

Peace Through Development

Chad, Niger and Mauritania

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The Peace Through Development (PDEV) program is a regional counter-terrorism initiative implemented in rural and urban communities throughout Chad, Niger and Mauritania. To offset the potential for violence and extremism, AED employs integrated activities in governance, youth and media that specifically target marginalized populations.



Program Activities:

- ❖ Promote tolerance and peacebuilding efforts, and engage local media and civil society actors in jointly producing media programs through AED's signature Bridge Media approach.
- ❖ Build and strengthen a community's skills to solve pressing problems in a peaceful and inclusive manner.
- ❖ Engage local government more extensively through improved community-government dialogue and support government initiatives

when appropriate.

- ❖ Implement community development initiatives and the capacity of CSOs in urban and rural locations.
- ❖ Facilitate the Community YouthMapping (CYM) process that trains youth to survey their communities, teaches critical work skills, designs income generation activities and development projects for youth.
- ❖ Create sustainable links between religious associations and local leaders by supporting collaboratively designed projects and media programs that address religious leaders' priorities.
- ❖ Increase information flow on peace and tolerance through dialogues, radio programs and grant activities.
- ❖ Develop community radio infrastructure and broadcast locally-produced youth and governance programs.
- ❖ Forge relationships between and among youth and their communities, particularly those that are

Community YouthMapping: One PDEV Approach to Engage and Train Youth

Community YouthMapping (CYM) is a youth-centered, participatory process whereby young people 'map' their communities and develop creative strategies to target needs identified through the process. An extremely flexible tool, CYM can help achieve and support a range of simultaneous results. In Niger, for example, CYM can be used as an assessment, job training, and job-creation tool. CYM can also be effectively used with both urban- and rural-based youth, both in- and out- of school, and with low-literacy populations. CYM toolkits are currently available in English, French, and Arabic. During the CYM process, youth gain marketable skills in communication, team building, and advocacy, as well as data collection, entry, and analysis. The results of the CYM mapping exercise support the design of country-specific youth vocational training, income generation, and other development activities.

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