



Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Toolkit To Support Action Plans to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism

Global Programme on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism



This Toolkit was developed by policy and evaluation experts from UNCCT's Global Programme on PCVE, reflecting lessons learned from working with more than 1900 beneficiaries in over 60 Member States since 2019.

Building on the UNOCT PCVE Action Plan Reference Guide, the MEL Toolkit was designed to fit the needs of organizations with different requirements and goals, at different stages of developing and implementing a PCVE action plan, rather than adopting a "one size fits all" approach.

Background

The United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), through the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT), developed a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Toolkit to support organizations involved in the development and/or implementation of action plans to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism (PCVE action plans).

The Toolkit aims to:

- Measure and report on the results of PCVE action plans;
- Identify strengths and opportunities for improvement; and
- Provide regular PCVE action plans updates

The Toolkit is designed to support – local and national governments, regional organizations as well as international and civil society organizations – with little or no experience in monitoring and evaluating – during the different stages of the development and/or implementation process of their PCVE action plans.

How was the Toolkit developed?

Since 2018, UNCCT has provided capacity-building support and technical assistance to governments in developing and implementing their PCVE national action plan. During this time, plan managers have expressed the need to measure their results and learn about what works or not at a strategic level.

The Toolkit was informed by the significant expertise from the UNCCT's Global Programme on PCVE combined with contributions from over 20 peer reviewers.

The peer reviewers

- Members of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Coordination Compact Working Group on Resource Mobilisation, Monitoring and Evaluation, including representatives from UNOCT, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) and UN Women.
- Academics and independent consultants specialised in monitoring and evaluation.
- Government representatives with experience in monitoring and evaluating their own PCVE action plans.

“The Toolkit is clear, comprehensible and accessible to practitioners who might not have a background in evaluation.”
Government Official from Australia

“I like the step-by-step approach from evaluation questions, to evidence, to data sources – very clear and helpful. The [templates in the] annexes are very useful and in many ways constitute the actual Toolkit.”
Dr Andrew Glazzard, Professor of National Security Policy and Practice, Coventry University

What does the Toolkit cover?

The Toolkit is divided into three key phases and nine key steps, as shown below. Successful MEL relies on well-considered planning, and for this reason, this Toolkit focuses heavily on the steps involved in Phase 1. The Toolkit helps to learn how to build a robust MEL Plan, how to ensure that the right structures are in place to support MEL throughout the lifecycle of PCVE action plan, and how to learn from and communicate results.

The Toolkit includes a range of activities and templates, to support plan managers with self-guided learning. UNCCT’s Global Programme on PCVE also delivers training to United Nations Member States on the content of the Toolkit.



For more information about the Toolkit, or the training provided by UNCCT’s Global Programme on PCVE, please contact: uncct_pcve@un.org

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