New Regional Project Highlights Youth as Key Allies in Preventing Violent Extremism in South Asia

We are glad to announce our partnership in the European Union-funded project, ALLY – Amplifying Leadership of Local Youth in Preventing Violent Extremism in South Asia.

The ALLY project is a youth-sensitive initiative that aims to amplify the youth voices and actions in addressing diverse factors of violence and preventing violent extremism in South Asia, particularly in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, and Pakistan. The project aims at increasing knowledge of these factors, enhancing the multidimensional capacity of youth leaders and their strategies, and strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships to prevent violent extremism in South Asia. The project primarily targets youth as agency-holders and strategic allies to media and decision-makers, to increase outreach for youth-led initiatives and constructive narratives that value the religious, ethnic and cultural diversity of the region. The project contributes to filling the gap of context-specific resources and collaborative regional actions on PVE in South Asia, strengthening regional and national level networks and youth movements.

ALLY is funded by the European Union and implemented by a consortium of partners: Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers/ Finn Church Aid, United Network of Young Peacebuilders, Rural Development Society, Centre for Communication and Development of Bangladesh, Youth Development Foundation, and Sri Lanka Unites. Starting in March 2020, the ALLY project will continue for two and a half years.