

**GLOBAL  
CENTER**



ON COOPERATIVE SECURITY



**2023**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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# GLOBAL CENTER AT-A-GLANCE IN 2023

The Global Center on Cooperative Security is an international nongovernmental organization that advances human rights-centered responses to political violence and violent extremism and the injustices that drive them. 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 2023, we were able to:



## IMPACT

Distribute over \$740,000 to 23 civil society organizations to support safer communities in Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mali, Mozambique, Philippines, Tanzania, Togo, and Uganda.

Engage over 16,000 policymakers, practitioners, community leaders, and other stakeholders in a wide range of trainings, workshops, and consultations to promote security and justice.



## COLLABORATE

Cia Pak / United Nations Photo



## INFORM

Review legislation and best practices in 30 countries to protect nonprofit organizations from terrorism financing abuse and help establish global financial standards to safeguard peacebuilding and humanitarian aid.







## A Message from Our Leadership

For almost 20 years, the Global Center has worked to support communities affected by violence. By reforming institutions, fostering multistakeholder collaboration, and shaping domestic and international security policies that protect human rights and civil liberties, we build a more just and secure world.

In 2023, security and justice remained elusive for many. Even as the number of terrorist attacks has receded for some, the threat on the African continent continued to grow, imperiling governments and affecting human security across the region. Escalating conflict in the Middle East has exacted an unspeakable toll on civilians and threatens to spill over into wider regional conflict. Russia and Ukraine remained locked in a war of attrition, while geopolitical tensions and great power competition hinder the international community's ability to find cooperative solutions to pressing global challenges related to the climate crisis, food security, and artificial intelligence.

The Global Center believes that the most effective solutions are human rights-centered and built on the cooperation between community groups, governments, the private sector, and international organizations such as the United Nations.

We are grateful for your continued support.



**Elco Kessels**  
Executive Director



**David McGowan**  
Chair of the Board

# THE GLOBAL CENTER'S WORK IN 2023

## **Nigeria**

We launched a program to support the detection and disruption of terrorism financing by bolstering financial investigation capacities, sanctions implementation, cross-border currency oversight, and the protection of nonprofit organizations.



## **PHILIPPINES**

Together with a coalition of civil society and government partners, we developed a practitioner curriculum on gender, peace, and security for Mindanao State University's gender institute.



## **United Nations**

We released our sixth review of the UN's counterterrorism efforts, providing recommendations to better protect human rights, realize gender equity, and engage civil society.



## **UGANDA**

We supported our partner, Defenders Protection Initiative, to strengthen dialogue and collaboration between financial regulators and civil society groups to protect civic space.

## **Morocco**

We partnered with the Israr Coalition for Equality and Empowerment of Women to support women's rights organizations that provide services to those impacted by violence and conflict.



## **KENYA**

We trained over 35,000 Kenyan corrections officers on addressing violent extremism in prisons and integrated the training into the prison service recruit's curriculum.



# SUCCESS STORIES



## COUNTERING TERRORISM FINANCING

The Global Center has been a driving force for financial transparency, accountability, and economic empowerment while countering the financing of terrorism. In Jordan, Albania, and North Macedonia, we delivered a series of trainings for national stakeholders in 2023 that culminated in a multi-country financial investigation simulation with law enforcement, intelligence services, customs agencies, financial intelligence units, prosecutors, and private sector representatives.



## STRONGER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 2023, we consulted with more than 174 civil society representatives from more than 54 countries around the world, to explore avenues for stronger civil society engagement with the United Nations on counterterrorism issues. We strive to lay the groundwork for deeper and more meaningful civil society engagement practices within the United Nations and more effective civil society coalition-building to amplify the power and influence of marginalized groups most impacted by political violence and abuses perpetrated in the name of countering terrorism.





## 2023 FINANCIAL DATA

REVENUE (USD)	
Grant Revenue	\$6,027,438
Unrestricted Government Contributions	\$72,130
Unrestricted Individual and Private Sector Donations	\$73,272
Interest and Other Revenue	\$4,814
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,177,654</b>
EXPENSES (USD)	
Grant Expenses	\$5,567,949
Operating Expenses	\$317,345
Fundraising	\$159,730
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,045,024</b>

Financials pending audit.



## 2023 SUPPORTERS

### GOVERNMENTS

Australia  
 Canada  
 European Union  
 Germany  
 Netherlands  
 Norway  
 Sweden  
 Switzerland  
 United Kingdom  
 United States of America

### PRIVATE SECTOR

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The Global Center delivers our mission through four interlinked areas of expertise:

- Our Criminal Justice and Rule of Law work promotes accountable, accessible criminal justice systems that uphold human rights and the rule of law.
- Our Financial Integrity and Inclusion work advances transparent, equitable financial systems to combat illicit financial flows.
- Our Multilateral Security Policy work helps shape globally informed, locally grounded international security policy.
- Our Civic Space work invests in empowered, inclusive communities and supports civil society engagement on peace and security agendas.



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