

Global Center on Cooperative Security

2022 Annual Report



Our vision is a more **just** and **secure** world.

The Global Center works to achieve lasting security by advancing inclusive, human rights–based policies, partnerships, and practices that address violent extremism. Across our work, we prioritize those that are most affected by terrorism and counterterrorism measures. In 2022, we were able to:



ENGAGE

Directly engage **over 21,000 policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders** in a wide range of training activities, policy discussions, and strategic consultations.



SUPPORT

Provide **funding and support to 36 grassroots civil society organizations** leading localized conflict prevention initiatives in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines, Pakistan, Malaysia, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Togo, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Mozambique, Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya.



PROMOTE

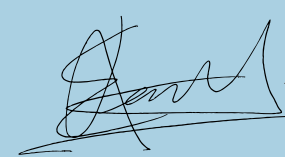
Successfully **promote human rights language in UN resolutions** to address the misuse and abuse of counterterrorism measures that stymie peaceful protests, impede humanitarian aid, and shrink civic space.

A Message from the Leadership

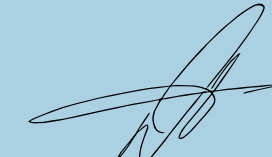
2022 has been a year of profound change and disruption across the globe. The world was confronted by complex crises ranging from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine to crackdowns on protests in places like Iran and China and the rise in far-right violence in Europe and North America. During these uncertain and ever-changing times, **the Global Center’s work is more important than ever.**

These developments take place against a backdrop of long-term trends that can affect our social fabric, change our financial systems, and drive violence: structural economic shifts, technological transformation, growing climate change, rising authoritarianism, and increasing geo-political competition. **Together, they have major implications for peace, stability, and prosperity.**

As our communities rise to meet these challenges, the Global Center is there to support them to advance **a more impactful approach to counterterrorism that puts human rights front and center.** We are grateful for those that have supported us along the way, and invite others to join.



Eelco Kessels
Executive Director



David McGowan
Chair of the Board

THE GLOBAL CENTER'S IMPACT AROUND THE WORLD

OUR WORK



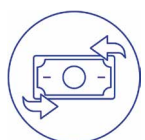
COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

The Global Center works with our partners around the world to build more resilient communities so that they are better equipped to address rising violence.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE & RULE OF LAW

We strengthen justice institutions like judiciaries, prison systems, and police services to improve their handling of terrorism cases and ensure rights and freedoms are protected.



FINANCIAL INTEGRITY & INCLUSION

The Global Center works with the private sector and governments to build transparent and accountable systems that curb terrorism and other illicit financing.



MULTILATERAL SECURITY POLICY

We advise governments and international organizations like the United Nations to place transparency and accountability at the center of their multilateral security efforts.

THE BALKANS

In North Macedonia and Albania, our programs strengthen anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism policy frameworks and investigations in collaboration with government, private sector, and regulatory bodies. This includes raising awareness among the private sector around terrorism financing risks and obligations.

THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

In the Maghreb, we coordinate a vibrant network of researchers, journalists, and experts monitoring security-related trends in the region. We have longstanding programming with the national prison system of Morocco, through which we have trained its entire staff to address violent extremism in prisons.

SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Across South and Southeast Asia, we work to enhance border security with a view to preventing foreign terrorist fighter travel. We support the Strong Cities Network in the region, engaging municipal governments and civic leaders across Indonesia and the Philippines to collaborate around combatting violent extremism at the local level.

WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

We have long been active in the Sahel, including partnering with chief justices in the region to harmonize their legal responses to terrorism cases with international human rights standards. In Cameroon, we work to strengthen good governance and access to justice to manage the threats posed by Boko Haram today and prevent future violence.

EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

Through our office in Nairobi, we support local organizations working to safeguard civic space, human rights, and humanitarian action across the region. We manage a country-wide program with the Kenyan prison service to address violent extremism in prisons, training all 30,000 prison officers. Our internationally recognized work on countering the financing of terrorism includes multi-year programs with Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, Somalia, Tanzania, and Uganda.



2022 IMPACT IN NUMBERS

21K

We directly engaged over **21,000 policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders** in a wide range of training activities, policy discussions, and strategic consultations.

\$5M

We managed **more than \$5 million** in programs globally, working closely together with local partners.

\$800K

We disbursed **over \$800,000 in funding** directly to 36 local organizations across 14 countries, including grassroots women and youth networks and human rights groups.

97%

97% of our funders have reinvested in our work as we deliver real and measurable change.

SUCCESS STORIES

EXPANDING THE STRONG CITIES NETWORK

Since 2015, the Global Center has been supporting the Strong Cities Network (SCN), a network of mayors and other local authorities dedicated to improving efforts to counter violent extremism, hate, and polarization in their communities.

Over the last year, as a result of the Global Center's efforts in Southeast Asia, the SCN 1) welcomed the Indonesian cities of Surabaya and Surakarta to the network; 2) fostered new partnerships brokered by the Global Center between grassroots actors and local governments to ensure a societal approach to addressing violent extremism; and 3) facilitated the sharing of experiences among national, regional, and local authorities in Indonesia to improve national-local cooperation to prevent and counter violent extremism.



SUPPORTING PRISON AUTHORITIES IN KENYA

As part of our efforts to improve the human rights compliant management and rehabilitation of violent extremist offenders in Kenya, over 19,000 prison staff were trained in 2022, including 15,197 staff and 4,044 new recruits.

Subsequent phases will see the training of the remaining 11,000 prison officers in the country, institutionalization of the course in the training college, and deployment of an advance course to further train the 900 officers managing terrorism-related prisoners at 25 of Kenya's high security prisons.

The project also involves a civil society oversight component to strengthen accountability mechanisms in prisons in partnership with the Kenya Prisons Service and National Counter Terrorism Centre.



2022 SUPPORTERS

GOVERNMENTS

Australia
Commonwealth Secretariat
Germany
Netherlands
Norway
Republic of Korea
Sweden
Switzerland
United Kingdom
United States of America

PRIVATE SECTOR

Baker McKenzie
Milbank
Microsoft
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Laurie Smolenski
Alexander Suero
Scott Townley
Alessandro Vangi
Angela Vigil
Howard Wachtel





2022 FINANCIALS

REVENUE (USD)	
Grant Revenue	\$5,166,481
Unrestricted Government Contributions	\$72,307
Unrestricted Individual & Private Sector Donations	\$47,226
Interest & Other Revenue	\$462,739
Total Revenue	\$5,748,753

EXPENSES (USD)	
Grant Expenses	\$4,969,359
Operating Expenses	\$570,251
Fundraising	\$186,368
Total Expenses	\$5,725,978

The Global Center on Cooperative Security works to achieve lasting security by advancing inclusive, human rights–based policies, partnerships, and practices to address the root causes of violent extremism. We focus on four mutually reinforcing objectives:

- Supporting communities in addressing the drivers of conflict and violent extremism.
- Advancing human rights and the rule of law to prevent and respond to violent extremism.
- Combating illicit finance that enables criminal and violent extremist organizations.
- Promoting multilateral cooperation and rights-based standards in counterterrorism.

Our global team and network of experts, trainers, fellows, and policy professionals work to conduct research and deliver programming in these areas across sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, and South, Central, and Southeast Asia.

The Global Center has staff in New York, Washington DC, London, Nairobi, Tunis, and Paris, and works with a global network of experts.



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