## Action Plan to Counter Violent Religious Extremism

**Goal:** Stronger Multi-Religious Cooperation to Build Peace

**Strategy:** Advance the Global Agenda for Peace

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| Develop Counter Violent Extremism Toolkits                               | • Five toolkits tailored to each of the following faiths: Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Judaism  
• One multi-religious toolkit  
• Toolkits widely disseminated and used  
• Religious leaders worldwide equipped to counter violent extremism | FY2015, Q1-Q3               |
| Develop and Equip a Global Multi-religious Rapid Response Team           | • Religious leaders representing all faiths and geographic regions trained in conflict identification, analysis, mediation and transformation in addition to countering violent extremist narratives  
• Global Multi-religious Rapid Response Team meets periodically to assess emerging conflicts worldwide, identify and develop strategies to mobilize global, regional and local resources | FY2015 Q3-FY2018 Q4       |
| Develop Regional and National Resources and Capability in the Most At-risk Regions and Countries | • Regional and national faith leaders trained in conflict transformation and countering extremist narratives  
• Regional and national forums held to address contemporary issues and challenges to peace  
• Workshops held to increase engagement amongst the wider community | FY2015 Q4-FY2018 Q4       |
| Counter Violent Religious Extremism through a Large Scale Social Media Campaign | • Wide-scale social media campaign in multiple languages and faiths with websites, Twitter feeds, Facebook pages and Youtube channels relatable to youth and engaging  
• Authoritative voices unmask and debunk justifications of violent religious extremism  
• Social media campaign serves as a resource center for youth by providing answers to questions on religious doctrine by utilizing a number of methods including documentaries, streaming roundtables, and online scripture resources | FY2015 Q2-FY2018 Q4       |
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<th>Provide Strategic Humanitarian Assistance to Prevent and Respond to Violent Religious Extremism</th>
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| • Trust and understanding built and strengthened among and between diverse religious and ethnic communities  
  • Platform for multi-religious action and messages created  
  • Community receives needed assistance that mitigates the drivers and push factors of violent extremism |
| FY2015 Q4-FY2018 Q4 |

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| • Inter-communal programs build understanding, tolerance and promote coexistence between diverse religious and ethnic groups  
  • Religious leaders engaged in activities to prevent violent religious extremism  
  • Organized campaigns by religious leaders to counter extremist messages through television and radio programs as well as in places of worship |
| FY2015 Q4-FY2018 Q4 |

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<th>Respond to Violent Religious Extremism in Targeted Areas</th>
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| • Religiously qualified personalities trained to de-radicalize and rehabilitate youth that have succumbed to violent religious extremism  
  • De-radicalization programs operating in accord with relevant legal codes rehabilitate youth  
  • Religious leaders engaged in activities to combat violent religious extremism and counter extremist messages |
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<th>Reconcile Communities in Targeted Areas</th>
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| • Former extremists participated in work/skills trainings, community service, lecture series and support groups, providing an alternative to extremist groups  
  • Former extremists reintegrated into their communities  
  • Trauma healing has assisted communities to move forward from the effects of violent extremism  
  • Reconciliation activities between communities in conflict over extremist ideology has prevented violent conflict and further radicalization |
| FY2016 Q2-FY2018 Q4 |

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| • R/P MENA Council Secretariat is established  
  • R/P MENA Council Executive Council meets twice a year  
  • R/P MENA Council, Women of Faith and Interfaith Youth have developed an action plan to counter violent religious extremism  
  • R/P MENA Council, Women of Faith and Interfaith Youth Networks meet regularly to discuss and take action on countering violent religious extremism  
  • R/P MENA Council has the capacity and expertise needed to prevent and respond to VRE |
| FY2015 Q1-FY2018 Q4 |

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| • Robust partnerships between religious communities, government, civil society organizations and the United Nations  
  • Strategic resources and capabilities of each stakeholder leveraged to respond more effectively to violent religious extremism  
  • Stakeholders convened yearly |
| FY2015 Q1-FY2018 Q4 |