



Cross-border and cross-sector dialogue for tolerance and peace in Central Asia

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Program Development Objective

The Action aims to raise awareness on the roots of violent extremism and to facilitate the participation of local civil society (particularly for youth initiatives) at cross-border for the promotion of tolerance and the prevention of radicalization.

Main target groups

At least 1500 persons (between 18 and 35), from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, including:

- 1000 from Fergana Valley;
- employed and unemployed, internal migrants, students;
- young lecturers and researchers;
- representatives of NGOs and councils of different levels;
- youth wings in local government;
- young women and men from dysfunctional and incomplete families.

Key challenges that the program helps to address:

- High levels of radicalism and extremism in the zones situated near the borders;
- Lack of religious tolerance in the region;
- Lack of capacities and (financial) sustainability among CSOs that have very few spaces and opportunities to meet and interact

- Local authorities often lack strategic plans to prevent violent extremism on their territories; and do not have sufficient skills or experience
- Educational system does not provide for building teachers' capacity to cultivate the values of diversity, tolerance, including religious tolerance, equality and anti-discrimination.
- There is no methodological basis for teaching practical skills of positive interaction between young people of different ethnic groups, thus helping to prevent discrimination on the ground of ethnicity

Expected outcomes

- Built the capacity of public and community organization, local authorities and educational institutions to create spaces for dialogue;
- Strengthen cross-border networks of local civil society and journalists and creation of joint initiatives and platforms facilitating people-to-people contacts
- Increased cooperation between civil society and local and national institutions on preventing violent extremism
- The target groups will be equipped with skills of interaction with risk groups in terms of prevention of violent extremism.

	
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