

Nakuru revamps county anti-terror action plan

Government, civil society organisations and community-based groups in Nakuru County embarked on a review of strategies on preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE).

Meeting under the auspices of the County Engagement Forum (CEF), the forum tasked with coordinating PCVE activities at the devolved level, the stakeholders assessed the context and interventions towards creating awareness and addressing vulnerabilities to violent extremism.

They also discussed ways to revamp the County Action Plan (CAP) in response to evolving dynamics on the ground. The two-day meeting also focused on the Nakuru CAP implementation framework. Area residents had an opportunity to give their opinions on the plan with the process culminating in the launch of the revamped Nakuru CAP within a year.

The forum was coordinated by the National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC) in partnership with MIDRIFT HURINET and Act Change Transform under the ARIVE program supported by the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF).

The CEF includes representatives



Nakuru County Engagement Forum during the review of the county action plan

of various sectors including security, education, religious leaders, community groups and the private sector. Head of Prevention and Resilience at NCTC, Mr. Njenga Miiri, urged stakeholders to support the process as it would positively impact communities in the

region in terms of countering radicalization and other terrorism activities.

“We must be vigilant to prevent terrorism before it happens, through seamless collective action by all actors. In your various spaces, share messages

to counter the extremists and you will have saved a person from radicalization,” he said.

On his part, Nakuru County Police Commander Samuel Ndany called on residents to play their part in ensuring security of the communities they live in.

Tana River communities support peace initiatives

Communities living in Tana River County has resolved to do more to address insecurity in the region, including curbing the spread of narratives that fuel animosities among locals.

In a meeting that brought together various community-based actors to chart ways of countering radicalization activities by suspected terrorist elements operating in the county, it was agreed that residents will be sensitized on the need for alternative positive narratives to promote peace and security.

The capacity building forum was organised by the Tana River Peace, Reconciliation and Development, a local non-governmental organisation, in collaboration with the County Government of Tana

River.

Other partners in the project were the National Counter Terrorism

Center, MIDRIFT HURINET, Caritas Kenya, Youth and Women for Peace and Sustainable Development, Kiunga Youth

Bunge Initiative, Voice of Peace for All in the Horn of Africa, Human Rights Agenda, SOWED Kenya, among others.



Local administrators in Tana River County attend a sensitization workshop on tackling radicalization. The officers act as a vital link between the government and the local communities