

Message from the Executive Director and Chair of the Board of Directors on the Fifteen-Year Anniversary of the Global Center on Cooperative Security

The threat from violent extremism remains as real today as it was fifteen years ago when the Global Center launched. In many ways, the threat we face now is more complex and we need smart, locally grounded responses to have a meaningful impact.

Since 2004, the Global Center has been doing just that; we have delivered over 250 projects, engaging more than 50 countries and working with hundreds of government, private sector, and civil society partners to address the root causes of violent extremism.

We believe in working with the people who are at the frontlines of tackling this threat. We provide millions of dollars of direct support to change-makers working to address violent extremism in their communities; collaborate with the private sector to combat terrorism financing while advancing financial inclusion; train thousands of prison and police officers and advise supreme court judges on addressing the threat through accountable and accessible justice systems; and partner with governments and international institutions to develop and implement policies and action plans that reflect the complexity and diversity of violent extremism.

In 2019, there is even more work to be done than when we launched in 2004. Right now, 95 percent of our funding comes from government grants. **In the next stage of our growth and development, we are looking to corporations, foundations, and individuals to join us and our government partners to expand our impact and reach.**

You can read more about our work and impact in our [new brochure](#); more detailed information about our various areas of programming is available on our [updated website](#).

We cannot do this work without the support of our donors, pro bono partners, board, advisory council, and dedicated staff. Join us in fighting violent extremism to create a more just and secure world – get in touch at partner@globalcenter.org.

Thank you,



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