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CTED publishes third paper about COVID-19 and counter-terrorism

New York, 16 June 2021 – According to a new report by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), entities involved in counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism (CVE) efforts across the world share significant concerns relating to the impacts of COVID-19 and responses to it, with more than two-thirds of respondents believing that COVID-19 has made counter-terrorism and CVE more challenging. The report, “[The impacts of the pandemic on terrorism, counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism](#),” also identified potential long-term impacts and emphasized the importance of human rights and continued resourcing for projects and programmes moving forward.

This analysis has been informed by CTED's dialogue with Member States – including during hybrid assessment visits conducted on behalf of the Counter-Terrorism Committee – and with international and regional organizations. This information has been combined with data collected through a unique survey of 49 CTED partners from across the UN, civil society, academia and the private sector, which gathered their views on the potential long-term impacts of the pandemic. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the findings of the survey and CTED's analysis across key thematic issues and across different regions.

Since publishing its previous analytical paper on the issue in [December 2020](#), CTED has continued to monitor and evaluate COVID-19's relevant impacts. The latest report will feed into a virtual Arria-Formula Meeting on 16 June 2021, focused on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on international efforts to prevent and counter terrorism and violent extremism. The meeting is being organized by Tunisia in cooperation with Estonia, France, Ireland, Kenya, Niger, Norway, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the United Kingdom and Viet Nam.

A quick overview of the report is available [here](#); and you can download the full report [here](#).

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Background

Established by the Security Council, the **Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED)** is a Special Political Mission of the United Nations, tasked with assisting the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee in monitoring the effective implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) and other relevant counter-terrorism resolutions. CTED conducts on site country assessments visits with Member States' approval to identify progress made and remaining challenges in addressing threats posed by terrorists to international peace and security. The findings of the assessment visit also constitute the basis for the concerned technical assistance and capacity-building projects. **Michèle Coninsx** was appointed Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) and Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on 11 August 2017.

The **Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC)** was established by Security Council resolution 1373 (2001), which was adopted unanimously on 28 September 2001 in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attacks in the United States. The Committee, comprising all 15 Security Council members, was tasked with monitoring implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), which requested countries to implement a number of measures intended to enhance their legal, institutional and operational abilities to counter terrorist activities at home, in their regions and around the world. On 25 September 2020, **H.E. Mr. Tarek Ladeb**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tunisia to the United Nations, was appointed Chair of CTC.