

2024

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

**GLOBAL CENTER ON
COOPERATIVE SECURITY**



GLOBAL CENTER AT-A-GLANCE IN 2024

The Global Center on Cooperative Security is an international nongovernmental organization that advances human rights-centered responses to political violence, violent extremism, and injustice worldwide. We believe cooperation among community groups, governments, and international organizations such as the United Nations is critical to achieving a just and secure world.

In 2024, we were able to:

- Advance meaningful civil society engagement with the UN to address systemic abuses of counterterrorism measures, defend civic space, and promote and protect human rights.
- Train 1,163 professionals on preventing and countering terrorism financing across 11 regions in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- Work alongside a broad global coalition of human rights groups to secure humanitarian protections in United Nations counterterrorism sanctions regimes.

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP

In 2024, the Global Center on Cooperative Security celebrated its 20th anniversary and reflected on two decades of promoting justice and security worldwide. During that time, we have implemented more than \$60 million in programs in more than 60 countries, working with governments, international organizations, the private sector, and community groups.

When the Global Center was founded in 2004, we sought to push back on what was a largely reactive, securitized, and top-down global response to terrorism by investing in more rights-based and inclusive approaches.

Twenty years later, together with our partners, we have:

- Invested in communities and local partners to reduce violent extremism, protect civil society, and build resilience to conflict and crisis;
- Trained criminal justice practitioners and reformed institutions to defend human rights and ensure accountability;
- Promoted inclusive dialogue between community groups and policymakers to inform holistic government and justice responses to political violence;
- Worked with the private sector and financial intelligence units to counter corruption and prevent illicit financing while safeguarding access to financial services; and
- Shaped domestic and international security norms and policies to build a more just and secure world.

Our work is not done. In the years ahead, in the face of proliferating conflict, growing social divisions, and diminished international cooperation, we are doubling down on these critical efforts. We will continue to advance human rights-centered approaches to prevent political violence while centering civil society partnerships. And we will use our knowledge, networks, and experience to support solutions to interconnected areas of policy and practice to advance human security, peacebuilding and transitional justice.

As demonstrated by our 2024 activities outlined in this report, we cannot do this work alone: meaningful progress can only be realized when all stakeholders work together – community groups, governments, the private sector, and international organizations alike.

We hope that the Global Center can continue to count on your support and partnership.



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Eelco Kessels
Executive Director



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David McGowan
Chair of the Board

20 YEARS OF IMPACT

Since 2004, the Global Center on Cooperative Security has been supporting communities to reduce political violence and save lives, reforming institutions to protect human rights, and shaping domestic and international security policies to achieve a just and secure world.



We implemented **more than \$60 million** in grant funding across **300 programs** in over **60 countries**, working with governments, international organizations, the private sector, and civil society



We partnered with **1,000s of civil society organizations** to protect civic space and build resilience against political violence and human rights abuses through small grants and joint programming



We engaged **over 100,000** policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders to advance collaborative, **human rights-centered responses** to peace and security challenges



We are relied upon as a strategic partner, trusted collaborator, and effective implementer of peace and security programming, with **97%** **our donors reinvesting in our work**



TWO DECADES OF GLOBAL CENTER'S WORK AROUND THE WORLD

Over the last twenty years, we have made significant contributions to advancing peace and security worldwide, as we:

- Invested more than **\$8 million** to support civil society organizations building community resilience to conflict and violence.
- Trained over **50,000** prison officers in Kenya, Morocco, and Indonesia on the management, rights protections, and rehabilitation of terrorism-related criminal offenders.
- Produced **152 publications** on a myriad of issues including human rights and counterterrorism, the Russia-Ukraine conflict, artificial intelligence, financial inclusion, and the United Nations.
- Advised more than **150 governments and multilateral organizations** in the design and implementation of human rights-centered policies and practices to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism.
- Supported **15 countries** in Africa, the Middle East, and Western Balkans to deepen efforts to prevent, detect, and disrupt terrorism and illicit finance.

THE GLOBAL CENTER'S WORK IN 2024

NEW YORK

We collaborated with human rights experts from across the Middle East and North Africa to highlight the impacts of transnational repression through discussions at the United Nations.

NIGERIA

We initiated a program of support to Nigeria to help strengthen its strategic crisis preparedness, response, and management system.

MOROCCO

We continued our partnership with the Israr Coalition for Equality and Empowerment of Women aimed to support women and girls impacted by violence and conflict.

MOZAMBIQUE

We helped prevent the abuse of terrorism financing measures to target civil society by producing a study on potential risks for non-profit organizations to inform changes in national policy and practice.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

We brought together practitioners from across ASEAN member states to strengthen international cooperation and rule of law-based maritime security practices.

BANGLADESH

Together with the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, we initiated a holistic, rights-based program to rehabilitate and reintegrate terrorism-related criminal offenders.

TANZANIA

We supported the first risk assessment for virtual assets and cryptocurrencies to inform more robust financial regulatory frameworks.

INDONESIA

We trained 90 probation officers on rehabilitation and reintegration for terrorism-related criminal offenders.

2024-2026 STRATEGY

For 20 years, the Global Center has championed accountable, rights-based, and civil society-led efforts to counter political violence and prevent violent extremism around the world.

Our efforts are all the more urgent as counterterrorism and related security measures are being used to justify human rights abuses, repress civil society, and undermine social justice movements.



Continue to **advance human rights-centered approaches** to countering political violence and preventing violent extremism



Use our knowledge, networks, and proven methodologies to **bring solutions to connected policy and program fields**



Prioritize civil society partnerships across all aspects of our work and expand support for community-led initiatives

SUCCESS STORIES



Throughout 2024, the Global Center continued our partnership with the Israr Coalition for Equality and Empowerment of Women to ensure its 30 plus member organizations have the capacity to support women and girls vulnerable to or impacted by involvement in violent extremism in Morocco. The program delivered tailored Gender and Preventing Violent Extremism training to

over 135 staff and volunteers from across the Coalition membership. Together, we also implemented a small grants initiative that included supporting recipients' capacity to collaborate on the design, implementation, and evaluation of a gender and preventing violent extremism program.



In May 2024, the Global Center, alongside our partner, Rights & Security International, launched the Scoping Study on Independent Civil Society – United Nations Counterterrorism Engagement at the UN Headquarters in New York. Drawing on the input of more than 170 civil society groups from around the world, the report explains the hesitation of many groups worldwide to engage with the United Nations on counterterrorism-related issues, the range of barriers they face, and their aspirations for the UN's role in promoting and protecting civil society. It identifies key preconditions and practical entry-points for more meaningful civil society engagement with UN system around its counterterrorism agenda.



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“The Global Center’s approach to addressing international security challenges through prevention, education, and collaboration resonates deeply with Blackstone’s values and commitment to fostering safer, more resilient societies.”

– KENNETH DAIGLE,
Chief Strategy Officer
Blackstone Consulting, Inc



REVENUE (USD)

Grant Revenue	\$4,250,000
Unrestricted Individual and Private Sector Donations	\$109,291
Interest and Other Revenue	\$20,124
Total Revenue	\$4,379,415

EXPENSES (USD)

Grant Expenses	\$4,109,208
Operating Expenses	\$301,665
Fundraising	\$189,105
Total Expenses	\$4,599,978

Financials pending audit.

GLOBAL CENTER



ON COOPERATIVE SECURITY

The Global Center on Cooperative Security is an international nongovernmental organization working towards a just and secure world. For more than twenty years, we have advanced human rights-centered responses to political violence and terrorism worldwide. We analyze trends, shape policymaking, and deliver impactful programs with partners in government, civil society, the private sector, and multilateral bodies such as the United Nations. Our work drives progress in five areas:

- We promote accessible justice and governance systems that uphold human rights and the rule of law.
- We ensure that security institutions are accountable to those they serve.
- We advance transparent financial systems that combat terrorism, crime, and corruption.
- We support civil society to shape security measures that affect their communities.
- We shape the global security agenda by informing multilateral policymaking.

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