



# DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

## CAPABILITY STATEMENT

The American Center for Combating Extremism and Terrorism (ACCET) is a leading NGO dedicated to promoting social cohesion, building trust in democratic institutions, and countering violent extremism among vulnerable populations globally. ACCET's core team of experts have decades of experience in designing and implementing groundbreaking programs across the Balkans, Eurasia, Middle East, and Africa. We have a proven track record of tackling the complex challenges that hinder progress and perpetuate conflict in fragile regions.

**Kosovo:** Developed post-war legal framework for democratic governance and ensured inclusive representation of Serb and ethnic minorities.

**Ukraine:** Empowered civil society to combat corruption and resist Russian influence, fostering democratic values and freedoms.

**Turkey:** Built civil society capacities for inclusive political processes and advocated for human rights and political freedoms.

**Albania:** Fostered EU integration by managing international assessment and election observation missions, promoting political accountability and transparency.

**Kazakhstan:** Strengthened civil society's role in promoting democratic governance, combating corruption, and fostering social peace between Kazakh and Russian ethnic groups.

**North Macedonia:** Strengthened local governance, civil society, and education, promoting social justice and economic opportunities.

**Syria:** Reintegrated Al-Hol camp returnees, fostering social cohesion among returnees, IDPs, and host communities; combated ISIS recruitment.

**West Africa:** Integrated countering violent extremism and resilience programming across five USAID missions to reduce terrorist influence.

**Jordan:** Designed and led an international team in developing the National Water Information System, a critical information infrastructure.

**West Bank and Gaza:** Managed programs on civic education and citizen political participation, demanding greater accountability from the Palestinian Authority (PA) and supporting demands for free and fair elections

**Kenya:** Supported conflict mitigation, civic participation, and job creation; established a nationwide youth network with 1 million members.



## CORE COMPETENCIES:

- **Women and Youth Empowerment and Engagement:** Creating strategic public engagement plans to build confidence and trust in democratic institutions, enabling them to participate in political processes and instilling a sense of self-worth.
- **Capacity Building for Governments:** Enhancing the capacities of governments to engage with media, civil society, private sector, youth groups, and modern clerics to prevent and counter terrorism and extremism effectively.
- **Conflict Mitigation, Peacebuilding, and Social Cohesion:** Designing and implementing programs that promote dialogue, understanding, and collaboration between diverse communities to mitigate conflict and foster long-term stability.
- **Economic Opportunities and Job Creation:** Providing youth with access to economic opportunities, vocational training, and entrepreneurship support to reduce their vulnerability to extremist recruitment.
- **Education and Social Justice:** Promoting inclusive education, critical thinking skills, and social justice initiatives to build resilience against extremist ideologies and promote a culture of tolerance and understanding.
- **Partnerships and Coordination:** Forging strong partnerships with U.S. and host-country government officials, briefing senior political and military leaders, and coordinating with other U.S. and European government-funded programs to maximize impact.