



## #YouthWagingPeace State of PVE in South Asia\_ A Youth-led Report

### Call for Youth Authors

[UNESCO MGIEP](#) and [UNAOC](#) are calling for young South Asian researchers on the prevention of violent extremism to join a team of youth South Asian authors leading the development of [#YouthWagingPeace State of PVE in South Asia A Youth-led Report](#). The specific details are as follows:

<b>Position Title</b>	:	Individual Consultant (Author)
<b>Reports to</b>	:	Project Officers from UNESCO MGIEP and UNAOC
<b>Position Type</b>	:	Contractual
<b>Number of Position</b>	:	04
<b>Based at</b>	:	Online, Remote working
<b>Provisional Period</b>	:	10 February – December 2021
<b>Benefits:</b>		a) Stipend of <b>\$1,500 USD</b> upon delivery of the final draft of the material b) Credit as the Author in promotional materials c) Invitation to sit on Authors Panel to launch the final report in December

### Background

[The UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development \(MGIEP\)](#) is an integral part of UNESCO and is a specialized Category-I institute that works on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 Target 7 towards education for peace and sustainable development to foster global citizenship. The Institute approaches this goal by developing innovative online pedagogies that teach socio-emotional learning (SEL) targeted to youth in the age range from 18 to 34.

[The United Nations Alliance of Civilizations](#) is a soft-power political tool of the United Nations Secretary-General for conflict prevention and conflict resolution. It is a coalition against extremist forces; a movement to advance mutual respect for cultures, traditions and religious beliefs, and a platform to bridge divides and overcome prejudice, misconceptions, misperceptions, and polarization.

Driven by the desire to put young South Asians in the centre and to contribute to [efforts to prevent violent extremism](#) and build sustainable peace in communities, UNESCO MGIEP, the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Sri Lanka National Commission for the UNESCO joined hands to organize the first regional workshop on PVE. The [#YouthWagingPeace Regional Workshop](#) brought together and built the social and emotional, critical media literacy and project management skills of 35 young leaders from South Asia (India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Myanmar).

The youth leaders curated 20 community-wide activities to be implemented in 6 countries directly impacting 1,000+ community stakeholders. In addition to the individual community-wide activities, the youth agreed to undertake a short study of the State of PVE in the region.

### Objective

The State of PVE in South Asia will comprise up to 8 chapters. It will give an overview of violent extremism, its manifestations, drivers and prevention efforts in the context of South Asia. Pertinently, it will conclude with youth-centered actionable recommendations for

policymakers. Each chapter will combine uncensored youth case studies with the latest research to produce fresh and robust perspectives for policymakers in specific communities, countries and the region as a whole.

Concretely:

1. It will give policymakers an accessible, youth-centered overview of violent extremism in South Asia: what it is, how it manifests, what drives it, what regional stakeholders, especially the youth, are doing about it (through the lenses of formal and non-formal education) and finally, areas for policy intervention to help build resilient and pro-social cultures that organically prevent violent extremism.
2. It will provide young South Asian leaders and peacebuilders with an instrument to mobilize and seek support from their policymakers for youth-led action to prevent violent extremism in the region.

### **Main duties and responsibilities**

Under the overall authority of the Director of UNESCO MGIEP and reporting to project officers from UNAOC and UNESCO MGIEP, selected candidates will be awarded individual consultant (author) contracts and required to undertake the following responsibilities:

1. Refine and develop further the outline of the chapter and the overall report
2. Undertake desk research and literature review to inform the specific chapter as well as the overall report
3. Circulate the [call for contributions](#) and receive a minimum of 300 contributions per chapter and a minimum of 2000 for the whole report from South Asian youth (especially the most marginalized and unreachable)
4. Lead the drafting, development and the overall scientific standard of at least one full chapter (with literature review and youth contributions) as well as contribute to the development of the overall report
5. Contribute to the overall development of the report – including attending review meetings and contributing to other chapters

Expected results (at the end of the contract)

1. A full chapter of the State of PVE-E in South Asia report (reviewed and approved by the advisory board members and selected youth leaders) with contributions from at least 200 South Asian youth leaders and ready for editing and publishing

### **Competencies**

The successful candidate will be required to demonstrate the following competencies:

1. Excellent drafting skills
2. Excellent research skills
3. Excellent coordination skills
4. Excellent understanding of PVE, Peacebuilding and the overall South Asian context
5. Excellent communications skills
6. Ability to work in diverse teams and under pressure

### **Required Experience**

1. Minimum 1 year of verified experience in designing and implementing large youth-led projects on prevention of violent extremism with a focus on policy, drafting of reports and guidance materials or full-fledged projects and initiatives on putting you at the center of education and peacebuilding
2. Verified experience in research and development of high-quality scientific publications such as articles and/or reports on PVE, peacebuilding etc.
3. Verified experience in drafting and developing high quality guidance materials
4. Understanding of the roles and mandate of UN and in particular in youth issues.

### **Selection criteria**

1. A master's degree in education, peace, international relations/studies and another related field.
2. Must be 21–35 years old
3. Must from South Asia
4. Must have written and published journal articles of high scientific standards on peacebuilding, prevention of violent extremism and education with a focus on South Asia

### **Application process**

Interested candidates are requested to send their CV, copies of/links to their published work and a cover letter of at least 1000 words with an overview of the State of PVE in South Asia to: [Youth.mgiep@unesco.org](mailto:Youth.mgiep@unesco.org)

Deadline: 31/01/2021