



## **Community at Risk**

### *Assessing Community Vulnerability and Sources of Violence Against Religious Minorities*

#### **Terms of Reference**

- Focus: **Protecting Religious Communities at Risk**
- Question: **How do we engage key diplomats and legislators to implement laws and policies to protect the rights of conflict survivors and religious minorities?**
- Products: **Research and Recommendations (15 pages, double-spaced)**

#### **Research (10 pages)**

##### *Report*

Which communities are most at risk for religion-related violence in the Mediterranean Basin? Why? Are there specific policies and laws that correlate with increased violence against religious communities? Consider both quantitative and qualitative evidence. When appropriate provide region-specific data-driven analysis.

##### *Gaps in Policy and Implementation*

What are the gaps in international, national, and regional policy and implementation related to the protection of communities at risk?

##### *Best Practices*

What are the most successful policies and law for preventing and reducing religion-related violence against communities in the Mediterranean Basin? How can policies and law be used to rehabilitate communities affected by religion-related violence?

##### *Influencer Map*

With whom might Global Covenant partner? What role do these actors have in the field? Do they have particular strengths or liabilities? Who do they influence? Who belongs in their network? What actors might be potential implementing partners? Who are the most notable scholars in this issue area?

##### *Bibliography*

What should Global Covenant planners and implementers read or study to inform their work? Which articles, reports, resolutions, etc., are cited for these research and recommendations?

#### **Recommendations (5 pages)**

##### *Response*

Propose research-driven pilot initiatives that engage key influencers in crafting and implementing laws and policy designed to reduce and prevent religion-related violence against religious communities. Religious actors, civil society organizations, and policymakers should co-create the recommendations for proposed laws and policies. Remember to include the voices of women, youth, and conflict survivors.