Drawing on 20 years of experience, the Center for Conflict and Violence Prevention (CVP), located in USAID’s Bureau for Conflict Prevention and Stabilization (CPS), assists USAID Missions and staff overseas to design and deliver state-of-the-art conflict mitigation, violence prevention, and peacebuilding interventions. CPS/CVP brings a strong track record of service to the field through conflict and countering violent extremism (CVE) assessments, early-warning and other data analyses, program design support, cadre development and training, and administration of the People-to-People Reconciliation Fund.

**PROGRAMMING EFFECTIVELY AGAINST CONFLICT AND EXTREMISM (PEACE)**

This contract promotes the design and implementation of activities to manage and mitigate the sources and consequences of conflict and violent extremism in such countries as Kenya, Colombia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Analytical activities include research into the drivers of conflict and violent extremism; analyses of the relationship between organized crime, conflict, and fragility; and program evaluations in CVE, at-risk youth, community peacebuilding, and reintegrating ex-combatants.

**PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE RECONCILIATION FUND**

These programs contribute to a country’s journey to self-reliance by healing the social divisions on which autocratic and authoritarian governments thrive. Communities reconciling differences and working together on shared interests are more likely to effectively lobby government, establish civil society organizations, improve their own capacity to manage conflict, and demand commitment, accountability, and transparency. Reconciled communities are also more likely to be inclusive, resilient to external threats, respect human rights, and monitor public service delivery, thus supporting a return to positive norms and standards.

**CONFLICT ASSESSMENTS**

CPS/CVP’s field-tested Conflict Assessment Framework yields a thorough understanding of country conflict dynamics so that USAID Missions can better target their strategies and programs. Assessment findings inform where and how development assistance can most effectively support local efforts to prevent, manage, and mitigate conflict, but also to bolster social and institutional resilience, effectiveness, and legitimacy.

**TRAINING**

CPS/CVP’s Conflict Sensitive Aid (CSAid) training helps ensure that USAID’s development and humanitarian assistance contribute to peace and do not unintentionally stoke conflicts. CSAid examines the causes and consequences of conflict, as well as the relationship between conflict and identity, including gender. Other CPS/CVP courses include the four-day Advanced Conflict Assessment (ACA) and a three-day practicum for Missions to apply CSAid theories and tools.