coast and Northern regions of Kenya, I was happy to partner with the Global Center to provide capacity development assistance to over 600 Kenyan youth leaders to promote community resilience against violent extremism."*

**Phyllis Muema, Executive Director of the Kenya Community Support Centre and Global Center Senior Fellow**



*"I train lay counselors and civil society actors as first responders to traumatized persons who are victims and survivors of the Boko Haram insurgency and was pleased to receive support from the Global Center to develop manuals on trauma consciousness and resilience and on forgiveness and reconciliation. These manuals were used to deliver trainings to over 150 organizations across northeastern Nigeria and in coastal Kenya."*

**Maji Peterx, Alternatives to Violence Project Lead Facilitator, Coordinator at Carefronting Nigeria, and Global Center Senior Fellow**