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In 2019, I was honoured to assume the chair of the Kofi Annan Foundation board. Kofi Annan was a towering figure who made an enduring difference in the lives of people not only in Africa but around the world. I am committed, together with my fellow board members and the staff of the Foundation, to building on his extraordinary legacy.

Over the last year, the Foundation board has been reshaped. I am pleased to have been joined by an eminent group of new board members who bring to the Foundation a wealth of leadership experience and personal expertise.

We are very conscious of the enormous challenges facing the world: democracy and democratic values are under threat from authoritarians and populists alike; violent conflict, extremism and poverty menace many societies; women and young people are too often excluded from decisions that deeply affect their lives.

We see too the clear and present danger of climate change and, of late, the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has hit the least affluent the hardest. Unfortunately, at a time when multilateral cooperation is needed more than ever, it has been found wanting. The international system is not working as it should - to the detriment of people and the planet.

These challenges cannot be solved in isolation. The Kofi Annan Foundation will advocate for concerted action and use its convening capacities to help find durable answers to such challenges. This is why the Foundation is harnessing the power of partnerships, working in cooperation with an extensive, world-wide network of partners, enabling us to operate flexibly and cost efficiently.

On behalf of the board, I want to acknowledge and thank the dedicated service of the members of the Foundation team during this period of change. We are proud of the work they have accomplished.

I want to especially thank Alan Doss who is stepping down from the Foundation leadership after eight years of distinguished service. And I am pleased to welcome his successor, Corinne Momal-Vanian, who is joining the Foundation after a dynamic and successful career at the United Nations.

I must also warmly thank all those partners and friends of the Foundation who have provided support in 2019. We depend heavily on your contributions and we earnestly hope that you will continue your funding, even though the Covid-19 pandemic is creating unprecedented demand on public and private resources.

In the year ahead, I look forward with enthusiasm and optimism to working with my fellow board members and the Foundation staff to advance Kofi Annan’s vision of a fairer and more peaceful world. We will keep faith with the values that he embraced and practiced life-long: dialogue, tolerance, and inclusion. Together, I believe that we can make a difference to the lives of women and men everywhere as he would have wished.
2019 was a year of transition for the Kofi Annan Foundation. Nonetheless, inspired by the legacy of our founder Kofi Annan, and with the strong encouragement of our new chair, Elhadj As Sy and board members, the Foundation forged ahead with an expansive programme of work in cooperation with its global network of partners.

We have used the convening and advocacy opportunities offered by the name of Kofi Annan to mobilise support for policy innovation and application, focusing on three principal areas of intervention: strengthening democracy and democratic legitimacy; promoting youth leadership to empower and encourage young people to tackle violent extremism in their communities; supporting transitions to peace in countries and societies emerging from violent conflict.

We have also aided efforts to improve food security, trade and nutrition in Africa — a long standing concern for Kofi Annan.

During the course of the year, the Foundation received and reviewed in consultation with the Annan family numerous requests to honour the memory of Kofi Annan — some of them are flagged in our report.

During this year of transition, the Foundation has faced a number of changes. Our foremost challenge was to adjust and adapt to the loss of Kofi Annan. The Foundation needed to raise its voice to sustain his ideals and influence through public messaging and heightened visibility. We endeavoured to do so using digital opportunities as well as more traditional approaches to communication.

Funding was (and will remain) a major challenge for the Foundation. Unfortunately, year-on-year funding dropped from 2018 to 2019 as some grants expired with new funding still to come on stream. Given the tremendous pressures on governmental and major foundation donors caused by the massive response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Foundation will need to develop fresh and innovative approaches to resource mobilisation.

Inevitably, the pandemic is posing questions about the future direction of the Foundation. The chair and the board, together with the staff, are reviewing strategic options and exploring ways to strengthen the Foundation’s core capacities and its funding base to meet those challenges.

I had the enormous honour and good fortune of working closely with Kofi Annan for several years as a part of his Foundation team. His mission was to make the world a better place. That quest continues under our new chair and board and with the leadership of my very experienced and talented successor, Corinne Momal-Vanian.

They will depend, as I have done, on our small but highly motivated staff, which is the backbone of the Foundation. I am truly grateful for their dedication and hard work. I wish them every success as the Foundation continues the pursuit of the better world that Kofi Annan envisaged, building on his greatest gift, needed today more than ever: the ability to bring people together.
About the Kofi Annan Foundation

OUR MISSION:
The Kofi Annan Foundation mobilises political will to overcome challenges to peace, development and human rights. In most cases, the expertise and evidence needed to solve the world’s most pressing problems such as poverty, armed conflict and poor governance already exist. What holds us back is a lack of leadership or political will to identify and deliver solutions. The Foundation mobilises those who are in a position to influence and bring solutions to those problems.

OUR VALUES:
Impartiality, Independence, Inclusiveness

HOW THE KOFI ANNAN FOUNDATION WORKS:

PRIVATE DIPLOMACY
The Foundation provides counsel and participates in diplomatic initiatives to avert or resolve crises.

PUBLIC ADVOCACY
Through targeted public interventions, the Foundation helps shape public discussion of global issues and threats.

CONVENING POWER
The Foundation brings together leaders in diplomacy, business, politics and civil society to jointly tackle threats and crises.

MEDIATION AND CRISIS RESOLUTION
The Foundation provides its good offices, mediates or intervenes in crises when it can make a difference.

THE THREE PILLARS OF A FAIRER, MORE PEACEFUL WORLD:

1. PEACE AND SECURITY
   There can be no long-term peace without development.

2. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
   There can be no long-term development without peace.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW
   No society can long remain prosperous without respect for human rights and the rule of law.
The work of the Foundation reaches all corners of the globe.

Our work depends on partners and contributors from around the world, and in addition to our Geneva headquarters, our team has operational relationships with organisations and partners on the ground in over 20 countries.

What follows is a snapshot of our activities around the world in 2019.

**NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA**

**UNITED STATES**

In January, the Foundation held its inaugural meeting of the Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age (KACEDDA) at Stanford University.

In February, the Foundation launched its report ‘Challenging the Conventional: Making Post-Violence Reconciliation Succeed’ at the United Nations (UN) and Columbia University.

In September, Extremely Together Young Leaders Fatima Zaman (United Kingdom), Ilwad Elman (Somalia) and Bjørn Ihler (Norway) promoted youth leadership in preventing violent extremism (PVE) at the UN General Assembly in New York. Extremely Together’s peer-to-peer approach was also featured in the 2019 Youth Solutions report which was launched at the UN General Assembly.
COLOMBIA
In October, the Foundation conducted a mission to Colombia to design a joint initiative with Alianza para la Paz for reconciliation in three municipalities particularly affected by conflict and poverty.

EUROPE

AUSTRIA
In October, a team from the Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age met with representatives of the Government of Austria and European institutions to present and debate the initial findings of the Commission’s report.

BELGIUM
In June, the Foundation organised a panel discussion at the European Development Days to share the results of its research on reconciliation.

In October, a delegation of the Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age met with interlocutors from the European Union (EU) to present initial findings and help inform EU policy on democracy and elections.

FINLAND
In September, Extremely Together Leader Mimoun Berrissoun (Germany) shared his lessons on PVE at the EU Presidency conference “Preventing Violent Extremism — looking to the future” in Helsinki.

FRANCE
In May, the Foundation and Extremely Together organised a workshop on preventing violent extremism at the European Conference of the Junior Chamber International in Lyon.

GREECE
In October, members of the Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age participated in the 2019 Athens Democracy Forum. The team presented initial findings and took part in a series of discussions about the impact of social media and new technology on elections.

SWITZERLAND
In July, Extremely Together (ET) Young Leader Hassan Ndugwa (Uganda) led training on “Embracing a "Whole of Society" approach to preventing violent extremism” at a conference organised by Initiatives of Change in Caux.

THE NETHERLANDS
In March, Extremely Together Young Leader Bjørn Ihler held a workshop on the causes of violent extremism during the inaugural session of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) YOUNG Empowerment Academy, which strengthened young Europeans’ knowledge in preventing radicalisation.

AFRICA

CÔTE D’IVOIRE
In April, members of the Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age participated in the Mo Ibrahim Governance Forum to raise awareness about the Commission’s work and share initial findings relevant to Africa.

In light of the mounting risks surrounding the October 2020 elections, the Foundation conducted a mission to Côte d’Ivoire to assess the status of electoral preparations and review the general electoral environment.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
In September, the Foundation facilitated a closed-door discussion with political representatives from the Democratic Republic of Congo in Cape Town, South Africa.

GHANA
In September, a delegation of the Foundation led by Mrs Nane Annan participated in the African Green Revolution Forum, hosted in Accra, to advocate for improved food and nutrition security in Africa.

In September, Mrs Annan championed the need for youth participation in preventing violent extremism.
at the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPCTC)’s Kofi Annan Peace and Security Forum.

GUINEA

In December, the Foundation and the National Democratic Institute deployed an international delegation to Guinea to assess preparations for the legislative elections, offer recommendations to enhance citizen confidence in the process, and mitigate the risk of violence.

KENYA

In November, Extremely Together Young Leaders Jonah Obajeun (Nigeria) and Hassan Ndugwa (Uganda) participated in the Tony Blair Institute’s conference in Nairobi on ‘Working with Religious Actors to Build Peaceful and Stable Societies’.

NIGERIA

In February, just before the general elections, the Foundation helped facilitate and support the National Peace Accord, through which all presidential candidates committed to a peaceful, fair, and legitimate process.

In June, the Foundation facilitated the country’s first electoral reform roundtable to address the underlying drivers of electoral violence.

Extremely Together (ET) Young Leader Jonah Obajeun used the ET toolkit to train university students in Lagos on tolerance and resilience in the face of violent extremism.

RWANDA

In March, at the One Young World regional caucus in Kigali, Extremely Together Leader Ndugwa Hassan shared how he turned his traumatic experience as a survivor of an Al-Shabaab attack into a strong commitment to peace.

SOUTH AFRICA

In September, the Foundation and the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance at the University of Cape Town organised a conference on democratic trends in Central and Southern Africa. Discussions touched on the impact of digital technologies in the region, and informed the work of the Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age. Mrs Graça Machel, a Foundation board member inaugurated the discussion.

TUNISIA

In November, the Foundation presented the findings of its work on reconciliation to an audience of researchers from Arab countries at a conference in Tunis.

UGANDA

At the National Youth Festival in August, Extremely Together trained fellow youth leaders on how to resist radicalisation.

ZIMBABWE

In September, the Foundation organised a closed-door discussion among civil society groups, faith leaders, and academics to explore how civil society can meaningfully engage in a national dialogue and explore pathways out of the political crisis in Zimbabwe.

AZERBAIJAN

In February, Extremely Together (ET) delivered a training with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Azerbaijan on “Inclusive Society, Diversity, and Tolerance as ways to Prevent Violent Extremism and Radicalisation”.

The Kofi Annan Foundation, in close collaboration with the Annan family, seeks to safeguard the name of Kofi Annan while also perpetuating his vision. We aim to ensure that initiatives developed under the name “Kofi Annan” honour the memory of - and promote the values represented by - Kofi Annan himself.

### CELEBRATING KOFIG ANNAN’S LEGACY IN 2019

Legacy activities approved by the Vision Annan committee in 2019 included:

1. **Pont Kofi Annan in Grenoble:**
   
   On May 14th, the President of the Kofi Annan Foundation, Alan Doss joined the Mayor of Grenoble, Eric Piolle, for the inauguration of the first-ever Kofi Annan bridge (see photo opposite).

2. **Naming of the Kofi Annan Enterprise Hub for Agricultural Innovation located at the University of Ghana in Accra:**
   
   The Kofi Annan Enterprise Hub for Agricultural Innovation has been named after Mr Annan with the intention of honouring his unique legacy in the field of agriculture. This hub, located at the University of Ghana in Accra, will equip young graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to birth and grow ideas into agri-businesses, and improve teaching and learning relating to this field to respond to industry needs.

3. **Renaming of a 5-storey multi-purpose building at Mfantsipim School, Cape Coast, Ghana:**

   Mfantsipim is an all-boys secondary school established in 1876 by the Methodist Church in Cape Coast, Ghana. Kofi Annan was a student at Mfantsipim and, on November 9th, the school renamed a 5-storey multi-purpose building after him to honour his memory.

4. **“Shine on” Song in memory of Kofi Annan by Constant Boty:**

   Ivorian musician Constant Boty dedicated the song “Shine on” to Kofi Annan indicating that he did so as an homage for someone who impacted his life’s journey in a positive way and who, he believes, was a model to humanity.

### A number of new initiatives to honour and celebrate Kofi Annan will be launched in 2020. These include:

- The Kofi Annan Award for Africa in collaboration with the Austrian Chancellery.
- A Kofi Annan Annual Lecture in collaboration with the International Institute for Peace (IPI) and the International Crisis Group (ICG).
- A scholarship programme honouring Kofi Annan at Mansfield College, Oxford.

### Protecting and Enhancing Kofi Annan’s Legacy: Vision Annan

Innovation has been named after Mr Annan with the intention of honouring his unique legacy in the field of agriculture. This hub, located at the University of Ghana in Accra, will equip young graduates with the knowledge and skills needed to birth and grow ideas into agri-businesses, and improve teaching and learning relating to this field to respond to industry needs.
Supporting democracy and elections with integrity

- In 2018, Freedom House recorded the 13th consecutive year of decline in global freedom.¹
- Global progress on SDG 16 on Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, is facing significant challenges. Of the 18 indicators, a total of 12 have seen significant declines.²
- Globally, almost 60% of people expressed dissatisfaction with democracy - the highest levels recorded in 25 years.³
- The Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age emphasised that, for the foreseeable future, elections in the democracies of the Global South will be focal points for networked hate speech, disinformation, external interference, and domestic manipulation.⁴

Freedom in the world has recorded global declines in political rights and civil liberties for an alarming 13 consecutive years, from 2005 to 2018.¹

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⁴ Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age report https://www.kofiannanfoundation.org/kaceddareport
CÔTE D’IVOIRE:

- In December, in light of the mounting risks surrounding the October 2020 elections, the Foundation conducted a mission to Côte d’Ivoire to assess the status of electoral preparations with a view to help address online challenges, reinforce the credibility of the election commission, and try to defuse the tensions before the polls.

MALAYSIA:

- The Foundation convened some of the world’s leading experts on electoral reform and electoral systems to advise the new Malaysia election commission, the newly-created electoral reform committee, and MPs during a two-day workshop in the parliament buildings.

- The challenge will be to ensure that electoral reform is followed through to lock in the democratic gains made in the 2018 general elections.

NIGERIA:

- Building on Kofi Annan’s role in brokering the first Abuja Peace Accord between presidential candidates in 2015, the Foundation returned in February 2019 to support a similar peace pledge under the aegis of the National Peace Committee, which helped ensure another relatively peaceful presidential election.

- In June, in the wake of the publication of the main election observation reports, the Foundation facilitated the country’s first electoral reform roundtable with a view to addressing the underlying drivers of electoral violence. The Foundation is committed to keeping election reform on the political agenda to forestall potential future episodes of electoral violence.

ZIMBABWE:

- In September, the Foundation organised a closed-door discussion “Democracy in Central and Southern Africa: the road ahead”, among civil society groups, faith leaders, and academics from Zimbabwe in Cape Town, South Africa, to explore how civil society can meaningfully engage in a national dialogue and explore pathways out of the political crisis in Zimbabwe.

THE KOFIG ANNAN COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE:

- The Commission held its first meeting in January 2019 at Stanford University, the seat of the small secretariat established to support the Commission’s work.

- Following those discussions, the Secretariat and Commission members embarked on a programme of work encompassing regional and national consultations, country-specific visits, and the commissioning of original research into themes identified as priorities for the mandate of the Commission.

- These discussions and consultations provided insight into the varying ways in which digital technologies are impacting elections and democracy in different parts of the globe, and what steps might be taken, scaled-up, or replicated to reduce the risk to electoral democracy. Crucially, they have served to raise awareness of the Commission’s work and build a constituency of actors willing to advocate for the implementation of its recommendations.
Protecting Electoral Integrity in the Digital Age

The Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age calls for urgent action by governments, business and civil society to protect democracy from digital threats. The final report of the Commission sets out actionable recommendations in five major areas: polarization, hate speech, disinformation, political advertising and foreign interference.

AMONG THE KEY FINDINGS:

■ Current debate on the impact of digital platforms is dominated by claims based on inconclusive evidence and competing or incomplete data.

■ The rise of the transnational business of election influencing poses risks to democracy if it is not regulated.

■ Democracies in the Global South are the most vulnerable to digital threats.

■ Countries with pre-existing polarization, a history of violence, and highly partisan media are particularly vulnerable to the weaponisation of social media.

The Commission recommends measures to strengthen norms and build capacity, with specific actions by public authorities and internet platforms of which some will be taken forward by the Foundation itself.

DOWNLOAD THE REPORT: www.kofiannanfoundation.org/kaceddareport
2020 and beyond

CÔTE D’IVOIRE:
- At the invitation of the Independent Electoral Commission, the Foundation will help strengthen the electoral environment in favour of peaceful and legitimate elections in October 2020. This will be delivered through an inclusive workshop which will focus on the potential impact of the internet and social media on electoral integrity and confidence in the electoral process.

KENYA:
- The Foundation is organising a regional conference on the state of democracy in Eastern Africa. It will provide a platform for frank discussions on Kenya’s forthcoming elections in 2022 and be the starting point of a multi-year programme of work.

The Foundation will present the Commission’s findings to inform policy making and help build electoral integrity in elections worldwide, particularly in the global south, where generally protections against digital manipulation, including disinformation, are not well developed.
Transitions to Peace

ACHIEVING LASTING PEACE

- With 60% of conflicts recurring, divided societies transitioning from conflict require support to establish effective approaches to ensure the non-repetition of mass violence and to build lasting peace.¹

- The number of annual direct conflict deaths is anticipated to exceed 100,000 by 2030. If action is taken, more than 400,000 lives between 2017 and 2030 could be saved.³

On average, post-conflict peace lasts only seven years, and roughly 60% of all conflicts recur.¹

¹ Sean Byrne, Thomas Matyók, Imani Michelle Scott, Jessica Senehi. Routledge Companion to Peace and Conflict Studies.
Following the publication of the report “Challenging the Conventional: Making Post-Violence Reconciliation succeed?” in November 2018, the Foundation worked on the dissemination of its findings among peace practitioners, scholars and policy makers in order to provide guidelines for the design and implementation of reconciliation efforts.

The report was presented at the Geneva Peace Week (November 2018), the United Nations Headquarters and the Columbia University (February 2019), the European Development Days (June 2019), and at a conference with researchers in transitional justice from across the MENA region held in Tunisia (October 2019).

The Foundation carried out a mission to Colombia in October to meet with national institutions, civil society organisations, the UN and donors engaged in the peace process. We worked with Alianza para la Paz on the design of a reconciliation project to support Colombian peacebuilding and dialogue efforts, using the organisation’s research findings as a framework.

The Foundation co-organised the Oxford Peace Talks in honour of Kofi Annan in April. It was held at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights under the theme of “Africa Leading for Peace”. Showcasing seven young African peacebuilders, its aim was to help shift the narrative of Africa from being a continent in need towards an idea of being a continent of global relevance.

The Foundation will unpack the challenge of delivering accountability for crimes committed during conflicts. Delivering accountability in post-conflict countries is a major challenge due to some states’ incapability and lack of political will, as well as practical obstacles relating to the immense task of holding perpetrators to account in a way that responds to victims’ needs. The Foundation will develop case studies and collect experts’ inputs on approaches to accountability in order to provide parties to a conflict, mediators, and civil society organisations engaged in peace processes, options and lessons about the various ways to ensure accountability and contribute to lasting peace.

2020 and beyond

The Foundation will make its research findings on reconciliation and truth commissions widely available and actionable through a digital peacebuilding platform. The platform will bring together evidence-based good practice and an interactive training programme to strengthen the capacity of the peacebuilding and mediation community. It will also promote experience-sharing exchanges between diverse actors engaged in peace efforts through a series of online dialogues and regional workshops in West Africa and Latin America. The platform will show how digital tools can be effective in peacebuilding in a context of Covid-19 crisis, which has disrupted peace processes and exacerbated underlying tensions and divides within and among societies.
Promoting Youth Leadership

A THREAT TO PEACE

1. The level of the threat from terrorism has not diminished, despite the recent military defeat of IS. In 2018, there were 8,093 terrorist attacks worldwide.¹

2. 67 countries recorded at least one death from terrorism in 2017 — the second highest number of countries since 2002 — and 19 countries recording over 100 deaths.²

3. In 2018, almost half of the suspects arrested for terrorist offences within the European Union were younger than 30.³

4. In 2018, total deaths attributed to far-right groups increased by 52%, with Western Europe, North America, and Oceania being the most affected regions. South Asia has had the highest impact from terrorism since 2002.⁴

TRAINING YOUTH IN PREVENTION OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM (PVE)

■ The 10 Young Leaders delivered a number of training sessions to inspire other young people to act against the radicalisation of their peers. In the past year, training was organised upon request of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Azerbaijan on inclusive society, diversity, and tolerance as ways to prevent violent extremism and radicalisation.

■ The Young Leaders also used the toolkit for training young people in Nigeria and in the UK. In July, Extremely Together (ET) Young Leader Hassan Ndugwa led a training on “Embracing a “Whole of society” approach to PVE” at the Towards an Inclusive Peace (TIP) conference organised by Initiatives of Change in Caux, Switzerland.

In 2018, there were 8,093 terrorist attacks worldwide.¹
SETTING UP NATIONAL CHAPTERS

- In order to deepen its in-country engagement and increase its impact, Extremely Together established its first chapters in Somalia and Uganda.
- In both countries, young people are being trained and supported to take action that prevent violent extremism and promote respect for diversity in their communities.

ADVOCATING FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN PVE

- The Extremely Together Young Leaders shared their expertise and approach at numerous conferences, including:
  - The 5th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue organised by the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) in Baku.
  - The Equal Game conference of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) at Wembley Stadium.
  - The EU Presidency conference on “Preventing Violent Extremism — looking to the future” in Helsinki.
  - The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) seminar on “Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism” in Georgia.
  - The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) event on “Remembrance and Tribute to Victims of Terrorism”.
  - Side events of the UN General Assembly.

PARTNERING WITH YOUTH NETWORKS TO INCREASE OUR REACH

- In March, Young Leaders Bjørn Ihler and Mimoun Berrisoun conducted PVE workshops in Amsterdam during the inaugural session of the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) YOUNG Empowerment Academy, whose focus is to support young Europeans in preventing radicalisation.
- Mimoun continued engaging with them as a mentor throughout the year and in his capacity as co-chair of RAN YOUNG.

ET AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS:

- Fatima Zaman was recognised by Vogue Magazine as one of the most notable young activists in the world. Together with seven other activists of One Young World, she was featured in the special edition entitled #TheRevolutionIsNow in recognition of her work as a Next Gen Counter Extremist with the Kofi Annan Foundation.
- Hajer Sharief and Ilwad Elman were included in the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Director, Henrik Urdal’s personal shortlist of possible contenders for the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize.

EXPANDING EXTREMELY TOGETHER’S IN-COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUTH IN AFRICA AND ASIA:

- In Somalia, the Extremely Together chapter will focus its activities on the three regions of Mogadishu, Baidoa and Galmudug. In particular, the trained youth will engage vulnerable young people, such as those living in camps for internally displaced persons, and those who have renounced violence and wish to reintegrate into their communities.
- In Uganda, young people in the districts of Kampala and Bugiri will be inducted in non-violent methods of addressing their grievances and will be invited to reflect on their roles as citizens and agents for peace in their communities.
- New ET chapters will be established in Pakistan and the Philippines.
- Lessons from this experience in four countries will be drawn with the view of inspiring the replication of the chapter model to other countries, as well as sharing good practices on how to foster youth-led PVE.

At the global level, ET will launch a campaign to increase its reach to young people globally and invite them to join the movement.
Combating Hunger

A THREAT TO PEACE

- Climate change could increase hunger and malnutrition by up to 20% by 2050.¹
- In Africa alone, more than 256 million people suffer from hunger.²
- 20% of people in Africa suffer from hunger.³

— HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019 —

- The Foundation, in partnership with the African Development Bank, presented initial findings of its joint study on intra-African food trade and market integration at the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) in Accra, Ghana.

- Foundation board member, Mrs. Nane Annan, continued advocating and mobilising leadership in support of nutritional security in Africa. During the AGRF, Mrs. Annan participated in a special event focused on scaling-up nutrition led by H.E. Rebecca Akufu-Addo, the First Lady of Ghana. Mrs. Annan highlighted that under- and malnutrition remain serious barriers to health and development in many parts of Africa, and stressed the multiple benefits of bio-fortified orange-fleshed sweet potato (OFSP).

- In an article for the Telegraph (UK), published in March 2019, Mrs. Annan emphasised the profound benefits that OFSP has for nutrition, the empowerment of women, and income generation for smallholders.

- The Foundation advocated for the transformation of African agriculture and food systems to improve food and nutrition security.

2020 and beyond

The Foundation is planning to join a group of partners in Ghana, contributing to the promotion of orange-fleshed sweet potato (OFSP) to increase nutrition security and livelihoods of smallholders.

In partnership with the African Development Bank, we will be launching in 2020/21 a report on the state of food market in Africa — to identify policy and investment options, and strategies to promote intra-regional trade in food, while encouraging development of inclusive regional value chains.

More than 820 million people in the world are hungry today.²

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The Kofi Annan Foundation Board

We have an exceptional board made up of global leaders from around the world.

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SUPPORTING DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS WITH INTEGRITY
CHF 1,855,000  |  47%

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CHF 396,000  |  10%

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CHF 239,000  |  6%

TOTAL
CHF 3,916,000

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2019 Expenses (audited)

PRIVATE
CHF 1,492,000  |  38%

FOUNDATIONS
CHF 1,104,000  |  28%

GOVERNMENTS
CHF 685,000  |  17%

CORPORATE
CHF 672,000  |  17%

TOTAL
CHF 3,953,000

2019 Sources of Funds

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