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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report highlights the activities that took place in the year 2018. The Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution's (CSCR) ran various activities in partnership with various partners. The activities are divided into six clusters; i.e. Programmes; Projects; Trainings, Conferences, Symposia and Workshops with partners; Meeting with Partners; Youth Programme; and Media.

CSCR proposed a project to end violence against children in madrassa in conformity with the ten commitments agreed upon in the GNRC Fifth Forum especially the commitment no 2 that says, *'Ensure that our religious places are safe for all children, and especially for the victims of violence and abuse, and vulnerable children such as those with disabilities'*. To address this concern, CSCR, a GNRC member Kenya, organized consultative meetings with stakeholders and professionals, among them educationists, psychologists, lawyers, sheikhs and members of Civil Society Organizations to discuss the issue and deliberate on the way forward.

Plans are also underway to start a new programme, Supporting Leaders Kenya, with the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change in 2019. This will be a three-year programme starting with the pilot training to be held in Mombasa for the coast region and Garissa for the north eastern region. Planning meetings were held which included a stakeholders' workshop to build consensus on the stakeholders to be included, topics and locations of the programme. Among the organizations represented were UN Women, Act Change Transform! (Act!), Woman Kind, Supreme Council of Kenya Muslim (SUPKEM), Coast Interfaith Council of Clerics (CICC), HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, and Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution/BRAVE. The design workshop will be in January 2019.

The Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) had several projects that were executed in 2018. The first was the Sudan Clerics, led by Dr. Essam El Bashir, in January 2019 with an aim to share the best practice of counter radicalization and reintegration of returnees with emphasis on the Sudan experience. The project was sponsored by the HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, and supported by Islamic Foundation Kenya. The clerics held meetings in Nairobi, Mombasa and Kajiado which involved local Muslim Clerics, women, youth and interfaith community. The other project was the pilot training for Champions for Change (C4C) held in Nairobi and Garissa with sponsorship of Kenya ni Wajibu Wetu (NiWETU) started in March 2018 and ended in May the same year. The project aimed at testing the newly developed training tools for CVE champions in the grassroots. CSCR also commemorated the Day of Prayer and Action for Children (DPAC) at Kibera Pride Children's Home in the Nairobi's, and arguably Africa's largest informal settlement of Kibera, South of Nairobi. This was celebrated on 24th November 2018 and attended by about 80 children from the neighbourhood. The activity was sponsored by DPAC New York, and local well-wishers.

In October 2018, PACT met with CSCR for a meeting whose purpose was to strengthen partnership through introducing the idea of working together in a sustainable PCVE project for Sheikhs and Ulamas Against Violent Extremism (SUAVE) in the Mandera Triangle. The Mandera Triangle includes, Suftu in Ethiopia, Belat Hawa in Somalia and Mandera in Kenya. CSCR will

work with Mandera County Government to achieve the desired peace in the region. CSCR's Chairman was invited to a stakeholders meeting hosted by the County Government in October 2018.

Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta competition, Season two 2018 was held between October and December 2018. The programme sought to promote the voices of youth in countering narratives of, radicalized groups, recruitment and violent extremism through talent. This short film competition culminated with a colourful gala on 5th December 2018 at the Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi where winners were feted. The Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) in partnership with HORN institute, Global Network of Religion for Children (GNRC), Epuka Ugaidi, and Nuvision awarded winners of different categories during the gala. The overall winner received Ksh. 500,000.00 and a trophy.

CSCR was also represented in to a total of eighteen activities that included trainings, conferences, symposia and workshops, in addition to eleven strategic meetings with partners. Most of the meetings were to discuss implantation of programmes and enhancement of partnerships. For instance, the CVE Stakeholders conference: Stepping Up Community-led Counter-terrorism and De-radicalization to Combat Violent Extremism held at Granada Hotel, Mandera Town where CSCR Chairman attended, aimed at consolidating partners and harnessing resources to implement P/CVE programme in the Mandera Triangle. All other activities had similar goals.

As a strategic means to target the maximum output to the community of people with an effective counter narrative message the use of the media is necessary. February 2018 where Sh. Ramadhan Aula participated in an interview with KTN on behalf of the HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies on program known as "Vita dhidi ya Ugaidi" (War against Terrorism) to promote Counter Terrorism Conference that was held in April 2018. Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter and YouTube were also used to reach the intended audience.

I CSCR PROGRAMMES



Dr. Mustafa Ali, Chairman CSCR, making a point during planning meeting for Ending Violence Against Children in Madrasa held at CSCR Offices 50, Riverside Drive

1.1 Ending Violence Against Children in Madrasa

Violence against Children in Madrasa Planning was identified as a problem that needs urgent attention. Subsequently, three stakeholders planning meeting were held on 2nd December 2017, 14th March 2018 and 3rd August 2018 at CSCR Offices 50, Riverside Drive. In the spirit of GNRC 5th Forum held in Panama City, Panama, between the 9th and 11th May 2017 by the GNRC members Kenya, in conformity with the ten commitments agreed upon especially the commitment no 2, 4 and 5. They read:

Commitment 2: Ensure that our religious places are safe for all children, and especially for the victims of violence and abuse, and vulnerable children such as those with disabilities;

Commitment 4: Educate our leaders and communities about the different forms of violence against children and deploy resources to prevent and address it within and beyond our communities; educate children about human sexuality and what they can do to keep themselves safe; work to safeguard children from harmful media content and engage the media in preventing violence against children;

Commitment 5: Partner with global programs such as End Violence and make the most of existing tools for addressing the root causes and drivers of the violence children face, with a special focus on

countering violent extremism, gang violence, harm to children by organized crime, and sexual exploitation and abuse

The main theme of the Forum was “Ending Violence against Children”, after which the Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution, a GNRC member Kenya, organized three consultative meetings the address violence against children in Madrassa.



Participants listening keenly during Ending Violence Against Madrasa Children meeting held at CSCR Offices, 50, Riverside Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MADRASSA STAKEHOLDERS

➤ A committee of seven people was formed to plan for the implementation of these resolutions
➤ Scoping mission to establish key stakeholders, build consensus and creation of awareness among the stakeholders
➤ Develop a comprehensive training manual for madrasa teachers
➤ Madrasa teachers should be trained on pedagogical skills, child psychology, legal instruments, how to use the madrasa curriculum to safeguard children
➤ Come up with a concept note which is easily understood by building on the already existing paper and get a clear definition on how violence is defined
➤ Carry out a survey through regional sampling to know how many madrasas and madrasa teachers are out there by using the existing networks in place, getting people who really know about violence in madrasas and using the already existing networks such as BRAVE, MEC, CIPK, SUPKEM, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, and Madrasa Resource Centre etc.

- Create awareness at the leadership level through involvement in the implementation of the programme
- Hold key stakeholders workshops in the affected areas to discuss the outcome of the survey in order to build consensus around the issue and how to face the challenges and present material that will be used during training
- Involve consultants in areas that need specialized expertise
- Targeted audience for this programme will be madrassa teachers, parents, community leaders, government officials and the children
- Ensure that the completed madrassa curriculum is implemented

1.2 TBI Supporting Leaders Kenya



Christopher Rider, Senior project manager at Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, in a maroon tie, giving his remarks during TBI Supporting Leaders Kenya meeting.

Christopher Rider, Senior project manager Tony Blair Institute for Global Change came in and expounded on some of their work and in his remarks, he mentioned that they worked with Christian and Muslim religious leaders in Nigeria 31 being Muslims from the Northeast and 30 Christians, they also developed modules whereby six of them were for the Muslim leaders issues centering around narratives and counter narratives, and the 7th module was for the Christian leaders all selected from the same geographical areas. The Tony Blair Institute for Global Change built capacities of organizations to train the locals and these trainings ranged from step down trainings to local programmes and he ended by saying that they wanted to share their experiences from Nigeria with BRAVE and Kenya being the first country.

Next steps:

- Follow up on conversations
- Engage more with BRAVE
- Introduce Governance necessary for policies
- Run pilot programme in Kenya
- Need of BRAVE assistance

In conclusion, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change were impressed and felt that they needed to spend more time with BRAVE for clearer understanding and as BRAVE, more is needed to be done for sustainability of programmes.



A group photo during the TBI Supporting Leaders Kenya workshop.



Participants during planning of Supporting Leaders Kenya Programme meeting at ACT Offices, Nairobi.

In response to the challenges and recommendations set out above, and following an initial scoping visit in September 2017, and Project Design Workshop 1 in June 2018, the Tony Blair Institute (TBI) and Act Change Transform (ACT) will co-design with other selected in-country partners a tailored multi-year project to support female community and religious leaders to counter violent extremism. ACT is an umbrella organisation which seeks to support, partner with and develop local organisations to be effective agents of lasting positive change. The organization has a presence in each of the 47 counties in Kenya and is a recipient of funding from USAID, DFID, DANIDA and the EU. Partnering with ACT ensures local ownership and facilitates sustainability of the project.

The project will draw on TBI's current research into women's exposure to extremism and pathways to radicalisation to adapt and leverage learning from TBI's Supporting Leaders work in Egypt and Nigeria and learnings from partner and other organisations in Kenya in order to test/prove the thesis that *'Inter-religious action led by women leaders builds social cohesion and counters violent extremism.'*¹ It therefore aligns closely with the third objective of Kenya's National Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism:² *'The ability to delegitimise and reject violent extremist ideologies'* and

¹ Provisional text as agreed at Project Design Workshop 1 26-28 Jun 18.

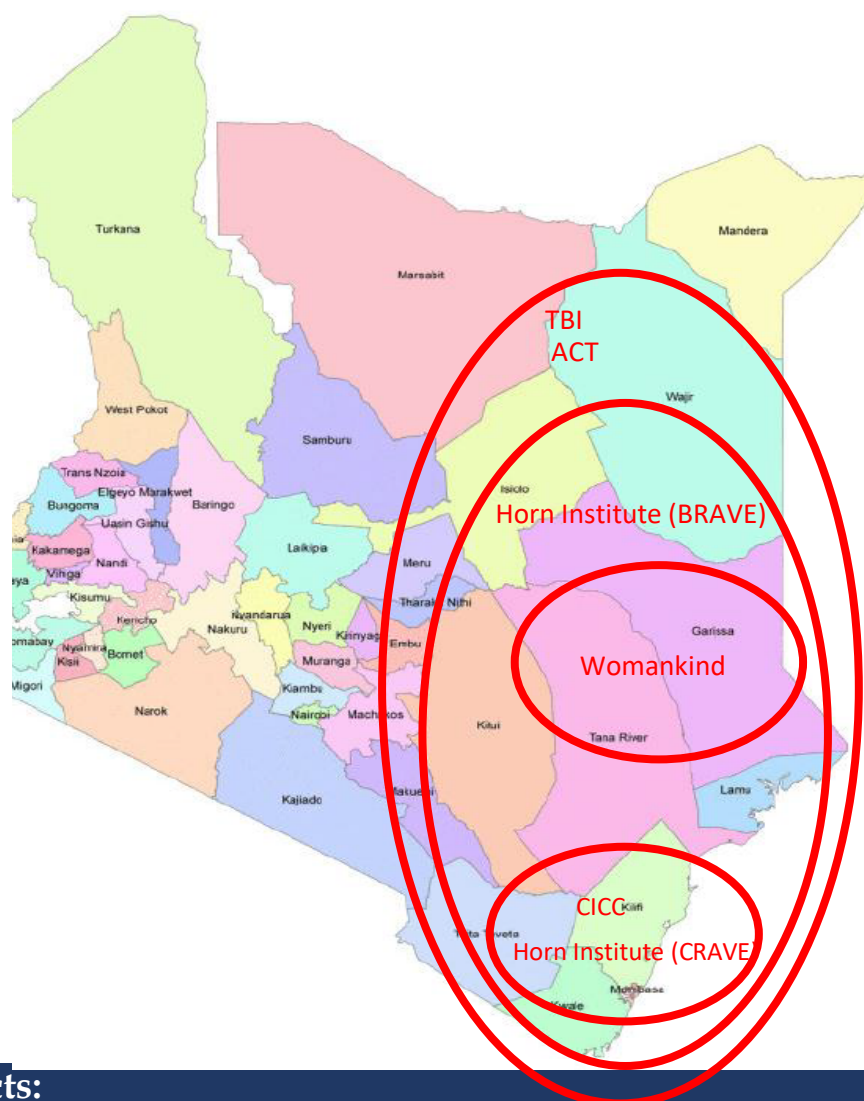
² National Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism.

the aim of its Faith-Based and Ideological Pillar to ‘immunise the Kenyan population to violent extremist ideologies’ in particular.

List of Participants:

No.	Name	Position	Organization
1	Sh. Ibrahim Lethome	Secretary General	CSCR
2	Sh. Ramadhan Aula	Director	CSCR
3	Dr. Hassan Kannenje	Director	Horn International Institute
4	Dr. Halkano Wario	Associate Director	Horn International Institute
5	Roselyne Omondi	Associate Director	Horn International Institute
6	Christopher Rider	Programme Manager	TBI
7	Laura Fildes	Programme Officer	TBI
8	Bonventure Chengek	Programme Officer	ACT

Distribution of Areas of Jurisdiction



II CSCR Projects:

2.1 Clerics Visit from Sudan

Re-invigorating and Revitalizing Religious Institutions and Communities in Preventing and Countering Radicalization, Violent Extremism, Terrorism carried out in Nairobi and Mombasa from 24th to 28th January 2018



A group photo with Sheikh Dr. Essam El-Bashir, third seated from left, at the HORN Institute after the first meeting.

Countering Violent Extremism has garnered increasing attention within government and civil society circles in Kenya. Kenya has become a prime location for recruitment and radicalization for al-Shabaab. The so-called Islamic State (IS), have successfully recruited from the region and has seen Kenya as one of those countries whose youth have been targeted, and joined these militant terrorist groups. Some religious leaders are also alleged to be at the centre of promoting violent extremism and recruitment of younger members of their congregations to join the war in Somalia and beyond.

On this background, the Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR), the BRAVE Network in partnership with the HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, and other identified local and national Muslim structures invited and engaged influential Muslim scholars from Sudan to prevent and counter violent extremism in Kenya. The delegation of scholars that comprised of Dr. Essam El-Bashir, Professor Ibrahim Noorain Ibrahim, and Dr. Ibrahim Al Tijani arrived from Sudan on 24th January 2018 for a five-day visit. The scholar's main goal was to Prevent and Countering Radicalization, Violent Extremism, Terrorism in Kenya and Enable and Encourage Faith and Community Leaders to take more robust counter-measures to Prevent and Counter Radicalization and Violent Extremism with the theme "Re-invigorating and Revitalizing

Religious Institutions and Communities in Preventing and Countering Radicalization, Violent Extremism, Terrorism”. To strengthen efforts to prevent and counter radicalization, violent extremism and terrorism, the scholars engaged in various activities with CSCR/BRAVE Steering Committee, Muslim organizations and prominent Sheikhs, government officials and religious leaders, women in Mombasa, sheikhs in Mombasa and Nairobi, Islamic organizations and the Youth. Their visit was focused on *Re-invigorating and Revitalizing Religious Institutions and Communities in Preventing and Countering Radicalization, Violent Extremism and Terrorism*.



Prof. Ibrahim Noorain giving a public lecture on Importance of being firm in religious standards at Masjid Noorain, Mombasa.

2.2 Champions for Change (C4C) Pilot

The Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) filled a grant application form from NIWETU with projected activities in March and April 2018. NiWajibu Wetu (NIWETU) activity was launched by the U.S. It empowers communities and government institutions to take the lead in preventing/countering violent extremism (P/CVE). NIWETU works to address the root causes of violent extremism by fostering a sense of unity and tolerance among individuals, communities, and civil society groups, as well as catalyze their connections with government institutions at the county and national levels.



Group photo of participants during a training workshop of Champions for Change (C4C) with Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome, Secretary General CSCR, second seated from left

Preliminary Information

Kick-off meeting is a requirement of DAI/NIWETU before starting of a project. The main aim of this meeting was to discuss the impending project and answer any queries, if any. Ms. Yasmin Mohamed, the grants Manager of NIWETU took the meeting through the preliminary information as follows:

Grant No	GR-NIW-18-029
Grantee	Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR)
Grant Title	Pilot Community Champions Guide
Grant Type	Fixed Amount Award
Grant Period	2 April – 16 June 2018
Grant Ceiling	\$32,695.95 (Not to exceed)
Grant Signatory	Ramadhan Aula Juma

Roles and Responsibilities, Program Description, (CVE) Champions for Change guide, Payment Requests, Reporting and Deliverables, Branding and Marking, Photos, Templates (as required by the grant activities) and Signing of Documents was done in this meeting and signed copies were shared between CSCR and NiWETU.



Group work photo of participants during Champions for Change held in Nairobi.



Group photo during Champions for Change pilot training held in Garissa

MAIN ROLES DURING THE CHAMPIONS WORKSHOPS

	Task Title	Task Description	Deliverable	Person Responsible	Due Date
1.	Consultants Contract	Going the draft Contract	Draft Contract	CSCR	
ACTIVITY I NAIROBI 9th – 13th April 2018					
1.	Pre and Post Training Evaluation Forms	Analyzing of Pre and Post Training Assessments	Analysis Report	Rama/Janice	9 th and 13 th April
2.	Consent Form	Filling of Consent Form	Signed Consent Form	Janice	9 th April
3.	Confirm Attendance	Registration of Participants	Signed Registration Forms	Janice	9 th to 13 th April
4.	Facilitation	Facilitating /Training	Manual	Consultants	9 th to 13 th April
5.	Photography	Taking Photos	Photos	Janice	9 th to 13 th April
6.	Reimbursement Payments	Payment of Participants and Consultants	Signed Voucher	Josephat	13 th April
7.	Feedback Report of Milestone 1	Development of PowerPoint Presentation	PowerPoint Presentation Report	Consultants	16 th April
8.	Activity Report Writing	Notes Taking	Feedback Report 1	Janice	16 th April
ACTIVITY II GARISSA 7th – 11th May 2018					
1.	Pre and Post Training Evaluation Forms	Analyzing of Pre and Post Training Assessments	Analysis Report	Rama/Janice	7 th and 11 th May
2.	Consent Form	Filling of Consent Form	Signed Consent Form	Janice	7 th May

3.	Confirm Attendance	Registration of Participants	Signed Registration Forms	Janice	7th and 11th May
4.	Facilitation	Facilitating /Training	Manual	Consultants	7 th to 11 th May
5.	Photography	Taking Photos	Photos	Janice	7 th to 11 th May
6.	Reimbursement Payments	Payment of Participants and Consultants	Signed Voucher	Josephat	11 th May
7.	Feedback Report of Milestone 2	Development of PowerPoint Presentation	PowerPoint Presentation Report	Consultants	13 th May
8.	Activity Report Writing	Notes Taking	Feedback Report 2	Janice	16 th May
	Report writing	Note Taking, Writing Recommendations Report Writing	End of Training Report	Rama	20 th May



Participants listening keenly during Champions for Change training in Nairobi.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The pretest training was successful and was able to clarify the connection between Leadership behaviors for transformational leaders with the Kotter Model for Change that lasts. That clarification of the intersection for navigating the ever-changing CVE terrain while focusing on Zero-tolerance to VE among communities and stakeholders assists Community champions in

their everyday engagements and energizes. The need for deeper understanding of the content is important, especially the narratives and counter-narratives that can be shared with new converts who are easily radicalized. Those with deeper understanding are not easily radicalized. Therefore, the NIWETU team can think of ways of including, as attachments/ appendixes as accompanying documents to the manual. A total of nineteen champions were trained. This being a pilot project, it was advised that the training tool should be improved but the recommended that the training should go on.

2.3 Day of prayer and action (DPAC) 2018

The Day of Prayer and Action for Children event was held in Nairobi, Kenya in the informal settlement of Kibera as a commemoration of this important day celebrated around the world. In the spirit of GNRC 5th Forum held in Panama City, Panama, between 9th and 11th May 2017, the GNRC-Kenya members aimed at promoting the end of violence against children. This is also in conformity with the ten commitments agreed upon in the fifth forum. This year's theme was; *Protecting Children from Abuse and Exploitation*, subthemes being; *Dangers of recruitment of Children into Violence Extremism and Importance of Protection of Children from Risky Behaviors*.

The Day of Prayer and Action (DPAC) event Activities included: Prayer for children in the country and around the world, talks, presentations, games, tree planting, songs, dances, fun-making and face painting. The event was organized by CSCR in collaboration with GNRC members' organizations in Kenya that have been mobilized by the GNRC-Kenya office. The objective was, to create awareness on violent extremism and recruitment of children to join violent groups.



Group photo with children from Pride Children's Home and Madrassatul Ulum Salam for the Day of Prayer and Action for Children (DPAC) held in Pride children's Home, Kibera, Nairobi

On Tuesday 13th November 2018, CSCR and members of GNRC-Kenya visited the prides children's home in Kibera.

The purpose of the visit was to familiarize with pride children's home and know the venue where DPAC activity will take place. Sh. Ramadhan Aula thanked Irene for allowing them to visit the children's home and went ahead to mention the purpose of their visit. GNRC celebrates international commemorated days of which DPAC is one of them. Challenged by the global epidemic of violence against children, leaders and members of the world's religious and spiritual traditions, girls and boys, women and men, from 70 countries, together with representatives of governments, the United Nations, and international and grassroots organizations, met in Panama City, Panama for the 5th Forum of the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC), from 9-11 May 2017. The participants of the GNRC 5th Forum, both children and adults, resolved to do all that they can to end violence against children. They committed to: Listen to children with empathy and respect, welcome their wisdom and gifts, and continue to work side-by-side to address violence against them; strengthen local communities by offering education in positive parenting and ethical values to help families and children develop empathy, become more resilient, and grow spiritually among others.



From left, Mrs Zam Obed of Child's Life, Ms Irene Kasandi, Director Pride Children's Home and Sh. Ramadhan Aula, GNRC Kenya coordinator during fact finding visit at Pride Children's Home in Kibera

Kibera Pride is located in Olympic, Kibera as a non-profit registered NGO with a mandate to provide foster/home care for the most vulnerable children of Kibera and to provide and facilitate social services and community development within the region with a total of 71 children (25 in the home and 46 supported while staying with their parents).



Riziki Ahmed, Psychologist, addressing on the role of community in protecting vulnerable children and importance of protecting them from risky behaviours during the Day of Prayer and Action for Children event in Kibera.

The Skype meeting started at 16:00 hrs (Nairobi time) On Wednesday 14th November between members of GNRC Kenya and Tanzania and Ornella Barros. The purpose for this meeting was to touch base on the upcoming DPAC activities 2018.

No.	Name	Title	Organization
1.	Sh. Ramadhan Aula	Coordinator	GNRC-Kenya
2.	Yusuf Masanja	Coordinator	GNRC-Tanzania
3.	Ornella Barros		GNRC-Newyork
4.	Shadiah Asindua	Administrative Secretary	CSCR



A child from Pride children's Home admiring a piece of art done on her hands.

The Agenda:

- Welcome and introduction
- Highlights of the world day action planning in the region
- Top priority issues for prayer and action office 2018- 2019
- Child participation and child protection standards (Informed consent, 9 basic requirements for ethical and effective participation of children, Children's participation online).
- Reporting Templates and Logos

Actions

- Advocacy
- Spread word on social media by using hashtags #prayerandaction, #Dayofthechild
- Join the community challenge
- Invite others to join you
- Take picture for instance a community in one picture with a commitment towards ending violence against children

2.4 SUAVE (Sheikhs and Ulamaas Against Violent Extremism) project preparation held on 27th October 2018 at the HORN Institute 50, Riverside drive

Members Present:

1. Sh. Ramadhan Aula
2. Sh. Ibrahim Lethome
3. Dr. Mustafa Ali
4. Eman I. Yarrow

Absent with apologies:

1. Yussuf M. Abdullahi

PACT is a nonprofit international development organization founded in 1971 which works on the ground in nearly 40 countries to improve the lives of those who are challenged by poverty and marginalization. PACT strives for a world where all people are heard, capable and vibrant. It is a recognized leader in integrated development. Their integrated approach combines interventions in purposeful ways to address development challenges holistically, always tailored to local needs. They focus on systemic change to build an environment for sustainable success.

On Saturday 27th October 2018, PACT met with Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Sh. Ibrahim Lethome and Dr. Mustafa Ali from CSCR at CSCR offices 50, Riverside drive. The purpose of the visit was to strengthen their partnership through introducing the idea of working together in a Sustainable PCVE project for Sheikhs and Ulamaas in the Mandera Triangle.

Eman I. Yarrow;

Eman Yarrow chose to work with BRAVE among other organizations after Yussuf Abdullahi from PACT suggested to him the PCVE project for Sheikhs and Ulamaas. He was also already familiar with BRAVE's work and the commitment it showed over the years and was happy to be affiliated with it. He added that everyone out there was doing CVE work and that it was best if BRAVE did it differently this time round. BRAVE was therefore supposed to come up with salient ways that could not put the sheikhs in more danger than they were already in when it came to tackling Violent Extremism.

PCVE project:

As explained by Eman Yarrow, it is a PCVE project for Sheikhs and Ulamaas in the Mandera Triangle which is supposed to take place in Sufti in Ethiopia, Belet Hawa in Somalia and in Mandera town in Kenya. The effort that will happen in the above areas of focus will extend to other areas. In his suggestions, Eman Yarrow said;

- The project should engage the media, youth, women and scholars where the sheikhs will visit schools and media will reach out to the community through radio talk shows.
- Reach out to Abu Yassir the religious advisor, Sh. Abdirazak and Ahmed the DE radicalization and youth empowerment officer during their planning. As Yusuf from PACT advised, the religious advisor should be in the know during the planning process.
- BRAVE to come up with a short write up of six months, whereby the first three months will be probation and if project works out it will extend to the six months.

- Contract to start 15th December 2018 after a write up by BRAVE (Sh. Ramadhan to share his already completed draft with the rest of the members)

Sh. Ramadhan suggested that the project should be long term for it to have impact in the community. He suggested the following;

- Have first activity of scoping with the Kenyan Security
- Get ideas from the grassroots people themselves so that they embrace the project
- Thought of the clerics who would complete the whole cycle who will include youth clerics and women clerics
- Have forums with women combined with the scholars as the women play vital role in the society.
- Need to meet the second team to emphasize issue of working together with other stakeholders

Sh. Ibrahim Lethome, CSCR thanked Eman Yarrow for choosing BRAVE among other organizations and appreciated the fact that he sees the project as long-term and not short-term as other organizations out there have done for the sake of burning the money. The impact of the project is more important and have to be tactical in their execution given the experience of Mandera as a risky place as known to everyone.

Sh. Lethome pointed out that the when it came to engagements with stakeholders, Ulamaas are the key stakeholders and BRAVE was the perfect organization for this since its focus is on community dialogues on religious narrative. He advised the team to put in mind the security in Mandera and bear in mind that there is a problem with the scholars who live in perpetual fear where the majority that have influence risk being attacked by police as “suspects” and by Al-Shabaab as “betrayers”. In his suggestions, he said;

- Work needs to be planned well.
- The government to work side by side with the community
- Emphasized on sustainability of the project as long-term and not a one-off thing

Work Plan

The team altogether went through the work plan that Sh. Ramadhan had prepared and corrections were made to fit the activity.

Suggestions and Recommendations

The following were recommendations suggested during the meeting:

- i. Engage Majlis Ulamaa in Suftu (Brother Iman to look into it)
- ii. Build on already what is there i.e. the existing clusters of PACT (Brother Iman to follow up with Yussuf)
- iii. Do a scoping mission on how to bridge security and Majlis Ulamaa(Need to get heads of security and governor for the them to pledge their support)
- iv. Know the amount of resources available so as to know how ambitious BRAVE is going to go.

- v. Eman Yarrow to get list of participants and report from the recently concluded conference for confirmations on the attendance of the sheikhs
- vi. Have a meeting with the county government in Nairobi (scoping mission)
- vii. Think of activities that the sheikhs can do after the TOT
- viii. Forty Khutbahs in two month, four visits and one joint public Barraza (one every fortnight, two per month)

1.10 Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta Season II, 2018



Group photo with Guest of Honour, Mr. Eric Kiraithe, Government spokesperson, third seated from the right and winners of Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta season two Competition during the gala.

Lenga Ugaidi Na Talanta is an initiative that seeks to channel youth creativity towards countering violent extremists' narratives. The competition is a contest, targeting Kenyan youth participants (under 35 years) in the fight against radicalization and violent extremism. The contest involves development of short films, songs and poems in countering the VE narrative in specific thematic areas.



Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali, Chairman CSCR, giving an over view of Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta competition 2018 Season two



Mr. Eric Kiraithe Government Spokesperson giving keynote address during the Lenga Ugaidi Na Talanta Competition Gala

On December 5, 2018, the Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) in partnership with HORN institute, Global Network of Religion for Children (GNRC), Epuka Ugaidi, and Nuvision came together for the Lenga Ugaidi Na Talanta Winners Gala. Among the invited guests were the government spokesman Mr. Eric Kiraithe, Col. Njuguna (KDF), Ustadha Batuli Nassir (BRAVE) and the top seven winners.

In accordance with its mission and objectives, the Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) through its flagship programme Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism (BRAVE) in partnership with HORN institute, Global Network of Religion for Children (GNRC), Epuka Ugaidi, and Nuvision introduced the programme for the youth through talent and in language they understand. Lenga Ugaidi Na Talanta 2018 2nd edition was launched on 1st October 2018 at the HORN Institute premises under the theme 'fighting terrorism through art'. The programme sought to promote the voices of youth in countering narratives of, radicalized groups, recruitment and violent extremism through talent. Mobilization to participate in the competition was online, through Twitter, Facebook, website and other social media platforms. Brochures were also prepared to be distributed in the institution of learning, and youth organizations and clubs.

Objectives

The objectives were as follows;

1. Allow the youth to spearhead the counter-radicalization conversation through talent/art in their own language and understanding, thus allow greater receptivity
2. Engage the youth actively in the fight against radicalization, violent extremism and terrorism as it has been traditionally by the Government, NGO's and Religious institutions
3. Create awareness and initiate continuous conversation by the youth on violent extremism.

The under mentioned are the themes for 2018:

- Peer responsibility (identifying early warning signs of radicalization among peers)
- How to effectively and responsibly respond in the unfortunate event of a terror attack.

- The role of social media in Radicalization and Terrorism.
- How terrorists lure and use women and children and the role of women and children in Counter Terrorism.
- The true meaning of Jihad.



Kotinyo, the best poet in Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta, performing during the winners' gala

The competition went through below four phases:

Phase one – Launch, marketing and promo

Phase two – video submissions, reviewing and judgement

Phase three – winners gala

Phase four – Post competition (distribution of videos across social media platforms)

The winners received the following awards:

No.	NAME	POSITION	PRIZE
1.	Alex Wabela of Kiota Entertainment	Winner	Kshs. 500,000 and Trophy
2.		1 st runner up	Kshs. 250,000
3.		2 nd runner up	Kshs 100,000
4.	Kotinyo	Best in Poetry	Kshs 100,000
5.	Maureen Lugano	Best in Music	Kshs 100,000
6.	Mungai Kinyanjui	Judges' Award	Tablet
7.	Lox Ponde	Youngest entrant	Smart phone



Mr. Eric Kiraithe, the Government Spokesman, presenting a cheque to the winner Alex Wabela of Kiota Entertainment



Sh. Ramadhan Aula, director, CSCR, the Master of Ceremony during the gala welcoming participants



Ustadha Batuli presenting a cheque to the best music award winner during the Lenga Ugaidi na Talanta competition Season two gala.



Kotinyo, the best poet in Lenga Ugaidi Na Talanta competition reciting a poem during winners Gala

III SUMMARY OF TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA WITH PARTNERS

3.1 Research Validation Workshop held at Methodist Guest House and Conference Centre, Oloitoktok Road, Lavington on 20th March 2018



Dr. Mustafa Ali, Chairman CSCR, giving opening remarks during Research Validation Workshop held at Methodist Guest House and Conference Centre, Nairobi

Arigatou International develops and sustains unique multi-stakeholder initiatives designed to ensure that all children are treated with dignity, all children's rights are respected, and all children have the opportunity to freely pursue their full human potential. Involving diverse partners, these initiatives emphasize both grassroots action and international advocacy. It recognizes the vital role that religious leaders and their communities can play in fostering healthy values and supporting positive behavior in their societies. To provide a global platform for interreligious cooperation for children, Arigatou International launched the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC) in May 2000 at the first global forum in Tokyo. With global forums held in Geneva in 2004, Hiroshima in 2008, Nairobi in 2012, and Panama in 2017, the GNRC has grown to become an extensive interfaith network of faith-based organizations and people of faith who work together for the rights and wellbeing of children around the world.



Sh. Ramadhan following the proceedings during the Research Validation Workshop.

The study concluded that programming involving faith communities in CVE should deliberately engage the youth and focus on their needs by ensuring effective faith foundations; and providing transformative education that empowers the youth with capacity for making right choices and informed decisions for their betterment. Programs should also have an economic empowerment dimension that would involve skills training to ensure movement towards economic independence as opposed to dependence and hopelessness. Women should be specifically targeted in CVE programming both as perpetrators and as part of the solution given their critical role in society in general and proximity to the male perpetrators. The scope and structure of interventions need to be joint and consultative allowing for youth participation and ownership.

3.2 Study Tour by NCTC Tanzania 10th May 2018 at Tamarind Tree

The National Counter Terrorism Centre was hosting its counterpart from Tanzania who were on a study tour. The Meeting with NCTC Tanzania was held on 10th May 2018 at Tamarind Tree near Carnivore Restaurant off Lang'ata Road. The first presentation was by the Finance Regulatory Authority (FRC) where they presented on how they track Terrorism financing. They also gave statistics of what they have done so far. On our side, Dr. Khannenje discussed the importance of research which is the work of the HORN Institute. He also discussed the operations of HORN Institute. Sh. Ramadhan presented BRAVE as a flagship programme of CSCR which implements activities of HORN Institute.

3.3 1st National Symposium in Kenya on Child Care and Protection at Multimedia University of Kenya, Mbagathi Campus, Nairobi from 16th – 18th May 2018

Building Synergy for enhanced child care and protection: Experiences, Challenges and Opportunities

GNRC-KENYA was invited to take part in the first national symposium in Kenya on child care and protection which was held from 16th – 18th May 2018 at the Multimedia University of Kenya, Mbagathi Campus, Nairobi. The theme of the symposium was Building Synergy for enhanced child care and protection: Experiences, Challenges and Opportunities. This forum

was organized to provide for all stakeholders involved in child care and protection to share their experiences, Challenges and successes. The chief Guest who graced the occasion was the Chief Justice and the President of the Judicial Service of Kenya David Maraga.

3.4 CSO HUB with IGAD and Global Center

East Africa Civil Society Organizations Hub National Meeting Held On 9th And 10th July 2018
Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi (Kenya)



Group photo with Gerald Mongare Atunga, Head of Department Communication, NCTC, seated in a brown suit, during the East Africa Civil Society Organizations Hub National

The East Africa Civil Society Organizations Hub national meeting held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Nairobi (Kenya) on 9th and 10th July 2018 was part of the broader objective of using an online Hub called Digital HUB to better connect with different CSOs in countering violent extremism. This meeting was co-convened by Youth, Arts, Development & Entrepreneurship Network (YADEN) and Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism (BRAVE) and funded by IGAD Center of Excellence in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (ICEPCVE). The main objectives were to have a comprehensive discussion on CSOs' activities and locations, and discuss how to strengthen collaboration between government and CSOs on P/CVE policies and programs. Participants were drawn from 67 CSOs in P/CVE after a mapping exercise jointly done by YADEN and BRAVE. Facilitators of the two-day meeting were ICEPCVE, YADEN (co-convenor), BRAVE (co-convenor), RUSI, ACT, KECOSCE, SUPKEM, SOWED, Scofield Associates, Women Without Borders, Common Ground Centre, Street Radio, National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), and Ministry of Interior. At the end, there was consensus that there is need for a systematic and structured engagement between government and CSOs in P/CVE and alternative sources of funding such as counties in Kenya and IGAD countries.



Gerald Mongare Atunga, Head of Department Communication, NCTC, giving keynote address during the East Africa Civil Society Organizations Hub National Meeting

The East Africa Civil Society Organizations Hub (CSO Hub) two-day national meeting held in Nairobi (Kenya) on 9th and 10th July 2018 is a culmination of a series of meetings organized by IGAD Centre of Excellence in Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (ICEPCVE). ICEPCVE was formally “established (in 2018) to promote regional sharing of good practices and lessons learnt in preventing and countering violent extremism initiatives and to bring together actors involved in P/CVE work in the region to ensure an inclusive and holistic approach.”



Sh. Lethome, BRAVE Steering Committee Member and co-convener of the meeting, gives an overview of the meeting.

The ICEPCVE and the CSO Hub have the common and shared objectives of supporting community resilience and preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) in the Eastern and Horn of Africa region. To support this work, ICEPCVE and the CSO Hub partner together

and collaborate with key national, regional, and international actors to support and deepen the capacities of civil society organizations engaged in P/CVE in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.



Participants following proceedings during the two-day national meeting



Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director, CSCR, and Mr. Nyang'ori from NCTC exchanging ideas during the workshop.

3.5 CVE Policy Series Symposium held on 18th July 2018 at American Corner, Bazaar Plaza in Nairobi



The Common Ground Centre has introduced a monthly platform by the name CVE Policy Series. The CVE Policy Series, finding its relevance with the National CVE strategy pillar being *The Training and Capacity Building Pillar*, convenes every third Wednesday of the month and facilitate thematic dialogues on how P/CVE policy and strategy work in Kenya is adapting in the context of contemporary and/or future challenges, and examine the strengths and weaknesses of 'doing policy differently'. This activity was held 18th July 2018 at American Corner, Bazaar Plaza in Nairobi's CBD. The Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution and the Horn Institute for Strategic Studies were represented by Sh. Ramadhan Aula and Dr. Hassan Kannenje respectively while Dr. Halkano Wario accompanied them.

The agenda of the forum was to discuss building community resilience against Violent Extremism which is a common terminology in P/CVE program in Kenya. The thesis was that despite its popularity, there are differing positions on its meaning and utility, not least as the terms 'community' and 'resilience' are both contested. This second session of the CVE Policy series, examined the context in which the concept of community resilience has developed, vis a vis the

demanding needs and expectations, with a practice review of the BRAVE and SCORE projects' implied definitions of community resilience; their points of convergence, divergence and how they align to local input(s).

A Review of BRAVE and SCORE Programs

In this project review, the focus on the profiles of these two programs was anticipated to learn the best practices available on the field that are built on assets already existing in the community.

a) BRAVE Program (Building Resilience Against Violent Extremism)

The BRAVE program is run by the Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolutions (CSCR) situated at the Horn Institute for Strategic Studies. The program's focus is on tackling the ideological aspects of violent extremism and terrorism as a means of enhancing the community resistance to them, hence community resilience against VE. Its main target audience are returnees, young persons (including children and youth) and adults living on those areas considered to be VE hotspots.

By focusing on the ideological elements related to VE ideologies, the BRAVE program anticipates to initiate and sustain a forward moving momentum to continuously undermine information asymmetries that favor the spread of VE ideologies in the community. In achieving this, the BRAVE program shall have built community resilience against VE by reducing the accepting, sympathizing with or supporting rates amongst individuals in the community. Throughout its running, the BRAVE program has used the mainstream and social media platforms to reach its target audience, with messages meant to create deeper awareness, vigilance and delegitimize the mis-interpreted and misused religious and/or ideological narratives by VE groups. The BRAVE program is generally expected reach to approximately twenty (20) million Kenyans in the first three years of its inception while the specific aspects of the BRAVE program are expected to reach up to 8 million Kenyans in hot-spot areas.

The main community asset that the BRAVE Program is built upon is the **already existing positive/alternative narratives in the community**, which are then harnessed for P/CVE.



A section of the participants during the CVE Policy Series meeting in Nairobi

b) SCORE (Strengthening Community Resilience against Violent Extremism)

The SCORE project is implemented by Act! (Kenya) working with 14 local civil society organizations in six counties in Kenya's Coast region (Kilifi, Kwale, Lamu, Mombasa, Taita Taveta and Tana River counties), supported by the USAID Kenya and East Africa in alignment to USAID's policy on using development assistance to prevent and counter violent extremism. With this premise, we understand that SCORE's main component of resilience is economic empowerment of the individual/community – *bridging the divide between security and development*. By addressing the economic grievances of the individuals in the community, the USAID envisages conflict mitigating conflict and violent extremism through the SCORE project. The accuracy of this, if true, rules out the psycho-social influences to contemporary VE radicalization which has:

- Has drawn in quite a number of individuals from well to do family backgrounds, hence no real economic grievances;
- Has turned P/CVE into a co-opted development agenda *with handouts in exchange for 'passion and energy'*.

3.6 Counsellors and Psychologists Training Workshop on Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Violent Extremist held from August 6th to 10th 2018 at Enashipai- Naivasha

The National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) invited counsellors and psychologists to a Workshop on lessons learnt and experience sharing in disengagement and rehabilitation of violent extremists in Naivasha from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th August 2018. A total of 35 participants from Isiolo, Garissa, Nyeri, and Nairobi attended



A group photo of team from NCTC, UNDP, and the invited counsellors and psychologists during Counsellors and Psychologists Training Workshop held at

The NCTC launched its Disengagement program that is charged with rehabilitating Violent Extremists in March 2018 after the initial training of 18 disengagement officers in Denmark in 2017 and a further training in June 2018. 20 psychologists and counsellors were also trained in 2017 as part of the critical and core team that has since been handling de-radicalization and rehabilitation cases. BRAVE being part of the NCTC key stakeholder, experts from BRAVE, namely; **Mariam Kibunja, Batuli Nassir, Dr. Raya Suleiman, Ahmed Set Abdi, Ebla Minhaj and Fahim Mohamed Said** were invited for the above referenced workshop as part of building their capacity and skill-sets as rehabilitation officers. The workshop took place from 6th to 10th August, 2018. The workshop was officially opened on Tuesday 7th August 2018 by the Deputy Director, NCTC.

3.7 Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities: Child Dignity Online 3rd Pre-Event Workshop Sub-Saharan Africa Region, Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya August 7, 2018

Arigatou International-Nairobi in partnership with the government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ministry of Interior organized a meeting for faith communities in the Sub-Saharan Africa region to facilitate reflection on the subject of child dignity in the digital world. Members

representing CSCR were: Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director, CSCR and Sh. Ibrahim Lethome, Secretary General, CSCR



On the left, Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director CSCR and Sh. Ibrahim Lethome representing CSCR during the 3rd Pre-Event Workshop held at Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi.



Dr. Mustafa, Chairman CSCR, and a participant from Ethiopia exchanging their experiences during the 3rd Pre-Event Workshop.

The pre-workshop, which took place at Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi on 7th August 2018 was attended by thirty representatives from all sectors and faith including Christians, Muslims, Indigenous African, Hindu and Sikh faiths. The government's children department also participated in the pre-workshop. Participants that attended came from, Uganda, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Ethiopia, and Kenya. Some of the facilitators were drawn from UAE

The objectives of the pre-workshop were to:

1. Mobilize support from religious leaders and their respective communities
2. Spread awareness of online child exploitation within faith communities
3. Develop pledges and commitments that will form part of the broader interfaith dialogue forum
4. Stir and encourage religious leaders and faith communities to take more ownership in the fight against OCSE

The participants benefited from knowledge and insights of international child protection experts based in the region as well as faith leaders who have engaged in online protection of children.

The meeting combined discussion sessions on the topics of child protection in the digital world, with exchange of experiences and good practices. Group work sessions helped to form part of inputs from Sub-Saharan region to be presented in the global interfaith dialogue forum that will be held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, in November 2018. The first regional meeting took place in Egypt, the others will take place in Dominican Republic, India, Kenya and Philippines.



Participants in a Group work session during the 3rd Pre-Event Workshop giving their inputs

3.8 The Launch of Isiolo County Action Plan on Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism 2018- 2022 Isiolo Police Ground 17 September 2018

The Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) was invited to participate in the launch of the Isiolo County Actions Plan (CAP) on Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism (ICAP P/CVE) on 17 September 2018, at the Police Grounds in Isiolo County. CSCR was honoring invitation by the Isiolo County Commissioner, Mr. John Ondego. The launch was part of the operationalization of the National Strategy to Counter Violent Extremism (NSCVE) but meant to address issues specific to the Isiolo County.



On the left, the guest of honor, Mr. Wycliffe Ogallo, Eastern Regional Commissioner, flanked by Isiolo Governor (in cap) Hon. Dr. Mohamed Abdi Kuti., during The Launch of Isiolo County Action Plan on Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism 2018-2022 held at Isiolo Police Ground.

The Isiolo County Action Plan is anchored on 12 Pillars, an expansion of the NSCVE nine pillars, particularly: County and National Government Relationship, Arts and Culture, Political, Media and Online Outreach, Training and Capacity Building, Law and Policy, Education, Access to Justice, Faith Based and Ideology, Women Psychosocial and Security. The Launch was presided by the Eastern Regional Commissioner Mr. Wycliffe Ogallo on behalf of Principal Secretary Eng. Karanja Kibicho.



Regional Commissioner, Mr. Wycliffe Ogallo, officially launching Isiolo County Actions Plan on behalf of Principal Secretary Eng. Karanja Kibicho. Looking on, Isiolo Women Representative Rehema Dida Jaldesa, Isiolo Governor Hon. Dr. Mohamed Abdi Kuti.

Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution was represented by Sh. Ramadhan Aula who spoke on behalf of Dr. Mustafa Ali, CSCR Chairman who was unable to attend due to unavoidable circumstances. BRAVE movement was represented by Ahmed Sett, Abdia Mahmoud, Mohammad Akhtar Rao, and Zulekha Omar. Also invited and present were the County Commissioners of Marsabit and Samburu. Other organizations institution represented during the launch were US and UK Embassies, Act Kenya, International Organization of Migration (IOM), USAID, and National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC).



Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director CSCR, Representing CSCR during The Launch of Isiolo County Action Plan on P/CVE 2018-2022 held in Isiolo



Members representing the BRAVE movement celebrating The Launch of Isiolo County Action Plan on Prevention and Countering Violent Extremism 2018-2022 (in both photos)

3.9 Uniformed Imams Training held at Sawela Lodge, Naivasha from 18th – 20th September 2018

The training of Uniformed Imams on CVE and disengagement and reintegration was organized by NCTC in line with Faith Based and Ideological Pillar in the National Strategy in Countering Violent Extremism (NSCVE) which aims to ‘immunize’ the Kenyan population against violent extremist ideologies. This was the third of series of workshops organized by NCTC; the first one was of the psychologists to prepare and equip them on disengagement programme and CVE. The second workshop was help for uniformed Christian Clerics with the same agenda like the one organized for imams.



Nairobi BRAVE Coordinator Maryam Kibunja (in a black dress) and Imam Usama Hassan exchanging their experiences during Imams workshop held in Naivasha

The objectives of the workshop were to:

4. Train the uniformed clerics on Narratives and related CVE issues
5. Prepare the Imams on disengagement roles in their places of work
6. Expose the Imams on CVE and building resilience

The workshop was facilitated by Imam Usama Hassan and his colleague, Mohamed Fatah, from Quilliam Foundation. Despite that both Imam Usama and Fatah come from the same organization the latter is based in the United States of America. In the engagement of imams, NCTC intends to have follow up workshops after Naivasha which will also involve civilian imams in the hotspot areas. The follow up will be carried out by the NCTCs local partners, CSCR included.

The main topics on the agenda were: Principle and factors driving radicalization, Case Study of al-Shabaab and ISIS in Somalia, narratives of violent extremist organization and counter narratives, the role of religion in radicalization, dynamics and patterns of radicalization and recruitment, understanding RADAR tool, online recruitment, and disengagement from VE - Kenya model.

The main participants were from KDF, National Police Service, and Kenya Prisons Services. CSCR was invited to the workshop as a partner to NCTC with a possibility of taking over the follow up activities after the workshop. NCTC will convene a meeting of implementing partners to discuss these follow up activities. CSCR was represented by Sh. Ramadhan Aula. BRAVE was however also was represented by Maryam Kibunja, Nairobi Coordinator, and Sh. Mahmoud Abdillahi, Coast coordinator who doubled up as CIPK representative as well. Due to delays in communication, Dr. Mujahid Othman was unable to attend. SUPKEM was also invited and represented by Hassan ole Naad while Rev. Fr. Willybard Lagho represented the Christian community.



Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director CSCR (in a sweater), giving his remarks during the workshop

The workshop was attended by the senior officials of NCTC led by the Deputy Director, Joseph Opondo, who presided over the official opening of the three-day event. Others were Col. Ngeywa who heads the CVE docket in NCTC and Maj. Bett the programmes person. Representing the Department of Defense were Col. Yahya, and the KDF Chief Imam, Col. Abdulmalik Rubeya. The United Nations Development Programme was represented by Joyce Deloge who gave opening remarks on behalf of her organization. Others who gave their opening remarks were Hassan ole Naado of SUPKEM, Sh. Mahmoud Abdillahi of Council of Imam and Preachers of Kenya (CIPK), and Col. Ngeywa of NCTC



Seated on the left, Maryam Kibunja, Nairobi BRAVE Coordinator with other participants during the Uniformed Imams Training held in Naivasha



Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director CSCR (in a sweater), interacting with other participants.

3.10 P/CVE Hangout Session at Liberty Centre (Formerly Liberty Cinema), Pangani Shopping Centre on Saturday 6th October 2018



Sammi Gathii, the Chairman of Youth, Arts, Development & Entrepreneurship Network (YADEN), gave welcome remarks to the guests present and outlined the objectives of the forum. In his remarks he said YADEN in partnership with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs is launching a P/CVE program titled AMKA, that will work to promote CSO-Government Collaboration; harness and engage grassroots P/CVE knowledge to guide interventions; develop sustainable P/CVE structures anchored on youth and their grassroots communities besides development and dissemination of resonating P/CVE narratives and messages. The forum was designed as a P/CVE hangout where creative and innovative presentations were shared. One hundred youth from Nairobi participated.

The Dutch Government was represented by Manon van Schootbrugge who holds a CVE portfolio at the Embassy, accompanied by Onno Koopmans, Senior Advisor Regional Stability and Development, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Nairobi.

CSCR was represented by Sh. Ibrahim Lethome, Secretary General, CSCR, and Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director, CSCR. Sh. Lethome Discussed on reclaiming religious terminologies that are misused by violent extremists, he said the terms like jihad, *Allahu Akbar*, *hijra* have been misinterpreted to sound like terrifying words in contrast with their true meaning. While jihad was used in Islam for protection, the violent extremists are misusing the name to cause terror. *Allahu Akbar* simply means 'Glory be to God', it has been made to mean announcement of war by the violent extremists. And *Hijra* which 'to migrate', has been made an essential recruitment tool and many people have migrated from their countries to join VEOs. Sh. Ramadhan on the hand said that poverty, joblessness, profiling and other issues exist in every country, and every community. Young people need to find workable solutions to these problems. Joining VE will escalate the collapse of the economy and in effect compound the misery of young people. Youth are better placed to come up with solutions of any problem they are suffering from. The adage goes: '*the shoe wearer knows where it pinches*'.

Gerald Mung'are of NCTC discussed of alternative narratives saying youth must come up with alternative means of resolving problems. Participating in violent extremism as a way expressing frustrations will not solve any problem. Youth must have regular discussions to devise and prove ways of resolving problems, whether among themselves or between them and the Government.

3.11 Religious Extremism and Violence in Africa: Reviewing the Practice of Intervention & Inter-religious Dialogue, 9-10 October 2018, Hekima Institute of Peace Studies and International Relations (hipsir), Hekima University College, Nairobi, Kenya



Group photo with Sheikh Ramadhan Aula, CSCR Director, squatting from left and other participants during Reviewing the Practice of Intervention & Inter-religious Dialogue held at Hekima University College, Nairobi

CSCR/BRAVE was invited to take part in international conference themed: "*Religious Extremism and Violence in Africa: Reviewing the Practice of Intervention & Inter-religious Dialogue*" held Hekima University College, Nairobi, Kenya. The purpose was to present their work done in Kenya outlining what has worked and some of the challenges experienced as well as their reflections on emerging issues and strategies.

The forum was attended by 200 participants from Great Britain, Uganda, Tanzania, DR Congo, Central African Republic, Nigeria, Ethiopia and the host Kenya. Representatives of Iran Embassy and scholars from all local universities also attended. CSOs, community leaders, youth leaders from areas affected by violent extremism were represented. The Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution was represented by Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director, and Sh. Ibrahim Lethome, Secretary General.

Objectives of the Conference

The primary objective of the conference was to examine the strategies and responses applied to addressing religious extremism and violence, the extent to which they have been effective, the challenges they have faced and possible review of such strategies and responses from political, security, economic, religious and socio-cultural perspectives.

Expected Outcomes

1. Review of strategies of response to religious extremism phenomenon: A comprehensive understanding of the religious extremism will not only help inform the academic scholarship, national and international policies and decision makers in dealing with the problem, it will also contribute to the lessening of prejudices and tensions among religious communities and nations and thus contribute to peaceful relations.
2. It is expected that the conference will shed light on the phenomenon of religious extremism through open debate across methodologies and subjects of inquiry from the interdisciplinary participants' forum.
3. The conference will also influence the approaches on child-related programmes and especially those that target social formation of children. Further, the conference will contribute to strengthening or reviewing (the existing ones) or developing (the new ones) policies and frameworks that guide engagements with and protection of children in the society
4. The results of the discussions of the conference will be published widely to policy makers, religious and civil society actors, and peacebuilders and government officials. The papers presented at the conference will be reviewed and edited for publication in a special volume. There will also be conference proceedings for wider circulation.

3.12 International Day for Eradication of Poverty Held at The Good Samaritan Children's Home and Rehabilitation Center in Mathare 17th October 2018

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (IDEP) is a global event marked every year on 17th October. It is a day for awareness, advocacy and action against poverty. Arigatou International – End Child Poverty uses this opportunity to organise a global IDEP campaign with the universal message, Together We Can End Child Poverty Worldwide. Their overarching message, Together We Can End Child Poverty Worldwide, anchored upon the United Nations IDEP 2018 global theme, "*Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity*".

Commemorating the International Day for Eradication of Poverty would not have been attained in Kenya without 'spreading love' at the children's home. Arigatou International – Nairobi in partnership with Centre of Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR), a member of GNRC, visited the Good Samaritan Children's Home and Rehabilitation Center in Mathare, Nairobi, Kenya.



A group photo of participants at the Good Samaritan Children's Home and Rehabilitation Center during the International Day for Eradication of Poverty event held in Mathare, Nairobi.

The Good Samaritan Children's Home and Rehabilitation Center in Mathare was founded in 1991 by Mrs. Mercy Thuo as an institution to help the needy and the forgotten children in the society especially the Mathare slum. The home is located in Mathare valley and provides shelter, education and other basic needs to the victims of teenage pregnancy, child abuse/torture abandoned orphans and the infected by HIV/AIDS.

The home offers shelter to over 350 abandoned children, early childhood and primary education for the children in the home and surrounding community. Currently, there are about 150 students in secondary, over 200 in primary and over 46 in ECDE who are prepared to join public sponsored school. They also sponsor unprivileged and disadvantaged youth to acquire skills for self-employment and labor through college education in courses and trainings where over 30 have benefited.

Welcomed by Ms. Hellen Oduor and Mr. Eric Gichimu, both social workers at the home, the team shared detail by detail about the children's home. "Just like any other home, one of the most serious things that affect us is poverty," Ms. Oduor said. She noted that poverty is one of the biggest problems they face which is brought about by the high unemployment rates. Not only

does the problem affect the home but also within the wider community, and as a result, they struggle to provide basic necessities to the children and the youth. In most cases, many parents especially the single mothers are forced to marry off their girls at a very tender age while the boys join criminal gangs in search for survival. Good Samaritan Children's Home therefore comes in to assist in such situations either by taking the kids in to the home or help the kids while they stay with their parents give the attachments most kids have with their parents.

Good Samaritan home receives abandoned, vulnerable or orphaned children from all corners of Nairobi County. In his statement, Mr. Gichimu stated that the home is motivated to work for children given the poverty in the community, which sometimes results to negligence, leaving children without the most basic needs.



"When I grow up, I want to become a pilot and use my wealth to sustain the lives of people in Mathare. I would like all of them to elevate from poverty." – Victor Mwangi, on the right, a child at Good Samaritan Children's Home.

The visit did not end without interacting with the children, who undoubtedly were full of life and hope for a promising future. With passion and desire for education, the children drew pictorials of what they aspire to be in future. From surgeons, accountants, doctors and teachers, the children anticipated a better future free of poverty.

Arigatou International – Nairobi's visit to the center is just one of the many efforts and initiatives that we can all undertake in ending child poverty. Children, not only at Good Samaritan Children's Home desire and indeed would have a better future if only we all come together to end child poverty.

As a Faith Inspired Organization, Arigatou International, believe that all children have rights and dignity that must be upheld, protected and promoted. Childhood adversity, especially violence

against children and child poverty imposes an unbearable cost on the lives of children. We believe that recognizing and enabling the individual and collective voice of children is essential to helping us feel and share in this pain, to grieve and suffer with them and to prompt us to action.

3.13 CVE Stakeholders Meeting held at Granada Hotel, Mandera Town on 22nd and 23rd October 2018 on *Stepping up community led counter terrorism and de-radicalization to combat violent extremism*

The stakeholders held the first inclusive two-day forum in Mandera on "*stepping up community led counter terrorism and de-radicalization to combat violent extremism* " that brought on board National Government, security actors, Non-State actors, elected leaders, religious leaders, community leaders, elders and the youth to discuss an agile monster called terrorism. Mandera County has had its fair share of violent extremism and terror attacks. These acts have compromised the peace and progress of the society and shattered dreams of many families who continue to lose loved ones and survivors who are tormented. The threat from terrorism is one of the starkest that is faced today.

The leaders and the people of Mandera County, realizing that their common aspirations and prosperity lies on the immediate, firm and resolute action against the threat of violent extremism, radicalization, inter-clan clashes and poverty. They have met at the Granada Hotel, Mandera Town on 22nd and 23rd October 2018 to discuss Community led Counter terrorism and DE radicalization efforts to fight violent extremism.

Objectives

The objectives of this two-day forum:

1. Adopt an inclusive approach that brings on board multi-agencies and non-state actors in preventing and addressing violent extremism.
2. To aggressively sensitize the public on the effects of violent extremism and radicalization.
3. Appreciate and promote the role of communities in providing human intelligence and on time action to deter and respond to incidents of violent extremism in Mandera.
4. Work with the national government on an all-inclusive, structured amnesty, disengagement, rehabilitation and reintegration programme in Mandera County
5. Promote the leadership of women and youth in encouraging socialization and rehabilitation programmes for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism
6. Fast track the implementation of action points in MCG CIDP and Mandera County CVE Action plan that focuses on youth empowerment and job creation
7. Work with Muslim Ulamaas in speaking out and promoting narratives that delegitimizes Al-Shabaab propaganda and supports the language of peace and inclusive development.

H.E Ali Roba (Governor Mandera County)

At the opening of a two day community led Counter terrorism and de-radicalization conference taking place in Mandera town. He welcomed the guests and thanked them for being part of the first all-inclusive meeting that brought on board National Government, security actors, Non-State actors, elected leaders, religious leaders, community leaders, elders, and the youth to discuss an agile monster called terrorism.

He also acknowledged their presence saying that it underlines their firm commitment to addressing the challenge of radicalization, and its causes as they step up community led efforts towards preventing, and countering violent extremism and terrorism concluding by adding that the real intent of Al-Shabaab is to make the locals economically alienated through economic sabotage and total sanctions and that it's about time the community stands up and say NO to Al-Shabaab!



Seated second from left, H.E Ali Roba, Governor of Mandera County, addressing the press during CVE Stakeholders Meeting held at Granada Hotel, Mandera Town.

Mustafa Y. Ali, PhD (Chairman CSCR)

Dr. Mustafa is a Conflict Resolution Practitioner. His work focusses on Religious and Political Extremism issues surrounding radicalization, violent extremism and terrorism, besides his engagements in interfaith dialogue and action.

He has been extensively involved in finding ways to peacefully and sustainably address some of the most intractable conflicts in the most challenging countries and locations in Africa, including in Somalia, Libya, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Burundi, Uganda and his own native country, Kenya.



Dr. Mustafa Ali, Chairman CSCR, addressing on radicalization and violent extremism during CVE Stakeholders Meeting held in Mandera.

Participants

No.	Name	Position	Institution
1.	Mohammed Kuti	Governor	Isiolo county
2.	Ali Korane	Governor	Garissa county
3.	Ahmed Mukhtar	Deputy Governor	Wajir county
4.	Mohamed Mohamud	Senator	Mandera county
5.	Abdi Aziz Ali Farah	Member of Parliament	Mandera East
6.	Mohamed Noor	Member of Parliament	Mandera North
7.	Mohamed Adan Huka	Member of Parliament	Mandera South
8.	D.K. Ruto	Brigadier	Kenya Defense Forces
9.	Mr. John Sampson	USAID Representative	USAID
10.	Dr Mustafa Ali	Chairman	CSCR
11.	Kutswa Olaka	County Commissioner	Mandera County
12.	Mr. Fredrick Shisia		Mandera County
13.	Members of the County Executive		Mandera County
14.	Honourable members of the County Assembly		Mandera County

3.14 Human Rights and Freedom of Religion or Belief Training held on 29th October to 1st November at Desmond Tutu Centre, Nairobi Conference

NCA works deliberately through local partners and focuses on working from within communities as a crucial element for success. It works for the attainment and realization of peoples' rights through the development of sustainable initiatives and strengthening of local capacities. NCA's interventions in Kenya focus mainly on climate change, gender-based violence, women and governance and livelihoods and trade.

Freedom of religion or belief is viewed by the international community as a basic human right, yet its manifestations vary greatly from society to society. These resources examine and debate the contours of religious freedom; the evolution of international religious freedom policy; and the relationship between religious liberty and democracy, politics, and social and economic development.

Comprehensive examination of religion and norms is critical to address complex global challenges, and that the open engagement of religious and cultural traditions with one another can promote peace. To this end, the center engages students, scholars, policymakers, and practitioners in analysis of and dialogue on critical issues in order to increase the public understanding of religion.



A photo of Participants of Human Rights and Freedom of Religion or Belief Training during group work presentation

Objectives

The purpose of the training was;

To train the nested partners of the Regional Peace Programme and other actors on Human Rights and specifically on Freedom of Religion or Belief as it relates with peace work.

Methodology

- Sessions on the various legal instruments
- Group work
- Case studies



A photo of participants during group work presentation

Highlights of key issues related to Activity/Meeting/Workshop:

- Introduction to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the subsequent Conventions/Covenants, namely the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)
- Focus on Article 18 dealing with Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Studying real life stories from different countries and continents to identify the violations to Human Rights
- Identifying the role of CSOs and religious organizations in addressing them.

Conclusion

The training enabled us to realize that even though the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has been in place for 70 years, many people are not very conversant with the content and, consequently, are not even aware of the violations of their rights. It was also a good opportunity for us to understand the link between Human Rights in general and Freedom of Religion and Belief in particular, and peace.

Key Recommendations

We are expected to be more deliberate in sharing about human rights in general and the Freedom of Religion and Belief in particular and address the violations, through various means.

Participants

Total Participants	Male-12 Female-10	22
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3.15 HORN Institute Book Volumes Launch Friday, November 23, 2018, Serena Hotel, Nairobi (Kenya)

The Changing Dynamics of Terrorism and Violent Extremism: An Analysis (Volume I) and The Changing Dynamics of Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Policy and Practice (Volume II)

On **November 23rd 2018**, the HORN Institute launched two book volumes: *The Changing Dynamics of Terrorism and Violent Extremism: An Analysis (Volume I)* and *The Changing Dynamics of Terrorism and Violent Extremism: Policy and Practice (Volume II)*. Beginning at 5:00pm, the first innings began with the guests being welcomed by a cocktail. The Cocktail Event started by the welcome remarks delivered by the HORN Institute director, **Dr. Hassan Khannenje**. He welcomed the guests which included ambassadors, professors, senior lecturers, senior government officials. The Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) was also invited and represented by their staff.



Group photo with Dr. Mustafa Ali, Chairman CSCR, third from the left, with the guests of honour during the launch of HORN Institute Book Volumes event held at Serena Hotel, Nairobi

Dr. Khannenje then invited **Sherif Mostafa ElSheikh**, Third Secretary, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt. El Sheikh commended members of the HORN Institute, specifically Dr. Mumo Nzau, Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali, and Dr. Hassan Khannenje for a successful conference as well as publication of the books thereafter. He noted that terrorism was a challenge in Africa, drawing the nexus between it (terrorism) and other crimes in the continent. El Sheikh noted that terrorism thrived on spaces outside government control and this should be addressed appropriately. He stated that Egypt is keen on promoting its PCVE and its religious institutions are playing a key

role in dismantling terrorists' ideological structure. He also said that President Abdel Fattah El Sisi chaired the AU Peace and Security Council meeting in Addis Ababa in January 2018 and its objective was to find a comprehensive approach to combating cross-border security threat in Africa.



Sherif Mostafa ElSheikh, Third Secretary, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt giving his speech on terrorism in Africa during the launch

Sherif ElSheikh's remarks were followed by the address by **Dr. Mustafa Y. Ali**, the HORN Institute Chairman. He read Inspector General Boinnet's apologies for not coming to the launch as earlier planned. Dr. Mustafa started by quoting Jay Mallin, "When diplomats fail, soldiers take over and when soldiers fail, terrorists take over." He acknowledged the presence of scholars at the launch, thanking them for walking with the HORN Institute up to the day of the launch. He noted that there has been a challenge of defining terrorism and emphasized the need for proper definition quoting Charles Kettering, "A problem well-defined is a problem half-solved." He added that the ideology of terrorist remains the same regardless of the countries and regions they operate. He thanked the HORN Institute management for their efforts especially in ensuring that the two book volumes are published adding that the foundational principle of the Institute is to have African scholars addressing African problems.



Dr. Mustafa, Chairman CSCR, giving his speech during the launch

Dr. Hassan Khannenje, also the moderator during the launch, then invited **Rev. (Dr). Samuel Kobia**, Senior Advisor, Cohesion, Peace and Conflict Resolution, the Executive Office of the President, and the member of the HORN Council of Advisors to give his speech. He stepped in on behalf of the Inspector General of Police who could not be able to attend due to exigencies (attack in Lamu). He stated that terrorism is undoubtedly the greatest threat of our time and the HORN's endeavor in the publication of the two book volumes on terrorism and violent extremism is much appreciated and a step in the right direction. He noted that HORN brought together old friends during the international conference on terrorism in April and during the launch and discussed pertinent issues. Terrorism is dynamic as terrorists are able to change tact. Rev. Dr. Kobia emphasized the need to have a home-grown analysis of terrorism particularly in trying to understand the latest tactics used by terrorists. The HORN Institute has gifted people with two book volumes that could inform the fight against terrorism in Kenya and Africa.

Prof. Noah Midamba, the Vice Chancellor, Kenya College of Accountancy (KCA) was then invited to give his remarks. He started by posing three thought-provoking questions: "Can we build a perfect world? Is there a thing like a perfect world? Can we rout out terrorism?" He acknowledged that the conference was well-organized and attracted an informed audience. He challenged people to come up with a serious think tank like the HORN Institute to offer serious research and direction in policy and practice. He was impressed with the work done by the HORN Institute and invited other guests to purchase the book volumes.



H.E. Erastus Mwencha, E.G.H., M.B.S., Member of the HORN Council of Advisors giving his remarks during the book launch

H.E. Erastus Mwencha, E.G.H., M.B.S., Member of the HORN Council of Advisors also took to the podium to give his remarks. He stated that mankind has always been confronted with challenges, and the transition from these challenges depend on how instruments, apparatus and capacities available are deployed. The new way of life has conditioned people to think they are in comfort. In tackling this challenge, the state can only do as much. What is confronting humanity is not common crime, it is ideological. Therefore, there is need for non-state actors such as the HORN Institute, churches organizations, and individuals to help in the fight against terrorism.

Rev. (Dr). Samuel Kobia was then joined by HORN Council of Advisors, select guests, ambassadors, and later on chapter contributors in unveiling the two book volumes. After unveiling, the **Dr. Mumo Nzau** gave a vote of thanks and invited editors for a book signing session.



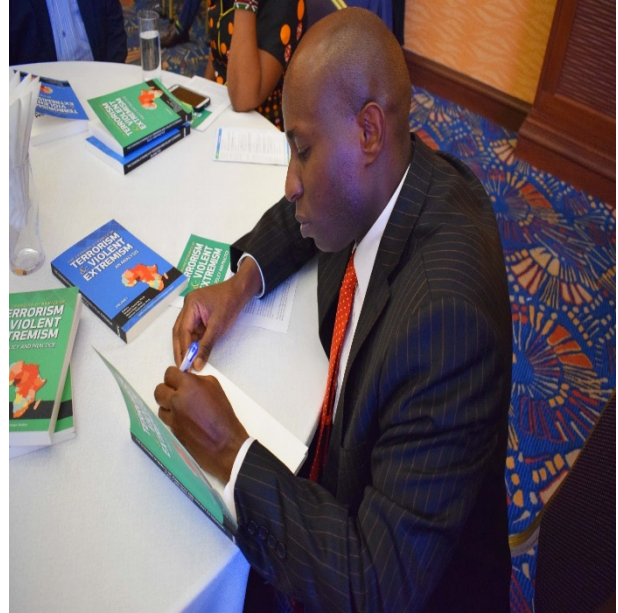
Rev. (Dr). Samuel Kobia, Senior Advisor, Cohesion, Peace and Conflict Resolution, The Executive Office of the President, officially launching the book



Rev. (Dr). Samuel Kobia, Senior Advisor, Cohesion, Peace and Conflict Resolution, The Executive Office of the President, Fourth from the left, joined with the other guests during the launch



Dr. Mustafa Ali, Chairman CSCR signing the book for the participant during the launch



Dr. Mumo Nzau, Lecturer, University of Nairobi and member of HORN Council of Advisors, signing books for the participants



Officials from HORN Institute, Dr. Halkano on the left and Sheikh Ramadhan on the right consulting on the content of the book with the guests during the launch.



4.1 GCERF Meeting at NCTC 6th February 2018

CSCR as a member organization was invited to Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) meeting at NCTC. Sh. Ramadhan Aula represented Dr. Mustafa Ali in the meeting.

GCERF as a funding organization has established a Country Support Mechanism (CSM) to oversee the partner organizations under the watch of NCTC. GCERF was following up on the shortlisted partners for funding and provided important deadlines as shown below:

- 1st draft of proposal to be submitted by applicants to GCERF by February by 11am Central European Time (CET).
- GCERF sends proposal formatted to country support Mechanism and Independent review panel by 26.2 with deadline of comments by 7.3
- Feedback (combining GCERF Secretariat, Independent Review Panel and Country Support Mechanism) will be given to applicants latest by W/c 12th march.
- Capacity development Event provisionally planned for W/c 12th march (2days in Nairobi).
- 2nd draft proposals to be submitted by applicants to GCERF by 6th April.
- Proposal forwarded to the Country Support Mechanism to be considered in developing a National Application along with eventual recommendations from the CSM-National Application submitted to GCERF by 20th April.
- IRP reviews and gives recommendations to the GCERF Board.
- May 30th -31st – GCERF Board meeting - decision on the National Application
- CSM and applicants notified w/c 4th June.
- From w/c 4th June – GCERF team working with approved applicants on final revisions to programme documents, and preparation for signature of Grant Agreements.
- Expected that grant agreements will be signed by end of July.

After the meeting the CSM was tasked to ensure that all partners adhere to the timelines

Sylvia Raulo Senior Grants Officer represented GCERF while Phillip Githiora from NCTC chaired the meeting. Other institutions represented were, ATPU, Ministry of Interior, and Private Sector Association.

4.1 Meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of the Sudan, H. E. Elsadig Abdalla Elias March 2018

Report of the visit of Dr. Essam El Bashir, President of Islamic Fiqh Academy to Kenya

Dr. Mustafa Ali, Chairman of Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution opened the discussion by presenting the report of Dr. Essam El Bashir to Kenya. Dr. El Bashir and Dr. Ibrahim Tijani visited Nairobi and Dr. Ibrahim Noorain, who was in the delegation of Dr. El Bashir visited both Mombasa and Nairobi. Dr. Mustafa thanked the Ambassador and the Government of Sudan for facilitating the visit. It was also agreed that the Secretariat will send the monthly Newsletter that had covered Dr. El Bashir's visit

Dr. Mustafa Ali also took the opportunity to invite His Excellency the Ambassador to Counter Terrorism international conference that is being organized by the HORN International Institute for strategic Studies. The conference will be held from 24th March 2018 to 26th March 2018 at Windsor Hotel.

His Excellency the Ambassador expressed his gratitude toward the invitation and confirmed participation. H. E the Ambassador requested the HORN Institute to invite more scholars from Sudan. He suggested the following to be invited:

1. Dr. Essam ElBashir
2. Dr. Siyyid El Khatib
3. Dr. Ibrahim Al Karuri
4. Dr. Ibrahim Tijani

It was agreed that the conference will benefit from the experience of Sudan of Countering and Preventing Violent Extremism, dis-engagement, rehabilitation and reintegration. The Ambassador promised to confirm availability of the above nominees in three days.

4.2 Courtesy Call of Dr. Dereje Fayssa, Director Life and Peace Institute held in HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, 50 Riverside, Nairobi in March 2018

In attendance

1. Dr. Dereje Feyssa, Director, Life and Peace Initiative
2. Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director CSCR
3. Dr. Hassan Kannenje, Director, HORN Institute
4. Brig Gen George Kabugi, Associate Director, HORN Institute
5. Roselyn Omondi, Associate Director, HORN Institute

As an Adjunct professor at Addis Ababa University Dr. Dereje also lectures on the anthropology of human rights; qualitative research methods and theories of ethnicity and nationalism for graduate students. He holds a PhD in social anthropology from Martin Luther University, Germany. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the 21st Century Centre of Excellence, Osaka, Japan (2003 – 2005) and a research fellow at Max Planck Institute in Germany (2005-2008). He is also a Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.



Far right, Dr. Dereje Feyssa, Director, Life and Peace Initiative giving his remarks during the courtesy call meeting held in HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies, 50 Riverside, Nairobi

He paid a courtesy call to BRAVE with the intention to understand its operations. Sh. Ramadhan Aula explained how BRAVE started and its main objectives as to Generate and sustain informed public debate, dialogue and conversations that deny space for, rejects and repudiates violent extremism and terrorism in Kenya. He further explained that the BRAVE approach is through community mobilization especially the influencers. BRAVE being an intra-faith movement it has been very successful in mobilizing sheikhs, Imams, madrassa teachers, both male and female, women, and youth. These important people form part of the BRAVE network around the country. Trainings including ToTs have been conducted by experts using an in-house resource guide developed by BRAVE. He also presented how BRAVE extensively used social media to reach youth and the general public.

4.3 Muslim NGO meeting held on 22nd March 2018 at Jamia Mosque, Boardroom



Muslim NGO meeting
22nd March 2018
Jamia Mosque, Boardroom

The Center for Sustainable Conflict Resolution was invited to All Muslim NGOs meeting which was held at Jamia Mosque Boardroom. Sh. Ramadhan Aula represented CSCR.

During introduction Mr. Tariq Harunani, Director, Al Khair Foundation (Kenya Chapter) said that it is prudent for Muslim NGOs to come together and combine efforts. This will help avoid duplication of efforts and reduce unnecessary competition in serving the needy. The Muslim organizations meeting was convened with an aim to create a network and coordination in implementation of Programmes. The convenor of the meeting was Al Khair Foundation headed by Sh. Tariq Harunani whose Foundation is headquartered in Britain.

Sh. Abdulatif Abdulkarim, Executive Secretary, Islamic Foundation, urged participants to consider this initiative since it will bring unity among Muslims.

No specific programmes were discussed but a taskforce was formed to develop a tangible concept and also draft TORs of the network. I was nominated to be in taskforce although I told them that I may not be able to attend many meetings due to my commitments.



Participants listening keenly during the Muslim NGO Meeting at Jamia Mosque

4.4 Meeting with NiWETU, Wednesday 9th May 2018 at NiWETU offices, Eldama Park

NiWETU invited CSCR to attend a meeting where they were hosting a CVE Senior Advisor of USAID from Washington, Mr. Mark Mayor. The meeting was primarily between partners of NiWETU and the visitor and CSCR is one of them. Sh. Ramadhan Aula represented CSCR and shaded light on how much CSCR has been engaged in CVE work. He shared the success story of CSCR's flagship programme, BRAVE. He maintained that CVE programmes in Kenya are working but they can more impact with more support and engaging the right people; religious leaders, Academicians and research institutions. Challenges are legal framework, facilities to hold suspects of terrorism, and lack of professionalism on the part of security agencies in handling terrorism cases. Sometimes suspects are killed in cold blood where the security agencies saying they are not aware who did it and some other time suspects are arrested never to be seen again. There is also challenge in dealing with returnees. The amnesty offered by the government lacked important guidelines to deal with them. Personal security is another challenge.

Supreme Council of Kenya Muslim (SUPKEM) was represented by Hassan Ole Naado who shared his experience in CVE especially dealing with the returnees. He concurred that there are inadequate laws in dealing with returnees. Some NiWETU Consultants also attended but CSCR and SUPKEM were the main Contributors in the meeting. Points of discussion were on what we do, what worked and what didn't work. Sh. Ramadhan also highlighted the activities they are implementing with NiWETU. The CVE policy framework was also discussed.

Some of NiWETU researchers present shared their experience in the field. They recently conducted research to assess the impact of CVE in the country. They said when they visited Marsabit and some other parts of the country, their respondents informed them that only BRAVE is known in those areas.

Others in attendance were John Samson, Chief of Party, Ibrahim Somo Deputy Chief of Party, Alice Achoki, Programmes Manager, Sam Kona, Government Liaison Officer, all from NiWETU, and Steve Ouma Akoth, Director Pamoja Trust.

4.6 Close up Board Meeting of Strengthening Community Resilience against Radicalization and Violent Extremism project, Tuesday 12th June 2018, NCTC Board room



The first activity in June was the Project Management Board that was convened at NCTC to discuss the closure of Strengthening Community's Resilience Against Radicalization and Violent Extremism project. The project was officially closed. Institutions represented, UNDP, NCTC, CSCR/BRAVE, NPS and UoN. The government of Kenya and UNDP Kenya implemented the

project titled; “Strengthening Community Resilience against Radicalization and Violent Extremism”. The project was led and coordinated by the National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC) and was successfully finalized on June 30th 2017 and the final project and financial report was submitted to Japan on 30th September 2017.

The agenda for the meeting included the following:

1. Introduction
2. Review of the previous minutes
3. Presentation of the Final Project Progress Report and lessons learnt
4. Presentation of the Final Finance and Audit Report
5. Presentation of the Final Project Quality Assurance Report
6. Any Other Business

The project key implementing partner was the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC). The project also partnered with:

- (i) Various government institution and departments including;
- (ii) Religious institutions including: Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM) and Council of Imams and Preachers of Kenya (CIPK);
- (iii) Civil Societies Organizations including: Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR/BRAVE), Psychological Society of Kenya and Ushahidi;
- (iv) Academic Institutions; University of Nairobi and
- (v) The Media.

The project expended an amount of US\$1,676,054 in support to programmatic activities, against a budget of US\$ 1,700,000 representing 98.6% delivery rate. The project is liquidating outstanding obligations from the eligible implementation period totaling to US \$23,946. Thus, total expenditure is US\$ 1,700,000 – 100% delivery rate. The detailed interim financial report is attached as Annex 2 of this report.

The project supported the achievement of gender development goals by involving women in all aspects of the project. Under CVE prevention and awareness creation, the project directly reached 1,369 (45%) women and 1,726 (55%) men. Under the economic empowerment activities, the project trained 165 (49%) women and 173 (51) men in business and entrepreneurship skills, and further provided startup kits for small business to 5 women and 4 men groups. The awareness activities, training, and provision of startup kits helped empower women to play a key role in addressing issues of radicalization and violent extremism at the community level. Through economic empowerment the women are now involved in spaces and trades previously considered to be the domain of men. This not only helped in the development of better self-worthiness for the women but also provides a stable flow of livelihood for the families.

UNDP is introducing another programme by the name Conflict Management and prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) in Marsabit and Mandera. The aim of the project is to assist the counties develop Counties Strategic Plan. They initially had identified Implementing Partners but it was suggested that we are included among the IPs. The initial IPs were Community Road Empowerment (CORE), National Steering Committee (NSC), and NCIC. Other IPs included are CSCR and National Police Service (NPS). A technical team within NCTC will discuss the details before convening another meeting. The duration of the programme is 1st March 2018 to 28th February 2019. The Budget is US\$ 950,000.

4.7 UNDP Meeting at UNDP headquarters, Gigiri on Thursday 28th June 2018



The meeting was held on Thursday June 2018 at UNDP headquarters. UNDP invited CSCR and SUPKEM to take part. The main purpose was to introduce the new project they had in mind and see whether they can work together with the two organizations.

The meeting started with introductions from UNDP, SUPKEM and CSCR which was represented by Sh. Rama Aula. UNDP explained the purpose of the meeting and mentioned their current project in Marsabit and Mandera focusing on conflict prevention and PVE. The two organizations were chosen because they were already familiar with UNDP activities and they have also worked together in different projects especially the Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR)

The new project PREVENT, is a regional programme funded managed from Addis on PVE indirectly funded, to run in North Eastern, upper Eastern and coastal counties. The project has two activities;

1. Support to Imam Summits to share experiences and develop strategies for countering violent extremism from the pulpit
2. Provide training for Imams and religious leaders on the identification of potential “terror-cell recruiters” who may use the mosques and other places of worship as avenues for radicalization.

The objectives as explained by Francesca from UNDP is to involve everyone from the grassroots, provide alternatives and look at reintegration and rehabilitation processes.



Comments

Questions were raised regarding the project;

1. Are the two programmes related?
2. What is the target number to be reached?

The word **“Terror-cell recruiter”** was sighted and Hassan from SUPKEM thought it was a sensitive word which will bring about issues in case it was used out there and that the terminologies needed to be reworked.

Joyce from UNDP explained that the word was only used on paper work and that the facilitators will of course not use it out there.

Observation

- Standard number required
- Come up with a standard budget based on the numbers
- Think through the number of people you would have in a county, ability to reach and the type of people to reach for instance from 25-30
- Take note of new and younger Imams
- Mainstream (location of the mosques)
- Identifying Periphery (Community levels)

Action

1. It was agreed that the two organizations submit their proposals of the activities chosen, not more than 3 pages, by Monday 2nd July 2018 including the budget estimate. Administration cost not more than 15%. Most of the costs should be integrated in the programme.
2. UNDP will give feedback by the end of first week of July.
3. The contracts will be ready by the third week of July.
4. UNDP will communicate to NCTC on the project.
5. When planning NCTC should be kept in mind

Funds will be issued as grants and thorough spot checks will be done.

Attendance:

S/n	Name	Organization
1.	Sh. Ramadhan Aula	CSCR
2.	Shadia Majoub	CSCR
3.	Daniel Iberi	CSCR
4.	Joyce Deloge	UNDP
5.	Francesca Akello	UNDP
6.	Bokayo Bosasu	UNDP
7.	Carl	UNDP
8.	Hassan Ole Naado	SUPKEM
9.	Shahid Mubari	SUPKEM
10.	Musa Ibrahim	SUPKEM

4.7 The Visit of the UN First Under-Secretary General to Kenya, Dr. Vladimir Voronkov, from 27-31 July 2018

The UN Director-General through the United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator, Mr. Siddharth Chatterjee, invited CSCR to meet the UN Under-Secretary General Vladimir Voronkov, who was visiting Kenya from 27-31 July 2018. Dr. Voronkov, who was named the first Under-Secretary in June 2017 by the United Nations as the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Office, was leading a joint high-level mission from the UN Office of Counter-Terrorism. He was accompanied by Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director Michele Coninsx. The mission was scheduled to meet with the Government of Kenya, development partners, UNCT, and other stakeholders to discuss efforts toward delivering comprehensive technical assistance in support of implementation of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy and relevant Security Council resolutions.

CSCR was invited to attend to a reception in their honour on Friday, 27 July 2018 at 6:00pm at the Hotel Intercontinental, Nairobi. Different UN clusters were represented: UNDP UN Women, UNCT, and UNHCR. Others were representatives of CSOs, various government institutions, and foreign missions. This included LPI, Kenya Human Right Commission, Nigerian High Commission, National Cohesion and Integration Commission, Community Roads Empowerment and Sh. Ramadhan Aula and Sh. Ibrahim Lethome represented CSCR.



Sheikh Ramadhan, Director CSCR and second photo, Sheikh Lethome, Secretary General CSCR, sharing with Dr. Vladimir Voronkov, UN Under-Secretary General, during his visit to Kenya in the month of July 2018

4.8 Courtesy Call by Ann Speck hard, Ardian and Tom Oladipo

On Friday 19th October 2018, Ann speck hard and Ardian Shajkovci from International Centre for the Study of Violent Extremism and Tom Oladipo from BBC graced the HORN International Institute for Strategic Studies by their visit. The Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR) was invited to represent the Centre of Terrorism at the HORN International Institute and was represented by Sh. Ramadhan Aula.

In his welcome remarks, Dr. Hassan Kannenje thanked them for taking time to come to the HORN International Institute and then invited the Associate Director, Research Roselyn Omondi who acknowledged their visit and gave them the floor to present their work and what they were currently doing in Kenya.



From left, Ann speck hard and Ardian Shajkovci from International Centre for the Study of Violent Extremism, and Sheikh Ramadhan Aula, Director CSCR in a discussion during the Courtesy Call

4.9 GNRC-Kenya Meeting held on 29th October 2018 at Arigatou International- Board room



GNRC Secretary General, Dr. Mustafa Yusuf Ali giving the background and workings of GNRC during the GNRC-Kenya meeting held in Arigatou International, Nairobi.

Members Present:

Dr. Mustafa Yusuf Ali	GNRC Secretary General,
Dr. Dorcas Kiplagat	GNRC Coordinator
Sh. Ramadhan Aula,	GNRC-Kenya Coordinator, Director CSCR
Fred Matara	St. Mary's Viwandani Secondary School
George Lijodi	St. Mary's Viwandani Secondary School
Sister Mary	St. Mary's Viwandani Secondary School
Charles Masheti	Starehe Boys Centre
Zam Obed	Child Life Kenya
Batuli Nassir	Darul Arqam

Absent with apologies:

- Nyambura Gichuki

In the spirit of securing the rights and well-being of children everywhere, GNRC-Kenya members came together on 29th October 2018. The following is what was on the agenda;

1. Comments from GNRC head office
2. Update from partners
3. Plan of activities
4. AOB



Dr. Dorcas Kiplagat, Networks and Programs Coordinator, Arigatou International, giving a brief of the GNRC 5th Forum commitments to end violence against children and the GNRC priority areas, during the GNRC-Kenya meeting held in Arigatou International, Nairobi.

1. Comments from GNRC head office:

GNRC Secretary General, Dr. Mustafa Yusuf Ali gave the background of GNRC as a loose informal network with key components of interfaith and faith inspired by religious traditions. GNRC normally has forums once every five years with over 2000 registered member organizations and individuals. During the last forum in panama, they came up with the panama declaration on ending violence against children. The main topic of disciplining children came up, corporal punishment was one of the major problems in schools and he urged the members to invite other organizations that are interested in supporting children to come on board.

Abdulrahman in charge of communications projected GNRC activities which gave a clear picture of its work especially to the new members on board.



Sh. Ramadhan Aula, Director CSCR, explaining the work of CSCR during the GNRC-Kenya meeting held in Arigatou International, Nairobi.



4.10 KYES VE Resilience Stakeholders Kick off Meeting Held on the 15th November 2018 as from 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Agenda

1. Preliminaries
2. Introduction to KYES VE Resilience Integration
3. Road map in implementation of KYES VE Resilience integration and role of stakeholders

4. Wrap up and Way forward

1. Preliminaries

The meeting was called to order by the Nairobi KYES County Coordinator Ms. Purity Osumba at 9.30 am. The County Coordinator gave a brief layout of the program after which she asked members to introduce themselves stating the organizations they represented. She later asked Ehud Gachugu to share with members more details on KYES VE resilience integration.

2. Introduction of KYES VE Resilience Integration

Mr. Ehud Gachugu KYES Program Deputy Chief of Party (DCOP), gave a brief introduction to KYES integration of VE resilience activities. He stated that the meeting aimed at getting information from members to understand what we are able to do together as partners and to look for areas of synergy. He thanked members for the support during the data collection period that was used to inform KYES integration in VE resilience. He emphasized that KYES was still a Workforce Development Program.

3. Road map in implementation of KYES VE Resilience Integration and role of stakeholders

KYES program DCOP then mentioned additional VE Resilience activities will be implemented in three out of the nine KYES counties. The three counties include: Nairobi, Kwale and Garissa. The program will be implemented in three main pipelines: ID Registration, Life Skills Development and Workforce Capacity. The County Bunge Forums in the three Counties will be the main stakeholders supporting in implementation of the program in the three areas.

12 Member organizations including the Center for Sustainable conflict resolution were then requested to introduce their organizations stating their areas of implementation in CVE with the aim of mapping linkages to create an ecosystem of CVE support..

Way Forward

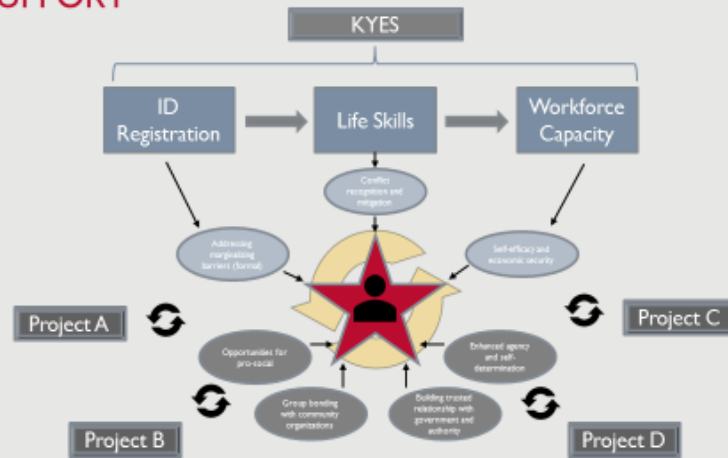
KYES Program DCOP pointed out the following as way forward from the meeting:

- ❖ KYES VE Resilience activities would start rolling out in December 2018.
- ❖ The program will focus on ID registration, Life skills training and Employability services and linkages
- ❖ The youth will be engaged to provide solutions to their own challenges
- ❖ The CBF (County Bunge Forum) will follow up with various partners to establish areas of collaboration and linkages.
- ❖ The youth voice should be heard in the CVE CAP
- ❖ There shall be Quarterly Review meetings.

Mapping linkages

Members were then asked to indicate their areas of strength as per the diagram below given their areas of intervention in CVE.

MAPPING LINKAGES: CREATE ECOSYSTEM OF CVE SUPPORT



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V YOUTH PROGRAMMES



REPORT ON PREVENTION OF IN - SCHOOL YOUTH FROM VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN MALINDI FROM 5TH TO 9TH APRIL 2018



Group photo of youths who participated in the youth camp with the theme prevention of in-school youth from violent extremism held in Malindi

INTRODUCTION

The rapid rise of violent extremism has been a top concern both for governments and vulnerable communities around the world. Kenya, along with the rest of the world has struggled to craft a response to tackling violent extremism especially since militarist groups have been quick to adjust their recruitment methods to adapt to such responses. Question is why do these individuals participate or join terrorism? What attracts them to violent extremism in the first place?

Most of these young individuals lack religious or political “literacy” and have a highly narrow and shallow understanding of their faith and politics. They may be particularly vulnerable to extremist messaging and recruitment strategies, a number of them engage in petty crime and gang life behavior. Therefore with such observations in mind, answer is how terrorist acts can be prevented and how to counter home grown violent extremism should be reoriented toward addressing the vulnerabilities of young people to extremism. In order to prevent extremism strategies aimed at redirecting youthful energies to other ideas, other identities, ones that do not embrace an extremist world, outlook is required.

The BRAVE professionals led by Dr. Othman Mujahid convened a youth camp in Malindi which ran for a period of five days from 5th to 9th April 2018 with the theme *prevention of in-school youth from violent extremism*. Eighty seven school going youth attended the camp.

Objective of the camp

1. Building resilience for in school youth against violent extremism
2. Imparting life skills in youth
3. Creating awareness on narratives of violent extremist groups and counter narratives.

Methodology

In order to carry out this activity successfully a number of approaches were employed. Among them games, skits, stories, role plays, testimonies, presentations and lectures.



Photos of the youths engaging in outdoor activities during the youth camp as part of participatory learning

The major teachings during the camp were:-

- Understanding the dangers of violent extremism
- Narratives and counter narratives
- Living together in harmony
- Career planning



Dr. Mujahid, BRAVE senior Consultant, making a presentation during the camp.

In conclusion, empowerment initiatives should be specifically directed towards these vulnerable youth populations in an effort to engage them in a broader dialogue on community development.

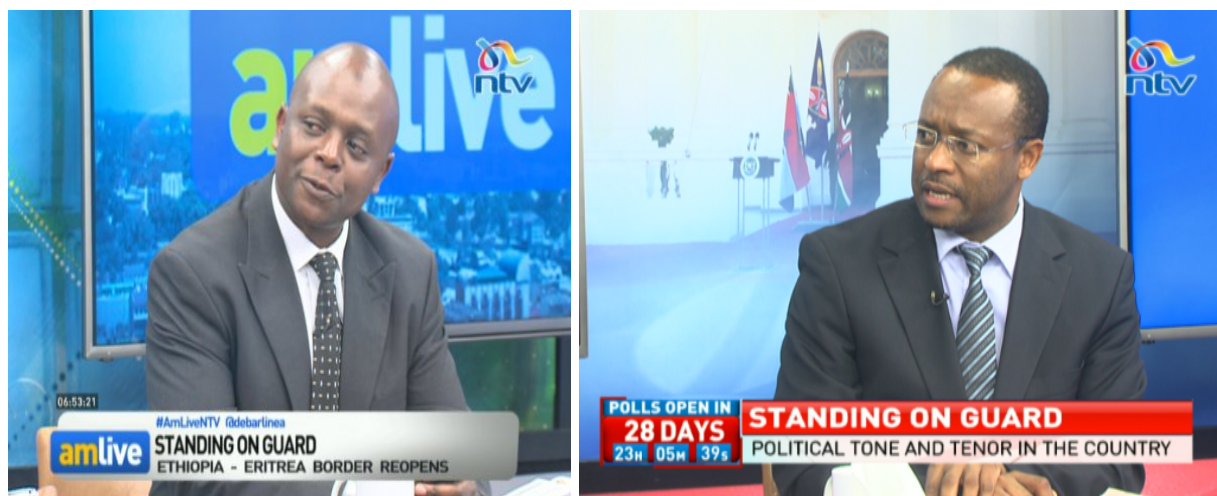
VI MEDIA

- a. Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution's Interview with KTN, on "Vita dhidi ya Ugaidi" February 2018

As a strategic means to target the maximum amount of people with an effective counter narrative message the movement employed media method in February 2018 where Sh. Ramadhan Aula participated in an interview with KTN on behalf of CSCR, on "Vita dhidi ya Ugaidi" where the video was later shared on BRAVE Face book page and WhatsApp groups.



Sh. Ramadhan Aula during an interview with KTN on – February 2018



From right, Dr. Mustafa Ali, Chairman CSCR and Dr. Hassan Khannenje, Director HORN Institute for Strategic Studies, during an interview with NTV

