



# 2021-2022 United Nations Multi-Year Appeal for Counter-Terrorism



## Global Programme to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism

The UNOCT/UNCCT Global Programme on PCVE offers global expertise and evidence-based capacity building to Member States, regional organisations and civil society, tailored to local context and need.

### Description of the Project

The UNOCT/UNCCT Global Programme to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism (PCVE) aims to enhance individual, community and national resilience, and reduce the threat of violent extremism and terrorism. **Leveraging multi-stakeholders and multi-disciplinary best-practices, the Programme offers coordinated and tailored capacity building, technical assistance and expert mentoring packages that address the PCVE needs of Member States, UN entities, Civil Society, Regional Organizations and the private sector.** The Programme is a single and coherent programme that is evidence-informed, sustainable, and which mainstreams gender, human rights, conflict-sensitivity, the ‘do no harm’ principle and monitoring and evaluation approaches and leverages global expertise together with local delivery.

The Programme aims to contribute to strengthened individual, community and national resilience to violent extremism, and reduced threat of terrorism through:

- **Increasing the capacity and commitment of beneficiaries to design, develop, deliver and evaluate effective PCVE initiatives.**
- **Increasing the adopt whole-of-society approaches to PCVE that are gender-responsive, human rights-based, conflict-sensitive and evidence-informed, by beneficiaries and partners.**
- **Strengthening UN coordination to provide tailored and effective PCVE support to beneficiaries.**

To better support Member States’ efforts and allow for a more flexible and tailored response, UNOCT collaborates with Resident Coordinators and/or United Nations partners operating in country or through UNOCT’s field presences, providing dedicated and specialized expertise. This facilitates coordination and coherence of United Nations CT efforts, creates stronger and longer-term partnerships, and ensures results-oriented and sustainable focus.

### Rationale

Violent extremism, as and when conducive to terrorism, remains a significant threat to human development and international peace and security. The Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and Al-Qaida affiliates continue to exacerbate violence in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic, and fuel conflict in a number of regional settings. The COVID-19 pandemic and global stay at home orders has presented new opportunities for violent extremists to promote their divisive propaganda to a captive online mainstream audience, spreading disinformation, rumours and hate speech, and incitement to violence, particularly targeting young men and women. PCVE practitioners and researchers are also turning their attention to emerging risks likely to arise in the global recovery from COVID-19 and security risks associated with climate change.

The Programme delivers on the UN Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism (A/70/674) and reinforces actions towards achieving Sustainable Development Goal 16 on Peaceful Societies, particularly target 16.A, as well as Security Council resolutions including resolution 2178 (2014) that makes explicit the link between violent extremism and terrorism and recognize the need for prevention: “violent extremism, which can be conducive to terrorism”, requires collective efforts, “including preventing radicalization, recruitment and mobilization of individuals into terrorist groups and becoming foreign terrorist fighters”.

### Outcomes

The Programme outcomes are PCVE-specific and are the aggregated result from the integrated approach across all its portfolios.

**Outcome 1:** Beneficiaries have increased capacities and commitment to design, develop, deliver and evaluate effective PCVE initiatives.

**Outcome 2:** Beneficiaries and partners consistently adopt whole-of-society approaches to PCVE that are gender-responsive, human rights-based, conflict-sensitive and evidence-informed.

**Outcome 3:** Relevant United Nations system entities at the national level have improved ability to deliver coordinated, tailored and effective PCVE support to beneficiaries.

**Outcome 4:** UNCCT is strengthened as a global Centre of Excellence to offer improved support and service to beneficiaries that enhance their ability to prevent the threat of terrorism.

### Outputs/Indicative Activities

The programme will implement the following indicative activities:

**Policy Assistance:** PCVE Policy Assistance including scoping missions, assessments and consultations, training, assistance to develop country plans, ongoing mentoring and support. Publication of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.

**Strategic Communications:** Training and technical assistance to Member States, regional organisations, CSOs and UN entities on analysis, design, dissemination and evaluation of effective StratCom for PCVE, including crisis communications (online and in person training modules), tailored to the local context and needs. Will include a pilot on “Reintegration Communications” to support PRR efforts.

**Youth Engagement:** Train youth for peer-to-peer engagement in facilitating difficult conversations, and policy dialogue, including specifically on Far Right Violent Extremism. Build a web-based support platform for PCVE offering coaching, mentorship and support young people.

**Education:** Develop and deliver training modules on PCVE that can be integrated into formal and informal education curriculum. Provide training on PCVE good practices for teachers.

**Mental Health:** Development of an expert advisory group to identify evidence and best practice models. Develop and publish guidance on mental health and PCVE and pilot in 2-3 countries. Develop capacity building to support implementation of guidance.

**New Frontiers:** Collaborate with experts and research partners to conduct monitoring and rapid research to identify new, emerging and evolving threats and issues. Initiate two pilot projects on the Impact of Video Games and Climate Security.

**Gender:** Develop guidance and training to Member States and CSOs to undertake gender analysis and implement gender responsive and inclusive PCVE processes to inform the design of PCVE activities.

**Human Rights:** Produce practical and user-friendly guidance and training on how to ensure PCVE-efforts comply with human rights provisions, obligations and best practice.

**Coordination:** Strengthen PCVE capacity building coordination mechanisms, including through possible deployment of national PCVE coordinators and strengthen existing coordination models to respond to local, regional and global violent extremist threats.

### Human Rights Mainstreaming

Failing respect for human rights in PCVE efforts are detrimental to the purpose and risk fuelling some of the grievances that drive radicalization to terrorism. The Global PCVE Programme is committed to integrating human rights throughout its programming and has a specific outcome that expects both beneficiaries and partners to adopt human rights based PCVE approaches. Human rights, do-no-harm and a focus on safety measures for beneficiaries at risk will feature prominently in pre-activity assessments and drafting of national capacity-building plans, together with a gender-sensitive analysis and responsive action. The Programme also has a portfolio dedicated to human rights in PCVE-efforts, which will produce practical and user-friendly guidance to ensure human-rights compliance and promotion of PCVE efforts.

### Gender Mainstreaming

The Programme allocates 15 per cent of its budget to gender-responsive activities and adopts a three pronged approach to gender mainstreaming: (a) ensuring systematic analysis on gender and identity dimensions are undertaken to inform interventions and ensure the meaningful mainstreaming of gender equality and women’s rights into all interventions; (b) specific interventions will be designed to address underlying issues of gender equality that will support efforts for the PCVE; (c) consulting with women and women groups, especially women human rights defenders and peacebuilders, while supporting their actions, ensuring the recognition of their efforts, when appropriate, and being mindful of the need for their protection. Gender-specific programming, including e.g. addressing misogyny and toxic masculinities, has also been included in the programme design with dedicated outputs that expects partners and beneficiaries to adopt a gender-responsive PCVE approach.

### Budget

\$4,300,000.00

### Pillar

Pillar I -Addressing the Conditions Conducive to the Spread of Terrorism

### Project Status

Ongoing

### Implementation Period

2021-2022

### UN Org

UNOCT

### UN Global CT Compact Partners

CTED, DGC, DPPA-DPO, ILO, OHCHR, Office of the Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth, Office of the Secretary-General’s Special Adviser for the Prevention of Genocide; Office of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion & protection of human rights & fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, UNAOC, UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNODC, UN Women, WHO

### Countries

Global

### Current Donors

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