

**GLOBAL
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COOPERATIVE
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MISSION

To achieve lasting security by advancing inclusive, human rights–based policies, partnerships, and practices that address the root causes of violent extremism.

VISION

A more just and secure world.



ANICHRA, a Global Center small grants recipient, led a community peace-building project in the village of Zamai in the Far North Region of Cameroon.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

The year 2021 marked twenty years since the September 11th attacks, making this an appropriate time to reflect on the state of global security and human rights. Two decades of heavy-handed, mostly reactive responses to terrorism have largely failed to stem violent extremism and have also undermined fundamental freedoms, further stigmatized marginalized communities, and eroded trust in government. The hasty withdrawal from Afghanistan illuminated the human costs of excessive reliance on militarized responses, while the COVID-19 pandemic has allowed states to clamp down on civil liberties.

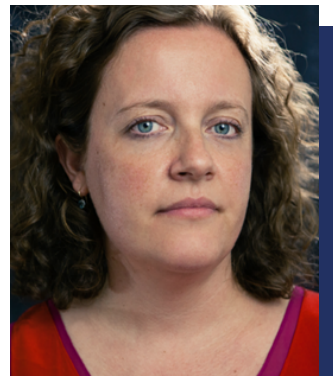
Our human rights, the rule of law, and human security are being challenged on multiple fronts.

Now, twenty years after 9/11, the need for inclusive, nonviolent approaches to global security issues has never been more urgent. These solutions must address the root causes of violent extremism. The Global Center has been working to realize this for almost eighteen years. Over the past year alone, we have supported 30+ grassroots groups to lead localized conflict prevention initiatives, ensured the participation of civil society in high-level UN counterterrorism negotiations, and trained criminal investigators to reject the use of torture in favor of noncoercive measures that respect the rights of those accused. We welcome you to learn more about our work in this 2021 report and [explore our strategic priorities](#).

Thank you to our partners, staff, and supporters who share our vision for a more just and secure tomorrow.



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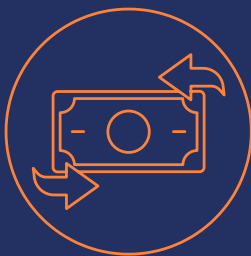
OUR ISSUES

To address the root causes of violent extremism, we focus on four mutually reinforcing areas of work:



Advancing human rights and the rule of law to prevent and respond to violent extremism

Where criminal justice systems are weak or inaccessible, violent extremism can thrive. We train police officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and corrections officials to equip them with the knowledge and skills to handle terrorism cases in a manner consistent with human rights and the rule of law.



Combating illicit finance that enables criminal and violent extremist organizations

Illicit financial flows are enabled by systemic corruption and perpetuate inequality. We work with institutions and businesses to build transparent and accountable financial systems that curb terrorism financing.



Promoting multilateral cooperation and rights-based standards in counterterrorism

Policies to address violent extremism are more effective when they are globally informed and locally grounded. We advise governments and multilateral organizations in the design and implementation of these policies, ensuring that the experiences of civil society experts and local practitioners are carefully considered.



Supporting communities in addressing the drivers of conflict and violent extremism

A diverse, empowered, and engaged civil society is critical to lasting security. We 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.

OUR METHODS

Training

We facilitate specialized education and peer-to-peer learning to strengthen the knowledge and skills of practitioners and foster the confidence to share their experiences with others.

Capacity Development

We support civil society partners, practitioners, and governments in developing their capabilities, approaches, and partnerships.

Research

We produce and fund research that provides the evidence base to strengthen the field of preventing and countering violent extremism.

Policy Analysis and Convening

We monitor the passage and implementation of security policy, working to ensure that human rights and civil society are centered in international, regional, and national efforts.

Small Grants

We provide grants to grassroots civil society organizations and researchers working to build peace and promote and protect human rights.

SUPPORTING GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS



In 2021 alone, we supported 31 civil society organizations through \$1.6 million USD in subgrants.

Through our small grants program, we provide **funding, ongoing capacity development, and monitoring and evaluation support to partner organizations.** Highlights from the past year include:

- **Civil Society Against Violent Extremism (C-SAVE)** in Indonesia created a village-based early-warning system to address conflict and violent extremism across 16 villages (pictured is a simulation meeting in East Java). The project successfully supported local activists and leaders to integrate early-warning tools and learning within their communities.
- **Social Welfare Academics & Training for Pakistan (SWAaT)** provided ongoing reintegration and psychosocial assistance to 192 young people formerly involved in violent extremism-related activity. They were supported to pursue academic and vocational goals, address food insecurity and medical needs, and navigate a wide spectrum of risks and challenges amid a public health crisis.

These collaborations offer incredible opportunities to deepen our network and strengthen the capacity and international exposure of our grassroots partners. They also provide highly localized insights into security challenges impacting these communities and the programmatic approaches and tools most effective in different contexts.

PROMOTING ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN CAMEROON



We deepened our programming on human rights, good governance, and community resilience.

Cameroon's security environment is shaped by the ongoing civil and political conflict in its Anglophone provinces on the western border, as well as the risk of terrorism in the Far North Region where Boko Haram is active.

In 2021, we deepened our programming in partnership with Cameroonian experts and institutions. We delivered **human rights trainings**, including a weeklong anti-torture course for investigators, due process curriculum for magistrates and attorneys, and good governance workshops for government officials and traditional authorities. We supported strategies around the **prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration** of individuals suspected of being associated with Boko Haram, in collaboration with the United Nations and other partners.

We launched a **subgrants program** for 13 grassroots organizations working on peace-building and governance in areas impacted by violent extremism. Our grantee partners have launched a peace radio station, supported community members to formalize their citizenship status in support of social inclusion and access to services, and developed the leadership capacities of women to effectively address local security challenges.

Our programming in Cameroon strengthens collaboration among governance, justice, and community actors. These efforts contribute to the country's long-term efforts to prevent violent extremism and build sustainable peace, grounded in the principles of good governance and accountability.



Panelists from Bangladesh, Malaysia, and the United States discuss priorities, good practices, and challenges in preventing insider terrorist threats as part of an ASEAN Regional Forum workshop on aviation security and information sharing.



A Kenya Prisons Service trainer facilitates human rights-based training content at a Global Center workshop for prison officers to support their management of violent extremist prisoners.

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN PRISONS



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Prisons around the world have seen an increase in individuals who are involved in violent extremism, presenting new challenges for authorities. In response, we work with several national prison services to develop human rights–based training programs to help staff identify violent extremist radicalization and recruitment in prisons and to support the management, rehabilitation, and reintegration of violent extremist prisoners. In 2021, **we launched a new countrywide program in Kenya to train 25,000 prison staff**, delivered by Kenyan officers through a training-of-trainers process designed to maximize institutional ownership and sustainability.

This work began in 2017 in **Morocco, where we trained the entirety of its prison system staff** (approximately 9,000 individuals) across all prison facilities; nearly 300 staff members specifically responsible for managing violent extremist prisoners received advanced training. Building on the successes, we have replicated the model in **Indonesia, Kenya, and Trinidad and Tobago**. We also expanded our program in Morocco to include prison psychologists, who can serve as critical agents in addressing the psychological risks and needs of violent extremist prisoners in support of their management, rehabilitation, and reintegration.

PROMOTING AND PROTECTING CIVIC SPACE



We expanded our work to prevent and mitigate the negative consequences of counterterrorism measures on civil society.

One of the driving forces behind global constrictions on civic space is the abuse and misapplication of measures intended to detect and disrupt terrorism financing. Countering the financing of terrorism (CFT) is key to dismantling global terrorist operations, but such frameworks have intentionally and unintentionally impeded humanitarian action, hindered the efficient operations of civil society actors, and facilitated the targeting of human rights defenders.

In 2021, we served as the implementing partner to the Global Counterterrorism Forum to **identify good practices for implementing CFT measures while safeguarding civic space**. We engaged more than 100 governmental, nonprofit, and financial sector representatives to examine the tensions, opportunities, and challenges in advancing proportionate and risk-based measures to protect nonprofit organizations from terrorism financing abuse. We also launched a **new initiative to build the capacity of organizations across East and West Africa** to engage with government and private sector officials to prevent and reduce negative consequences of CFT policy.

We bring unique expertise to this arena, drawing on 15 years of providing technical assistance on anti-money laundering and CFT issues to practitioners while working closely with a diverse network of advocacy, human rights, and humanitarian actors to advance equitable and transparent financial systems. This builds on our longstanding work to ensure civil society leaders and impacted communities are centered in multilateral security efforts and that governments employ accountable, inclusive approaches.



Maldivian police participate in a workshop on community-oriented policing in the context of countering violent extremism. Participants include officers from atolls where an "avahtteri fuluhun" (community-oriented strategy) is underway to strengthen relationships between neighborhood officers and the communities they serve.



Global Center's Saeida Rouass speaks with a Kenyan officer about the role that prison officials can play in addressing violent extremism.

2021 FINANCIALS

REVENUE (USD)	
Grant Revenue	4,673,943
Unrestricted Government Contributions	71,544
Unrestricted Individual & Private Sector Donations	37,228
Interest & Other Revenue	274,148
Total Revenue	5,056,863
EXPENSES (USD)	
Grant Expenses	4,393,158
Operating Expenses	419,228
Fundraising	166,078
Total Expenses	4,978,464

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in our sector at **8%**

95% of our donors have reinvested
in our work because we get results

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...for your support of our work to build
a more just and secure world.



Global Center's Junko Nozawa and Annabelle Bonnefont with a grant recipient representative of Sembe World at the closing ceremony of the program in Maroua, Cameroon.

The Global Center advances a **different** vision
of **counterterrorism** that puts **human rights**
front and center.

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- 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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