
OUR WORK
NIWETU leads USAID’s countering violent extremism (CVE) efforts to achieve two key objectives in Kenya: (1) Community mobilization to address VE enhanced; (2) Government responsiveness to VE improved. NIWETU increases CVE knowledge and skills among at-risk populations and empowers local, sustainable CVE networks to take action to address VE. At the same time, NIWETU provides targeted CVE assistance to five county governments, strengthens national and intergovernmental CVE platforms, and develops indigenous CVE research capabilities of Government of Kenya counterparts.
NIWETU’s approach centers on applied learning, with responsive, flexible, and adaptable programming grounded in local dynamics. NIWETU has established a robust Complexity Aware Planning Cycle Framework, which aids strategic and implementation decision making. This framework includes a flexible research agenda that increases knowledge and understanding for NIWETU, the U.S. Government, the Government of Kenya, and non-government counterparts.

Through its knowledge and learning efforts, NIWETU has helped transform USAID’s worldwide CVE approach. In late 2018, a meeting of USAID CVE officers drafted a new CVE approach, with significant portions of the approach drawn from NIWETU’s work. These inputs included the demonstrated effectiveness of working with government and communities to create systems of trust to prevent violent extremism, rather than addressing wide-spread “drivers” of VE. NIWETU will continue to remain on the cutting edge of USAID’s CVE work.

ACHIEVEMENTS
To date, NIWETU has:

- Benefitted 4788 women, youth, and marginalized individuals through CVE knowledge and skills training, mentorship activities, and network-strengthening efforts.
- Supported the development and launch of three CVE County Action Plans for Garissa, Isiolo, and Wajir.
- Produced six Rapid Response research assessments that illuminated emerging VE dynamics and provided CVE recommendations for VE hotspots.
- Supported 319 women to participate in CVE efforts in their communities.
- Supported 483 youth to participate in CVE efforts in their communities.
- Trained 457 county and national officials in CVE skills and knowledge.

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**BUDGET:** $20 million

**DURATION**
2016 – 2020

**ACTIVITY LOCATIONS:**
Garissa, Isiolo, Mandera, Nairobi, and Wajir

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNER**
DAI Global LLC

**KEY PARTNERS**
National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC)
County Governments
Civil Society and Community-Based Organizations
Wasafiri (a local research organization)

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