



# Communities *in* Transition

## Supporting societies from *fragility to stability*

Communities have unique development needs as they transition from conflict and fragility to peace and stability. Creative's Communities in Transition Division provides expertise and programs to support communities, civil society, marginalized groups, youth, local and national governments, electoral management bodies and other stakeholders along this spectrum.

In the midst of conflict, Creative's programs help identify and address the root causes of conflict and find entry points to restore stability and prepare residents and governments for a post-conflict future, building capacity to govern and bolstering civil society.

In areas plagued by ongoing insecurity, such as crime and violence, our holistic approach supports policies, programs and law enforcement initiatives that help restore a sense of security so communities are able to prosper. For at-risk youth, Creative has pioneered new approaches for working at the community and municipal levels to reach different populations with targeted risk reduction strategies. Creative is a leader in adapting these proven crime and violence prevention methodologies to address challenges of violent extremism around the world.

As societies move from crisis to peace, Creative's elections, political transitions and governance programs provide support to local and national leaders and citizens in reestablishing trust between political systems and civil society; ensuring credible and peaceful elections; and ensuring government accountability.

In the process, Creative builds resilience by strengthening the ability of governments and communities to work together to better withstand and respond to threats to peace and security—whether from insurgents, crime and violence, corruption or natural disasters.

# Creative's *areas of CIT* Expertise

## **Citizen Security**

To stem extremism, violence and crime, Creative takes an integrated, holistic approach to citizen security. Our programs combines evidence-based social programs, sensible public policies and constitutional and compassionate law enforcement. To reach at-risk youth, Creative matches appropriate programs to the specific levels of risk they face.

## **Countering Violent Extremism**

Creative advances a "whole-of-society" approach to address the challenge of violent extremism. Our programs engage local, regional, national and international actors in research as well as evidence-based design and implementation of context dependent, CVE-specific and CVE-relevant interventions. We bridge national security and development interventions in a way that challenges the movement and builds resilience.

## **Elections**

Credible, inclusive and peaceful elections are critical to ensure citizens have a voice in how they are governed. Our tools and programs address emerging threats of violence and fraud. Creative offers electoral threat assessment, election conflict prevention planning, peaceful election advocacy campaigns and electoral audits and fraud forensics.

## **Governance and Community Resilience**

Governance must be equitable, accountable, and inclusive for a community to be resilient to conflict and crisis. The governance team has expertise in building government and civil society capacity to work in partnership to constructively and sustainably transform the governance system.

## **Political Transitions**

In conflict and post-conflict areas, Creative implementing community-based methods to support stabilization, foster trust in government legitimacy and credibility and establish the platforms for long-term development in areas of weak governance. These programs emphasize rapid start-up and flexibility, and use small grants, local staff and smart branding to engage communities and build support for governments.

## **Stabilization**

Creative has a deep understanding of conflict dynamics and the underlying forces that drive them. The practice area's experts identify the root causes of a conflict and design customized programming that is regionally and culturally appropriate to address them. Creative is particularly adept at cultivating and strengthening the capacity of marginalized groups, including women, youth and minorities.