



REPORT LAUNCH: JOURNEY TO EXTREMISM IN AFRICA
INCENTIVES, DRIVERS AND THE TIPPING POINT FOR
RECRUITMENT

AND

PHOTO EXHIBITION: SURVIVORS
STORIES OF SURVIVORS OF VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN AFRICA

Wednesday 13 September 2017, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

National Parliament Christiansborg, Copenhagen

The growth of violent extremism has set in motion a reversal of development gains on the African continent and threatens to stunt prospects of development for decades to come. United Nations Development Programme UNDP estimates that more than 33,300 Africans have lost their lives to violent extremism from 2011 to 2016, and millions have seen their livelihoods affected through displacement or loss of a breadwinner.

Under the umbrella of its programme to prevent violent extremism, UNDP has reached out to former members of violent extremist groups such as Boko Haram, Al Shabaab and IS, creating the largest database of its kind. **Based on hundreds of interviews with extremists, this first-of-its-kind study pinpoints key factors triggering decisions to join violent extremist groups in Africa.**

The **photo exhibition 'Survivors'** will be on display outside of Christiansborg from September to December. It seeks to shed light on, and amplify the voices of those who often suffer in silence. The survivors' diverse religious, ethnic and national backgrounds highlight that violent extremism is a shared burden, and one that humanity as a whole must respond to. 'Survivors' is a collaboration between UNDP and the Swedish-Eritrean photographer Malin Fezehai.

The programme includes speeches and presentations by **Abdoulaye Mar Dieye**, UNDP Africa Regional Bureau Director, **Siddharth Chatterjee**, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Kenya, **Mohamed Yahya**, UNDP Africa Regional Programme Coordinator, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Institute for International Studies a.o.

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