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TRANSFORMING OUR PROGRAMS

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

“USAID is an asset to our national security and the global face of American generosity.” - Administrator Green

Today, the U.S. and our partners face an enduring threat posed by transnational terrorist organizations. In the U.S. Government (USG), USAID is uniquely positioned to address underlying conditions conducive to terrorism, and to prevent the recruitment and mobilization to violence that perpetuates this cycle. To ensure that we can effectively monitor and anticipate evolving threats, USAID must elevate its leadership in the interagency, and update and refine its internal structures, processes, and approaches.

VISION

The Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) project aims to enhance USAID’s leadership in preventing and countering violent extremism by elevating the Agency’s role in the USG and internationally; improving its technical ability to adapt to emerging threats and complex contexts; and streamlining and institutionalizing the organizational structures that support CVE and Defeat-ISIS efforts.

PROPOSAL

USAID will enhance its leadership in preventing and countering violent extremism by refining its structure, policies, processes, and approaches to anticipate and prevent recruitment and radicalization to violence in developing countries.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Consolidate and streamline internal management and staffing to ensure superior field support and effective technical leadership, to include creation of a CVE Sector Council.
- Streamline the Agency's interagency and international representation related to the Defeat-ISIS Coalition by consolidating the Defeat-ISIS Task Force with USAID's CVE efforts.
- Encourage Missions and Operating Units conducting CVE activities to incorporate adaptive management tools, beginning with Complexity-Aware Monitoring and Evaluation (C-AM&E)
- Pilot a new Monitoring, Evaluating and Learning (MEL) approach with six Missions/OUs funded through the Women and Girls at Risk of Violent Extremism earmark.
- Develop improved early warning capabilities for violence in areas affected by violent extremist organizations or influenced by transnational terrorist organizations.
- If approved, establish a bureaucratic home for CVE in the proposed Conflict and Violence Prevent (CVP) Office in the Conflict Prevention and Stabilization Bureau.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

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DELIVERABLES

- Increase USAID's Adaptive Management of CVE Activities (Winter 2018)
- Streamline USAID Platforms for Countering Violent Extremism and Transnational Terrorist Organizations (Winter 2018)
- Establish USAID's CVE Work within the Conflict Prevention and Stabilization Bureau (TBD - Dependent on CN)

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