Strengthening capacities of representatives of LSGs, internal affiars bodies, prosecutor's offices, courts and CSOs in preventing extremism in media

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1. **List of abbreviations**

GIZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH

KR Kyrgyz Republic

CSO Civil Society Organisation

LSG Local Self-Government

MOI Ministry of Interior

PREVECA Prevention of Violent Extremism in Central Asia

ТoR Terms of Reference

1. **Brief information on PREVECA**

The programme ‘Prevention of violent extremism in Central Asia (PREVECA)’ is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) from October 2023 until the end of November 2024. ts main partner in the Kyrgyz Republic (KR) is the Ministry of Interior (MOI) of KR. The overall objective of PREVECA is to support the state and civil society to prevent violence and reinforce the resilience of vulnerable groups against radicalisation. It also aims at enabling authorities, including law enforcement agencies, to develop specific skills, which will allow them to prevent violence, detect early signs of radicalisation, de-escalate situations with a radicalisation potential, and increase its outreach and communication with target groups, particularly youth to build trust and social cohesion.

1. **Context**

In 2023, a new law “On Countering Extremism” was adopted in KR. Based on the law, a new programme for the period 2023-2027 was developed by the Cabinet of Ministers of KR to counter extremism. Both the law and programme emphasise the importance of involving a wide range of stakeholders in prevention measures, including representatives of relevant state structures, local self-governments (LSGs), civil society organisations (CSOs), and the media. These documents introduce new norms and formats for mutual cooperation, and provide definitions which need to be explained to the stakeholders.

In addition, independent experts provided their recommendations. One of the recommendations is to include measures on prevention of disinformation, manipulation, hate speech that provoke social tension in society to counter extremism. Therefore, the programme highlights the importance of conducting activities in this direction at all levels with the broad involvement of the society.

MOI KR, with the support of GIZ PREVECA, plans to conduct two-day field workshop in each oblast of the country to implement the above-mentioned law and programme within the period from March to April 2024. During the workshop, MOI and independent experts will explain the norms and innovations of the law to representatives of LSGs, internal affairs bodies, prosecutor’s offices, courts and CSOs existing and working in the cities of Bishkek and Osh as well as Chui, Naryn, Issyk-Kul, Talas, Osh, Batken and Jalal-Abad oblasts.

To support MOI KR in conducting the above-mentioned workshops throughout the country, GIZ is hiring a short-term trainer on prevention of extremism in media.

**Objective of the Terms of reference (ToR)**

The main objective of the ToR is to strengthen capacities of representatives of LSGs, internal affairs bodies, prosecutor’s offices, courts and CSOs working in the city of Osh as well as Chui, Naryn, Issyk-Kul, Talas, Osh, Batken and Jalal-Abad oblasts in preventing extremism in media space through field workshops.

1. **Tasks to be performed by the trainer**

The trainer on prevention of extremism in media must perform the following tasks during the contract term:

* 1. Support MOI KR (Department for Countering Extremism and Illegal Migration) in developing an agenda of the two-day workshops on explaining the norms and innnovations of the new law “On Countering Extremism” and state programme for the period 2023-2027 for representatives of LSGs, internal affairs bodies, prosecutor’s offices, courts and CSOs working in the city of Osh as well as Chui, Naryn, Issyk-Kul, Talas, Osh, Batken and Jalal-Abad oblasts. In particular, the trainer must participate in the adaptation of the agenda of the workshops and provide consultation on a session on the prevention of extremism in media. 2 (two) expert-days are foreseen for performing this task.
  2. Prepare a presentation and hand-out materials for the two-day workshops on explaining the norms and innovations of the new law “On Countering Extremism” and state programme for the period 2023-2027 for representatives of LSGs, internal affairs bodies, prosecutor’s offices, courts and CSOs working in the city of Osh as well as Chui, Naryn, Issyk-Kul, Talas, Osh, Batken and Jalal-Abad oblasts. In particular, the trainer must prepare a presentation and hand-out materials on the topic “Role of mass media in preventing extremism in the context of cooperation between state structures and CSOs”. In addition, the trainer must develop a questionnaire (without indicating names and other personal data of the participants) on the norms and definitions of the law for the participants of the workshops in cooperation with MOI KR. 3 (three) expert-days are given for this task to be completed.
  3. Accompany and support MOI KR in conducting the above-mentioned workshops during the contract period throughout the country. In particular, the trainer must participate physically in the worshops conducted in the city of Osh as well as in Naryn, Karakol, Talas, Osh, Batken and Jalal-Abad oblasts, and lead the session on “Role of mass media in preventing extremism” and answer the questions from the participants relevant to his/her topic. During the workshop, the trainer is also responsible for sending out and collecting the questionnaire (mentioned above) to the participants of the workshops. In addition, the trainer must participate in de-brief on the results of the first day of each workshop as well as final de-brief on the results of the entire workshops. 17 (seventeen) expert-days are given to the expert to complete this task (excluding days for traveling to the venues of the workshops in target oblasts).
  4. Based on the results of field workshops to the regions, the trainer must prepare recommendations for effective work of the interdepartmental commission on prevention of extremism and interaction between state bodies and civil society in countering extremist activities. 2 (two) expert days are foreseen to fulfill these tasks during the term of the contract.
  5. Prepare documents required by GIZ and submit them to GIZ. The trainer must write a report (2-3 pages) describing the workshops mentioned above (e.g. key results, bottlenecks, follow-up activities etc.) in Russian and submit it through email to the national project coordinator of PREVECA in Kyrgyzstan. 2 (two) expert-days are given to the expert to finish this task.
  6. Prepare all financial documents (business trip documents, time sheet etc.) required by GIZ and submit them to the finance manager of PREVECA (based in the address: 22 Erkindik boulevard, Bishkek) in hard copies by 25 April 2024.

**Total number of expert days**

In total 26 expert days (excluding travel days) are foreseen for the trainer to complete all tasks listed in Chapter 3 during the period of contract

**Period of contract**

Preliminary from 1 March to 30 April 2024

1. **Required qualifications of the trainer**

The trainer on prevention of extremism in media must meet the following qualification requirements:

* Education (1): University degree in philology, journalism, or/and social studies
* Language (2): C1-level (advanced) language proficiency in Kyrgyz and Russian
* General professional experience (3): At least 10 years of work experience in media
* Specific professional experience (4): 5 years of work experience in PVE in media and contributing to the development of relevant laws, action plans and training modules
* Regional experience: work experience in/with regions of KR