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’s 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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