

## HANDOUT 2.1

### Guiding Questions on the Drivers of Violent Extremism (What, Why, Who, Where, and How)

- >> **What** is the risk of violent extremism in your context and what are its forms?
  - >> **Why** are people drawn to violent extremism?
- >> **Who** is being drawn to violent extremism?
  - >> **Where** are people being drawn to violent extremism?
- >> **How** are people being radicalized?

#### DEFINITIONS

**Push factors** is a process of “data collection throughout the duration of the program to assess indicators along the way and make appropriate changes if necessary”<sup>1</sup>

**Group dynamics and relationships** are factors that shape the issues, environment, and community in ways that make individuals or communities more vulnerable to violent extremism.

**Pull factors** are forces that can be attractive to potential recruits and specifically draw them into radical organizations, such as a sense of kinship, heroism, adventure, economic gain or self-realization.

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<sup>1</sup> Lena Slachmuis, “Transforming Violent Extremism: A Peacebuilder’s Guide,” (Washington, DC: Search for Common Ground, 2017), 8.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.