



HUMAN SECURITY COLLECTIVE ANNUAL REPORT

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Introduction

Institutional financial support to the foundation was granted by Cordaid, GPPAC (Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict) and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies pledged to provide in-kind support.

Cordaid approved the grant as an investment in a topical issue that merited its support but was not considered to be a key theme for the organization. While decision makers at Cordaid acknowledged the importance of political space of civil society and are aware of the trend of civil society push back, their choice to establish business units meant a choice for an organizational signature that is less political and more service-delivery oriented.

When the decision to help establish Human Security Collective was taken by the board of directors, the support by Cordaid was timely and collegiate.

Activities The three staff members dedicated their time in 2013 to activities to 1) visibility of the foundation in relevant arenas through participation in seminars, meetings and panels worldwide, 2) seeking potential supporters and grant proposal writing, 3) making the hub work as a human security nodal point for civil society, policy makers, researchers and governments/intergovernmental institutions, and 4) advocacy capacity building on issues that constitute the heart of our work, which is strengthening and protecting political space of civil society. This is done through multi-stakeholder conversations and the development of practice in which the notion of human security is leading for countering violent extremism, through galvanizing community youth leadership for conflict transformation in high risk areas and through working on the reform of counter terrorism financing rules and regulations that reduce the freedom of assembly, association and resource mobilization, of civil society. A considerable part of staff time was dedicated to presenting the new foundation to our networks and new relations, participation in expert panels and meetings, acquiring new sources of funding and strengthening relationships with organizations that we are strategically or operationally working with e.g. ICCT, the UN, the Global Counterterrorism Forum, the FATF, International Center for

not for profit Law and European Center for not for Profit Law, the World Bank, the European Foundation

Center, the Charity and Security Network, a number of (Muslim) Philanthropies and NGOs in the UK, Hedayah Center of Excellence in Abu Dhabi, the OSCE, USIP (United Institute for Peace) and a number of partners in the "Global South": e.g. Wanep in West Africa, WinG in India, Pyalara in the West Bank etc. Closer to home, working relations were established with Justitia et Pax NL, Women Peacemakers' Program and UNOY (United Network of Young Peace builders).

Board members were appointed, a financial and administrative system established for the foundation. A financial officer from Justice and Peace the Netherlands was contracted on a parttime basis to assist in setting up the foundation's administration.

HSC has developed a website, set up a Face book page and opened a twitter account. The number of members to our social media outreach is growing.

Achievements Nexus development, security and countering violent extremism

The establishment of a partnership with the Abu Dhabi based Hedayah, Center of Excellence on CVE (countering violent extremism). Together we hosted and organized an "expert meeting" on the nexus between development, security and countering violent extremism. Around 20 participants from civil society and the security sector had a frank and collegiate 2-day conversation, which resulted in a first-ever document on the nexus between CVE, security and development. The paper was widely disseminated amongst the CVE and development communities. It serves as input to among others the fourth review of the UN Global counterterrorism strategy in June 2014. (Report in the list of reports below)

Together with GPOT (Global Political Trends Centre) and GPPAC and under the banner of the Civil Society Network for Human Security, HSC co-organized and convened a seminar on Human Security and Countering Violent Extremism in Istanbul. The geographical focus was on Turkey and its neighboring countries and the Middle East. Participants from research institutes, human rights, peace building and development communities and government discussed a number of issues related to the notion of human security. Geographically people came from Turkey, Kurdistan, Iraq, Palestine, Lebanon, Ukraine, the UK, USA, the Netherlands. A small delegation, including an associate of the ICCT/International Center for Counter Terrorism visited a number of government agencies in Ankara for a conversation on human security, which was informed by the outcome of the seminar. (Report of the seminar, authored by a staff member of the Kroc institute in list of reports below).

HSC is involved in the establishment of a Global Fund on CVE and Community Engagement. The US State department invited the foundation to take part in a series of deliberations on this Global Fund, in particular on a governance model that ensures the participation of civil society in the implementation of the Fund. The advice of HSC is included in the way the fund

will be set up in the summer of 2014 in Switzerland. The fund will roll out pilot projects in 5 to 7 countries, among others Nigeria, Mali, Bangladesh, Pakistan.

A collaborative grant proposal written by Wanep (West African Network of Peacebuilders), GPPAC and HSC and submitted to the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) resulted in a twoyear grant for the implementation of a human security strategy in Mali. The grant is administered by the Wanep regional office in Accra. HSC is sub-contracted for international advocacy based on the process and achievements of the project and for teaming up with Wanep team on a number of project activities as described in the proposal. HSC is in particular establishing relationships with relevant regional and international CVE actors and entities and with actors from the development arena that show an interest in a human security approach to reconciliation and development.

The impact of a global countering financing of terrorism standard on civil society

“Cracking open” a structured dialogue for civil society and the Financial Action Task Force.

FATF, with secretariat in Paris at the OECD/DAC, is an influential policy-making and compliance body for standards on Anti Money Laundering, Countering of Terrorism Financing and Non Proliferation which are accepted by 180 member states world-wide. FATF has grown to 36 members and 8 further regional formations. Countries are evaluated through a peer-evaluation system every 6 to 7 years and the evaluation scores are binding. The dialogue focuses on the mitigation of the negative consequences of compliance with FATF's CFT (countering financing of terrorism) standard and Recommendation 8 in particular. R8 stipulates that Not for Profits (NPOs) in particular are vulnerable to terrorism financing. The compliance to this standard has had a chilling effect on grant-making and receiving world-wide, particularly in countries with illintentioned governments in relation to freedom of association, assembly and speech. HSC is coconvening and coordinating an international working group on FATF which contributes to the revision to a number of guidance material that FATF produces for governments and evaluators (IMF, World Bank, FATF secretariat and regional bodies). We co-organized with the FATF secretariat the first consultation between the task force and civil society on the negative consequences of R8 and possible ways forward to avoid overregulation of the NPO sector in the context of terrorism financing prevention. (report in list of reports below)

Parallel to the dialogue with FATF, HSC convened and facilitated a conversation in the Netherlands with the FATF delegation leader (from the Ministry of Finance), delegates from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Security and Justice, the Dutch Central Bank, the Association of banks, a number of banks and civil society on R8 and the consequences for international development cooperation (anonymized minutes available). Civil society in other countries, notably the UK and the US are considering this model of a structured conversation as an example they could follow in their own country. HSC has regular conversations with the FATF delegation leader on our engagement with the task force.

The effects of R8 on Dutch civil society are becoming more noticeable. E.g. Women Peace makers' Program that is operating under a MFS 2 grant was denied a bank account by one of the Dutch international banks that legitimized its decision based on the risks related to the work of WPP in “terrorist prone” countries. The same organization has growing difficulties in transferring cash to partners in the MENA region. Other organizations that are experiencing problems with cash transfers are well-known Dutch multi-mandate NGOs. A subset of Human

Rights Foundations, under the guidance of the Fund for Global Human Rights has sought the support of HSC in developing a collective strategy for influencing FATF and other relevant bodies to protect their grantees and their own space for human rights grant-making.

HSC has built a community of interest/global coalition on the impact of FATF R8 among civil society, government policy makers and World Bank evaluators. We are invited as experts and speakers in a number of arenas which are concerned about the unintended consequences of the FATF R8, such as Muslim Philanthropy communities, Foundations' networks, security networks and academe.

The FATF related work led to the submission of a proposal on "The negative impacts of international policies on countering terrorist financing, anti-money laundering, and financial transparency on civil society", to the Fiscal Governance program of Open Society Foundations (OSF). OSF awarded a grant in 2013 for the project that will end December 2014. The idea behind the proposal lends itself to a meta-level debate on the bright and dark side of transparency in relation to the international development agenda. HSC is working closely with one consultant and two research/advocacy organizations in the implementation of the grant.

The role of young community leaders in fostering resilient communities

The development community stresses the importance of working with young community leaders on economic and social development, and conflict transformation. The security world looks at young leaders in high risk areas as potential instigators of violent extremism that need to be de-radicalized or as repentant terrorists that can influence their peers to prevent violent radicalization. HSC is focusing on an approach that highlights their role in fostering resilient communities. We benefit from our connections with young leaders mainly through the UNOY/United Network of Young Peace builders and with actors in the counter terrorism and CVE communities to bring such approach to the fore in a number of donor and policy makers' circles.

Other

With Justitia et Pax or Justice and Peace Netherlands HSC organized an expert meeting for the preparation of an International Seminar on Human Rights Defenders: Speak Truth to Power (to be held in January 2013). The expert meeting convened 10 experts from a number of our partner countries, including the UK and the USA and led to the rationale, agenda and substance for the international seminar. The topical issues are: protection mechanisms for Human Rights Defenders and in particular those that are developed by the EU, digital security for HRDs, and restrictions for the financial space of HRDs and human rights organizations due to the Financial Action Task Force Standard. The International Seminar will be co-convened and organized with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "Department voor Multilaterale Instellingen en Mensenrechten".

Capacity building consultancies on institutional strategy and lobby and advocacy were conducted with civil society partners from Cordaid and others in Ghana, OPT, India.

Financial report (full report attached)

In addition to the institutional grant from Cordaid HSC managed to obtain additional grants from:

1. Youth Leadership in the Mena under NAP 1325, managed by Cordaid
2. Civil society for a human security strategy in Mali, grant holder Wanep, sponsor is Austrian ADA
3. Address the negative impacts of international policies on countering terrorist financing, antimoney laundering, and financial transparency on civil society, grant holder HSC, sponsor is Open Society Foundation in New York.

Herewith HSC has achieved its consultancy target and its target on acquiring project funding. The partners that supported the founding of HSC, i.e. Kroc Institute and GPPAC contributed in kind. The working relation with both organizations has developed into an operational one. HSC is working with GPPAC for a Wanep managed project on human security in Mali. HSC is planning to have an audit to be carried out for 2014 in which 2013 as a start-up year for the foundation will be included.

Reports, presentations, consultancies

Reports

- Expert meeting on Countering Violent Extremism, Security and Development, HSC and Hedayah (Abu Dhabi)
- Human Security Seminar in Istanbul, HSC, GPPAC and Kroc Institute
- London consultation with FATF documents in which civil society is mentioned, which is the direct outcome of our lobby on civil society engagement with FATF, including our input into the light touch revision of the Best Practices Paper for Not for Profits.
- Introductory papers of Expert preparatory meeting for the international seminar on Human Rights Defenders.

Presentations

- Presentation at CTITF workshop in Bogota on regional and national counter terrorism strategies (Lia)
- Presentation at OIC/CTED workshop in Jeddah (Jeanne) and OIC journal article (Jeanne)
- Presentation at conference at CTITF conference on national counter terrorism strategies in Geneva (Lia)
- The vital role of women in countering violent extremism, CSW in NYC
- Women Muslim leaders and violent extremism in Indonesia, CSW in NYC

Consultancies

- Training in strategic programming, advocacy and lobby for Women in Governance in India (Lia)
- Care for a Common Cause (training material, used for trainings by Jeanne for UNOY)
- Ghana Cordaid mission report in which the work of Jeanne is featured and commended

