



IGAD CENTRE OF  
EXCELLENCE FOR  
PREVENTING AND  
COUNTERING  
VIOLENT EXTREMISM  
(ICEPCVE)

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# RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



Number of countries  
where research has been  
commissioned and  
reports finalized



106

Researchers in the  
ICEPCVE-established  
network



Research conferences  
held

The Research Unit of the IGAD Centre of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (ICEPCVE) focuses on catalyzing more research to gain a deeper understanding of the localized drivers of violent extremism and developing new ways to effectively counter it.

The unit contributes to evidence-based policy and action on preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE) by building and strengthening local, national and regional capacity to generate and share research, knowledge, information and analysis. This includes: establishing the local context of radicalization, the drivers of radicalization and violent extremism, and identifying vulnerable individuals and groups as well as the reasons why they are receptive to radicalization and recruitment by extremists.

The objectives of the Research and Innovation Unit are to:

- Research and share knowledge and information on P/CVE in the region.
- Map out current research being undertaken in the region
- Conduct research gap analyses and commission research based on the findings.
- Identify areas requiring greater research to gain a deeper understanding of the localized drivers of violent extremism, and develop new ways to effectively counter it.
- Guide and shape regional and national P/CVE policies based on knowledge and analysis.

“ Positioning ICEPCVE as a credible regional thought leader on P/CVE programming, ideas and best practice.”

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# CIVIL SOCIETY AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



415  
CSO, youth and women  
organizations mapped in the  
region



7  
Number of countries where  
community outreach is prioritized



CSO and Youth Engagement  
Strategy

The Civil Society and Community Outreach Unit of the IGAD Centre of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (ICEPCVE) provides a dedicated platform to facilitate focused discussion and collaboration and coordination among national and local actors, civil society, researchers and community leaders involved in preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE).

The unit works towards building community resilience by strengthening the capacities of youth, women, civil society, and faith-based organizations because of the critical role they play in their communities with regards to P/CVE, given their access to influence at the grassroots level.

The objectives of the Civil Society and Community Outreach Unit are to:

- Mobilize a regional civil society organization (CSO) and youth network and promote exiting networks within and beyond the IGAD Member States.
- Promote education on the nature and risks of violent extremism and provide avenues for peace and security.
- Partner with governments in addressing the drivers of violent extremism and supporting the development of alternative channels for non-violent conflict resolution.

Our key priority is to have the fully established regional CSO network that is actively engaged in collaboration, learning and knowledge exchange on P/CVE-related issues.

“ Mobilizing a regional network of youth, women, civil society and faith-based organizations in P/CVE. ”

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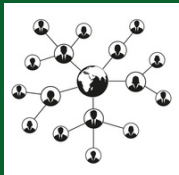
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# TRAINING AND LEARNING/ CAPACITY BUILDING

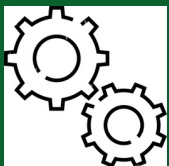
## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



315 women and 654 men  
trained



ICEPCVE Digital Hub:  
mobile enabled app to  
learn and share on PCVE



State and Non-State Actors  
Collaboration Framework

The Capacity Building Unit of the IGAD Centre of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (ICEPCVE) conducts collaborative and contextualized training and builds practical tools to enhance the capacities of government and non-government partners to design and implement effective policies, programs and projects in preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE).

The unit works towards enhancing understanding and sharing good practices to effectively build the capacity of P/CVE actors in the IGAD Region to promote tolerance, stability, and security. This unit promote multi-disciplinary P/CVE conversation and facilitate collaborative interactions, among other activities.

The objectives of the Capacity Building Unit are to:

- Provide holistic and inclusive training's for state and non-state actors
- To conduct training needs assessment for the Centre's activities
- To provide overall coordination and supervision of the Centre's training programmes

Our key priority is to strengthen the capacities of the state and non-state actors in responding effectively and efficiently to violent extremists ideologies.

“ Conducting collaborative and contextualized training for state and non-state actors ”

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# STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

60



Counter messages and alternative narratives developed



Number of languages used to produce counter messages and alternative narratives



Training Manual for Developing and Disseminating Counter-Messages and Alternative Narratives

The Strategic Communications Unit of the IGAD Centre of Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (ICEPCVE) focuses on providing expert support to state and non-state actors to utilize a broad range of strategic communications to counter the violent extremists ideologies.

Being the only Centre in Africa dedicated to the development and dissemination of alternative and counter narratives, the unit oversees implementation of training programmes designed to enable the beneficiaries produce compelling counter messages and alternative narratives and apply effective dissemination strategies to discredit fake news, propaganda and mis/disinformation employed by violent extremist organizations.

The objectives of the Strategic Communications Unit are to:

- Enhance the capacity of state and non-state actors undertaking P/CVE work to develop and disseminate counter messages and alternative narratives.
- Maintain a databank of extremist narratives that prevail in the IGAD region and the counter messages and alternative narratives developed in training's undertaken.
- Providing expert support to key stakeholders to utilize broad range of strategic communications in their P/CVE initiatives including countering violent extremists ideologies

Our key priority is to have key stakeholders implementing P/CVE initiatives integrate strategic communications in their efforts to counter violent extremists ideologies

“ Equipping partners in P/CVE with strategic communication skills. ”

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