

# COUNTERING RADICALIZATION AND RECRUITMENT IN NIGERIA

## MOTIVATIONS AND DRIVERS



### Socio-Economic

- Economic opportunity
- Higher social status
- Lack of social services
- Lack of education
- Sense of belonging



### Political

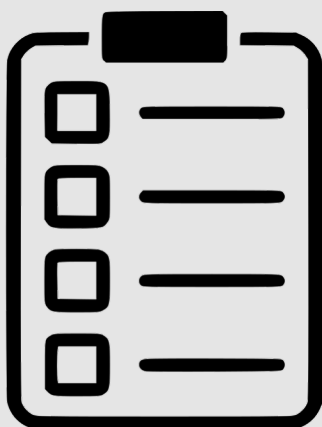
- Instability and insecurity
- Human rights abuses
- Government distrust
- Ethno-religious marginalization
- Flawed justice system
- Religion and ideology



### Coercive

- Lack of choice in contested areas
- Social pressure from family, peers, local leaders and elders
- Kidnappings
- Childhood conscription

## ACTIONABLE MEASURES



- ✓ **Facilitate** dialogue with local community regarding needs
- ✓ **Acknowledge** community-specific grievances
- ✓ **Publicize** acts of good governance
- ✓ **Conduct** outreach to change narrative around defectors
- ✓ **Establish** legal assurances and programming for defectors
- ✓ **Leverage** defector accounts to broadcast hypocrisy of terror groups
- ✓ **Strengthen** psychosocial support for IDPs and host communities
- ✓ **Improve** accessibility of government-led economic programs
- ✓ **Enhance** livelihood programs and job opportunities for youth
- ✓ **Connect** youth with role models and support family dialogue
- ✓ **Raise** awareness on social issues affecting education via radio
- ✓ **Ensure** rigorous, regular program monitoring and evaluation

## LONG-TERM COUNTERMEASURES

- ✓ **Encourage** state accountability
- ✓ **Increase** capacity for rule of law
- ✓ **Integrate** politically marginalized groups
- ✓ **Address** corruption
- ✓ **Promote** inter-state border management
- ✓ **Strengthen** educational system
- ✓ **Support** religious education through local partners

