

Perspectives on Community Resilience to Counter Violent Extremism

Amid the reported incidence of Violent Extremism (VE) in various forms due to diverse reasons such as religion, belief, and ethnicity etc., the government and civil society have started taking action to Counter Violent Extremism (CVE). The Government of Pakistan (GoP) under 'Paigham-e-Pakistan'- a counternarrative for peace and harmony - launched a number of programmes and campaigns including 'Hum Pakistani' (We, the Pakistanis) to build an inclusive society with the concept of equal citizenship rights for every citizen of the country irrespective of caste, creed, belief, and gender. The government has also launched a 'safe charity' campaign so that charity should not go to VE groups and many other such initiatives. The impacts of these initiatives are now bearing fruit. The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) has been part of these initiatives. The Institute has built a network of researchers/academia under a 'Community Resilient Research Network (CRRN)' project to conduct research on how communities can develop resilience to VE. Researchers from academia and think tanks from across Pakistan have been part of this Network. CRRN commissioned 29 research papers on various themes of CVE across the country. These papers have been published in various national and international research journals. The Network also commissioned and published a book comprising ten policy papers on community resilience to VE. This panel will showcase some of the selected research papers on CVE to learn from the insights and experiences of the research conducted by network members. Researchers from CRRN will present their perspectives on the role of youth, women, and traditional institutions in building resilience to CVE.

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