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A REPORT ON THE TRAINING ON COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTING VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN TANZANIA (CAPPTAN)



The Green Light Project (GLP) is a Community Awareness Program for Preventing Violent Extremism in Tanzania (CAPPTAN).

This project was formed to assist Tanzanian stakeholders in their efforts to Prevent Violent Extremism (PVE) by equipping the Government of Tanzania and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) with the knowledge to identify and prevent the drivers of Violent Extremism (VE) within their communities.

Supported by the U.S. State Department's Counter Terrorism Bureau (CTB), the 22-month program provided technical assistance to address three specific drivers of VE in Tanzania;

- 1) Youth radicalization,**
- 2) Distortion or misuse of religious beliefs and ethnic constructs, and**
- 3) Communal grievances and equality under the law.**



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This unique program combines stakeholder training, guided discussions, and expert mentorship to deepen stakeholders' understanding on how best to prevent the identified drivers of Violence Extremism nationally and regionally.

Hence, EACSOF in partnership with local National organizations have undergone training on Preventive measures on Violence Extremism in the society and have so far managed to draft a proposal (in partnership with local organizations) to carry out trainings locally to specific targeted groups within Tanzania.

EACSOF has so far seen much benefit and has built interest to carry further this project by introducing it into the EAC context by linking with the Department of Peace and security in East Africa Community and find out on how further we can extend the Trainings on Violence Extremism in the region.

Furthermore, in the long run, having conducted the trainings within Tanzania as a country, EACSOF, hopes to secure resources to carry out the same trainings regionally amongst the Five East African Partner States under the theme of Peace and Security within the East African region, through finding out, what has been done on matters relating to Violence Extremism in the EAC region and strategize on future plans on what can be done to ensure the diminish of Violence Extremism in the EAC region.