

#### CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### Countering Violent Extremism through Community Dialogue Sessions

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#### Rationale

With the evolving threat of violent extremism, policymakers and practitioners are focusing on preventing and countering radicalization and recruitment, and improving the resilience of individuals and communities against its appeal. This has been evidenced by a growing interest in countering violent extremism (CVE) programming by different actors. Likewise, States have become more attentive to the development of CVE strategies and are supporting initiatives that move beyond policy development and into implementation.

No one risk factor explains involvement in violent extremism. Rather, it is the interaction of multiple risk factors that underpin the radicalization of individuals and communities ranging from economic and social disparities, lack of the rule of law, weak governance, corruption, widespread poverty and high unemployment rate amongst others. With one of the youngest populations and still at its nascent stages of state building, Somalia faces an even greater challenge in meeting the needs of its youth. Unemployment rates are estimated at a staggering 67% among the 14–29 age brackets which combined with the presence of terrorist groups becomes a key contributor to youth radicalization and extremism. IOM recognizes that CVE initiatives cannot be undertaken by governments alone, rather, emphasis should be that communities and local partners need to be engaged to complement and enhance CVE efforts, as well as to strengthen community resilience against the threat.

### Objectives

IOM intends to provide small and quick impact support that capitalize on community driven interventions aimed at mitigating risk factors that contribute towards violent extremism. These will be preceded by interactive and participatory community consultations aimed towards joint



problem



identification and analysis and at reaching a common understanding and workable solutions.

Following a sequential model, the community dialogue sessions will provide insights on: problem identification, problem analysis, identification of community driven projects, collective action towards implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. Furthermore, it should be noted that process is cyclical, and experience and lessons learned should feed into the subsequent community dialog sessions and mini-projects. The model structure is depicted below:

## More specifically, the dialogues are aimed at.

- Generating responses from communities and individuals that result into a commitment to addressing the identified problems (issues)/gaps in a participatory manner.
- Generating deeper understanding of the nature of the problem of violent extremism among individuals and communities in order to influence change.
- Surfacing common issues and the resources to address them, (help identify barriers to positive change and uncover innovative ideas).



#### Locations

The dialog sessions and projects will be implemented in targeted locations in South West State and Jubbaland.

# Scope of work

- 1. Set plenary sessions with local administration to map out locations of intervention following selection criteria jointly developed with the local administration and identify participants for the dialogue sessions.
- 2. Prepare/develop facilitation guide and agenda for the community dialogue session. This will help ensure the right facilitation approach is used and appropriate topics are covered.
- 3. Facilitate the organization of and conduct three-day community dialogue sessions bearing in mind the importance of equal representation and participation of members of the community including women, youth, minority groups, elders, civil society, private sector and Government entities.
- 4. Introduce speakers, provide ground rules, manage sessions, facilitate participant contributions, and ensure the smooth running of the dialogue sessions according to developed agenda. Contribute to the overall design of the workshop methodology and agenda.
- 5. Ensure that the dialogue is conducted in an interactive and participatory style, with a particular focus on the participation of women.
- 6. Facilitate the effective sharing of participants' experiences and the identification of priorities.
- 7. Produce a brief post-meeting synopsis of the process, highlighting the achieved outputs and deliverables.
- 8. Generate a report detailing key aspects of the meetings and recommendations reached by members of the community



9. Work closely with IOM representatives during every stage of the contract period, providing regular updates on progress made

## Job requirements

The proposal needs to demonstrate how much experience and capacity (both physical and technical knowledge and expertise) the organisation has on implementing similar interventions by explaining the:

- Number and outcomes of similar projects implemented i.e. experience with the facilitation of community dialogues (40 to 200 participants).
- Methodologies of implementing similar activities.

# Eligibility Requirements for participating in this call for proposal?

- They should be based in or operating within Somalia, preferably in Southwest State and Jubaland.
- They should be legally registered in Somalia, and with the relevant regional authorities.
- They should have a working office in the areas and an organizational profile.
- They should have extensive working experience with similar interventions.
- They should have endorsement letters from the government, local authorities and international NGOs.
- They should have a good understanding and working relationships with the relevant line ministries, local authorities, local communities and/or international NGOs.
- They should have the financial capacity and adequate staff in relation to the required needs for the proposed project.
- They should have the financial capacity to pre-finance part of the activities.



# What is the time frame of project implementation?

The project will be implemented in ten 3-day community dialogue sessions (five in each target area – South West State and Jubbaland), over a period of no more than 8-months.

Please note that the subsequent small and quick impact projects will be covered by a separate CfP.

## How to apply and where to send proposals?

Interested organizations are kindly requested to send a scanned copy of each of the documents listed above to the following email address: <a href="mailto:iomsomprocurement@iom.int">iomsomprocurement@iom.int</a>
Please ensure quotation of the reference number for this Call for Proposal (XXXXXXXXXX)

Deadline for submission of proposals is: 20 July 2016

For more information on the this project please send your queries to the below email; iomsomalia@iom.int