



# MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA RELIGIOUS AND ETHNIC COMMUNITIES ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

## APPLICANT REFERENCE SHEET

**DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE:** To gain a better understanding of partnership opportunities that exist in the Middle East the North African Arabian Peninsula to advance religious freedom and ethnic inclusion through homegrown and grassroots solutions. The goal is to increase confidence of REM populations in public-serving institutions, while decreasing their vulnerabilities to social, economic, and political marginalization by promoting stronger citizen-to-citizen relations and citizen-to-state relations. We are looking to be innovative in our approach and are seeking new partners, partners that can advance new partnerships, partners that have non-traditional ideas and approaches, and will be able to demonstrate that their proposed solutions can produce tangible results during and beyond the life of the award.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY:** Subject to the availability of funds, USAID may allocate up to \$5 million over the course of this fiscal year and the following to fund a portfolio of programs. Funding for individual program proposals estimated in the range of \$200,000.00-\$800,000.00. The proposed period of performance can be October 2020-October 2023. Priority will be placed on supporting the most promising approaches to the objective described herein.

### HELPFUL GUIDES:

- [International Religious Freedom Report](#): State Department annual report on religious freedom (all countries).
- [USCIRF Report](#): US Commission on International Religious Freedom report (all countries).
- [Executive Order on Advancing International Religious Freedom](#)

### PROGRAMMATIC SECTORS:

- Addressing **government** constraints on religious and/or ethnic minorities;
- Addressing **social** constraints on religious and/or ethnic minorities;
- Addressing **economic** constraints on religious and ethnic minorities;
- **Preventing and responding to atrocities** against religious and/or ethnic minorities;
- Addressing **education and health** constraints on religious and ethnic minorities; and
- **Preserving/Rehabilitating cultural heritage sites** of religious and ethnic minorities.

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