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Acronyms

ACLED	Armed Conflict Location and Event Dataset
APCOF	African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum
CVE	Countering Violent Extremism
DCI	Directorate of Criminal Investigations
DFID	Department for International Development
DIHR	Danish Institute for Human Rights
EACC	Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission
ESRC	Economic and Social Research Fund
IDS	Institute of Development Studies
IPOA	Independent Policing Oversight Authority
KHRC	Kenya Human Rights Commission
KNCHR	Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
NPS	National Police Service
NPSC	National Police Service Commission
ODPP	Office of the Director of Public Prosecution
OSIEA	Open Society Initiative for East Africa
PVE	Prevention of Violent Extremism

Who we are

The Centre for Human Rights and Policy Studies (CHRIPS) is a leading international African research centre based in Kenya that conducts high quality policy relevant research on human rights, security, terrorism and counter-terrorism, violence, crime and policing.

Registered in 2009 as a non-governmental organisation, CHRIPS actively engages academics, policy makers and other key stakeholders in the generation and dissemination of new knowledge that facilitates the development of innovative and effective policy solutions to the pertinent security challenges in Africa.

Since its inception, CHRIPS has forged research partnerships with premier research institutions in Kenya and internationally that have yielded a number of high quality research outputs. It is also committed to the development of globally competitive African researchers through training and mentorship in the fields of security and human rights through research collaborations and fellowships.





Message from the Director

2018 was our ninth year of operation as an organisation. It was a productive year with new important and exciting research and policy products; new as well as strengthened partnerships and collaborations.

As we prepare to mark a decade since our establishments, we are proud that CHRIPS has now taken its place as a leading think-tank on issues of security, violence and justice in Kenya and increasingly in the region. CHRIPS' founding vision of providing intellectual and policy leadership in the areas of human rights, security, terrorism and counter-terrorism, violence, crime and policing is still relevant. As Kenya continues with security sector reforms, there is an increasing need for the kind of analytical and evidence-based work that CHRIPS has developed an expertise and niche for, to inform those reforms processes.

CHRIPS' contribution to new knowledge and innovative ideas has grown over the years as can be seen in the books, journal articles, working papers and policy briefs that have been generated by the organisation's experts. Our research output has not only grown but also our work is increasingly cited and referenced particularly by experts working in the field of security. We are also proud that the organisation has built a strong record in speaking to policy through its networks of cooperation and partnerships as well as through our carefully tailored policy products.

CHRIPS will continue honing and applying its expertise on security issues to provide intellectual leadership to interventions by national and county governments and even regional policy actors. Communicating ideas, and solutions is key for the organisation. For that reason, we have invested significantly in social media communication through Twitter as well as Facebook. Along the way, we have drawn useful lessons that it is not enough to have good ideas or products- they must also reach those intended.

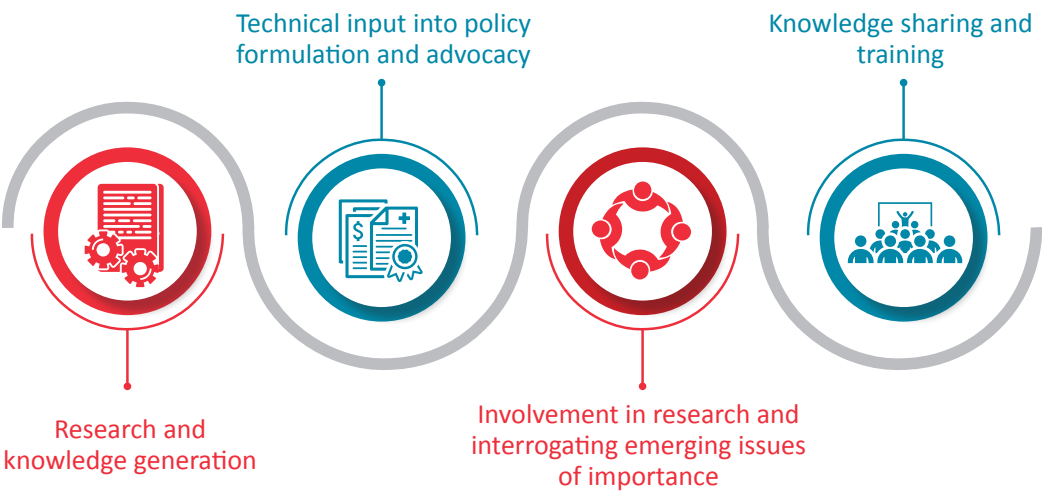
Mutuma Ruteere
Director

Introduction

This report provides a retrospective view of CHRIPS’ achievements in 2018 based on its strategic milestones over the years. It is notable that CHRIPS’ research and funding portfolio has increased over the years. Its research and policy products, which are important resources for various policy actors in the areas of governance and security have also grown. Furthermore, policy engagement has increasingly become a focus for CHRIPS as part of its various projects.

CHRIPS’ vision of addressing the challenge of the poverty of high-quality research and data on human rights, security, terrorism and counter-terrorism, violence, crime and policing is still relevant. Even where data exists, it has not been systematically collected and presented to potential consumers. As Kenya continues to undertake security sector reforms, there is an increasing need for the kind of analytical and evidence-based work that CHRIPS has developed an expertise and niche for, to inform those reforms processes.

The organisation was principally set up to fill this gap through the following core areas of work:



Against this background, CHRIPS accomplished the following in the last one year.

Development of the organisation's strategy

CHRIPS organised a retreat on 27 October 2018 which brought together CHRIPS Board and staff to review, evaluate and reflect on the organisation's growth and milestones as well as the emerging challenges in line with its current strategy document. The meeting generated useful insights on the growth of the organisation so far and also provided recommendations on the way forward which would contribute towards the formation of a new strategy for the organisation.

Research and generation of new knowledge

In the last one year, CHRIPS has continued in its tradition of generating and producing high-quality and policy relevant research products. CHRIPS has undertaken research on countering violent extremism, investigative capacities of the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA); security and the 2017 general elections, and the impact of social media, digital technology and fake news on elections and violence in Kenya.

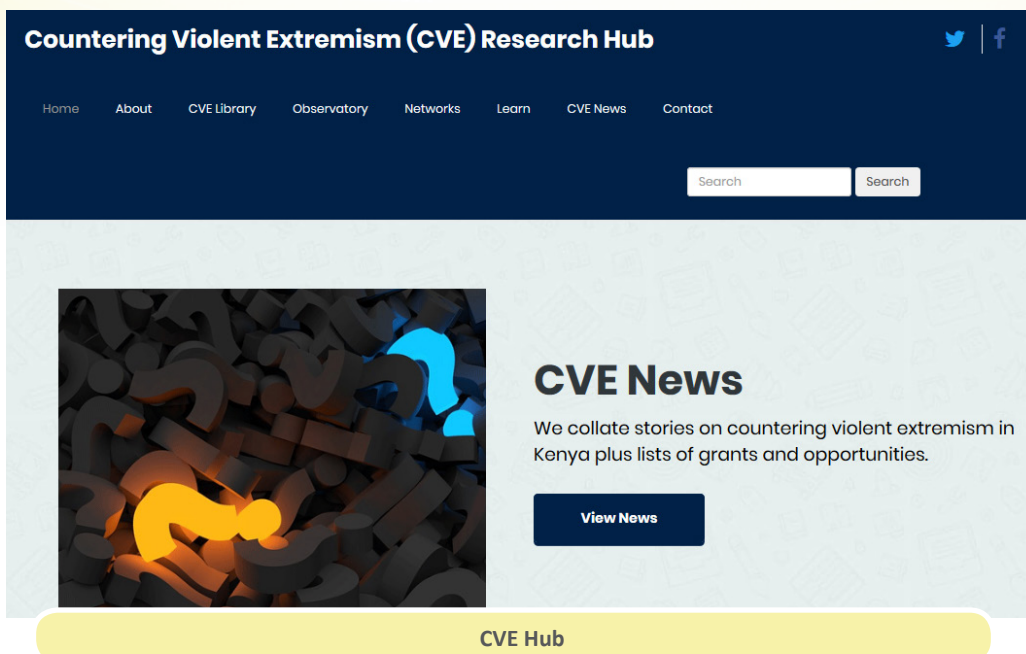
In the areas of security, policing, countering violent extremism, violence and conflict, it is correct to say that CHRIPS has now emerged as the leading Kenyan research centre on these issues.

Countering Violent Extremism Research Hub

CHRIPS has established a countering violent extremism (CVE) Research Hub that brings together researchers, policy-makers, practitioners and grassroots activists and community-based organisations from across Kenya to share and exchange ideas, build relationships, and network among scholarly and practitioner communities working in CVE in Kenya.

Through this exchange and network, the CVE Research Hub supports and facilitates high-quality research, practice and policy that is evidence-based; founded on rigorous, high-quality research; inspired by best practices and successes.

The CVE Hub was established in partnership with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) of the University of Sussex and is supported by Newton-Utafiti Fund.

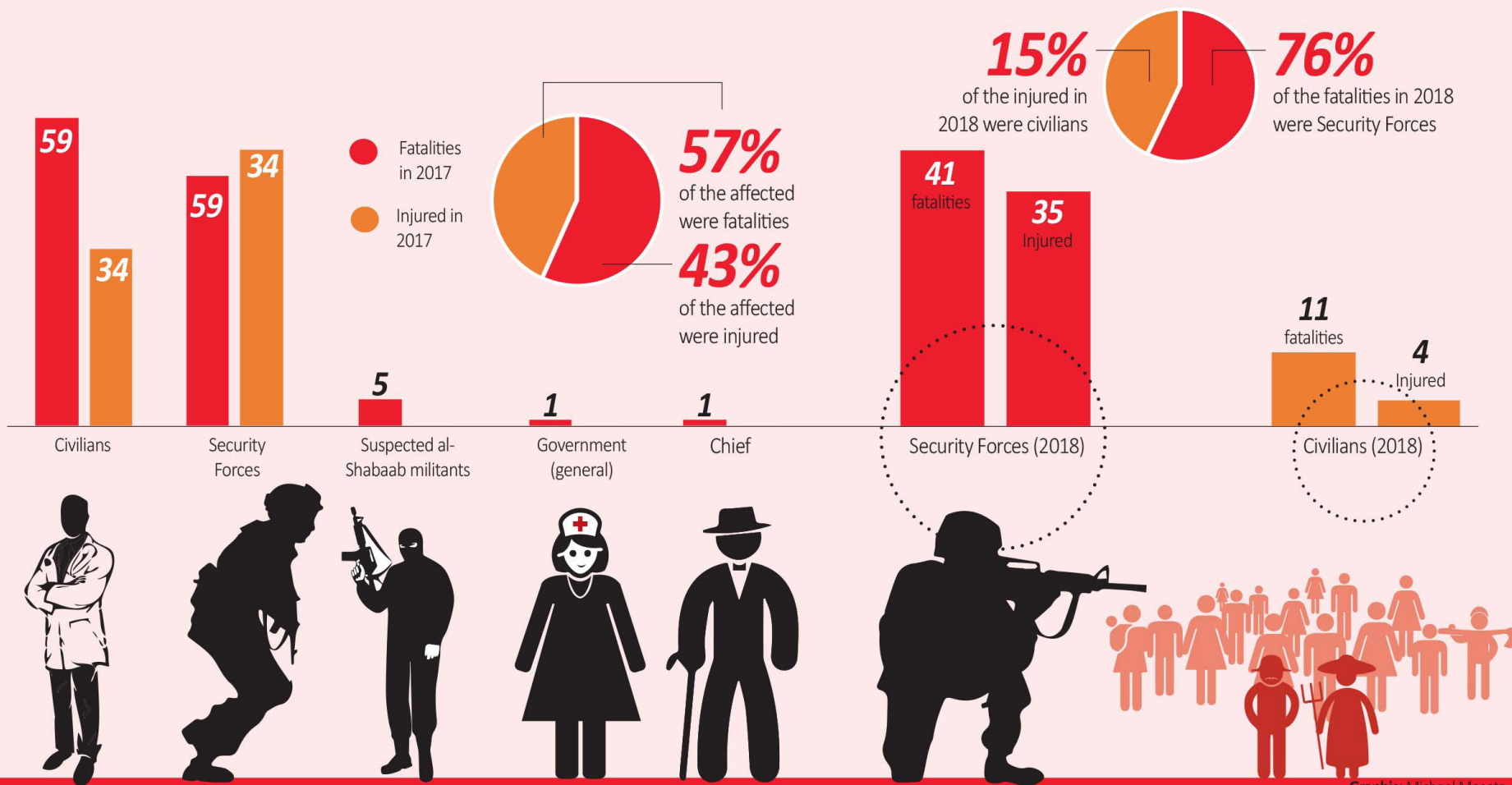


Terror-Related Injuries & Fatalities in Kenya:

THE AFFECTED, 2017 - AUG 2018

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CVE Research Hub is an excellent and instrumental platform for creating exciting opportunities to develop and grow our links with leading institutions, academics, practitioners, researchers, policy makers and activists to build synergy between theory and practice of CVE. It is the first of its kind to specifically and solely focus on knowledge production and policy making on CVE in Kenya.

Dr Fatuma Ahmed Ali

Associate Professor, International Relations, United States International University (USIU) - Africa



The CHRIPS CVE Hub is a unique research platform that HURIA is proud to be a part of. The hub is a space for NGOs to network and share fresh debates, discussions and ideas. Its research wing has been instrumental in guiding the CVE programs that the organisation has implemented in the coastal region of Kenya. It is easily accessible and the frequent update of information works well to address the ever-changing context on radicalisation and violent extremism. This is certainly what had been missing in the sector!



Yusuf Lule Mwatsefu

Executive Director, Human Rights Agenda (HURIA)

The CHRIPS CVE Research Hub helps researchers to generate, share and use research studies on countering violent extremism. The research hub fills in the void of a one-space platform needed for CVE research studies where researchers could learn, share and disseminate their findings. Being part of the research hub, I have been able to network and disseminate my research studies. I have also been able to share my findings through workshops organised by CHRIPS.

Fathima Azmiya

Lecturer, Department of Sciences, Technical University of Mombasa



CHRIPS Research Hub project has provided a one-stop shop platform where we can access relevant information on CVE and the latest updates of terror incidences across the country. The project has also provided numerous capacity building trainings for key CVE partners in Kenya on CVE research work, a new precedent that granted us opportunities that strengthened our skills on CVE and improved our implementation strategy at local/ county level.



Mohamed Omar Isaack
Executive Director, Wajir Paralegal Networks

The CVE Research Hub has been a very beneficial tool for stakeholders in the Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) program. The up-to-date data and a catalogue of wide array of resources has been instrumental in trying to bridge one of the fundamental challenges of players in the PVE programs; insufficient data to inform targeted programs. The platform is one of its kind in this region as it links all the stakeholders in the PVE space and thus a vital tool for co-operation and co-ordination. Kudos to CHRIPS.

Lugman Ahmed Abdi
Researcher, Isiolo Peace Link



Early Warning and Long-Term Monitoring of Kenya Elections 2017

Between April and December 2018, CHRIPS was engaged in the long-term monitoring of electoral security in Kenya. The project was undertaken jointly with South Consulting with the support of the UK Department for International Development (DFID). CHRIPS' researchers generated policy insights from the monitoring that were shared with key actors in the electoral process. In addition, CHRIPS' researchers are co-editing a special journal issue on the elections as well as contributing a chapter analysing post-election violence and policing of the 2017 polls.

Data for Crisis Response on Emerging Forms of Violence

As part of the study of the 2017 general elections in Kenya, CHRIPS in partnership with IDS- Sussex examined social media data, its use and relevance in shaping policy responses. The project collected data from the state-led Uwiano crowd-sourced platform and the UK-based Armed Conflict Location and Event Dataset (ACLED) initiative project on violence in Kenya's elections. The analysis compared the data from these sources along three dimensions: timeliness of reporting; targeting of response; and geographies of violence risk.

From the project, CHRIPS' researchers generated a working paper, *The Impact of Social Media and Digital Technology on Electoral Violence in Kenya*. This project was supported by the Economic and Social Research Fund (ESRC).

Study on Strengthening of Police Oversight in Kenya

CHRIPS conducted a baseline study to assess the capacity of and the challenges faced by the Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA) in their investigations on deaths resulting from police action. The study examined the capacities, resources and challenges encountered by IPOA investigators and also generated comprehensive recommendations for policy and programmatic action. The baseline study is part of a larger project to strengthen policing oversight in Kenya with the partnership of Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA), African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum (APCOF) and the University of Pretoria.

Youth Empowerment and Violence Reduction in Kenya

In 2018, CHRIPS designed and secured funding for a two-year project that will look at the linkages between youth empowerment and violence and crime prevention and reduction in Nairobi. The project will also explore the extent to which youth empowerment initiatives contribute to youth involvement in local governance. The study will focus on the National Youth Service Community Cohorts Programme and will draw from field studies in Mathare and Kibera. The project will lead to the publication of a book and several policy briefs. The project is supported by a grant from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

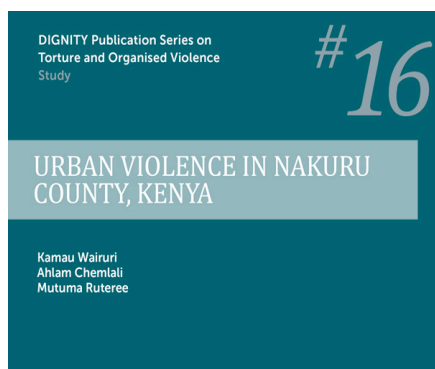
CHRIPS Publications

CHRIPS has contributed to knowledge on security governance primarily through the development of high quality professional publications in the form of books, policy briefs and research reports. Consequently, CHRIPS has received positive and good feedback from the readers, who find the publications useful for their work. In addition, the publications continue to be referenced by other scholars who work on similar issues.

Book

i. **Confronting violent extremism in Kenya: Debates, ideas and challenges**

This pioneering collection brings together critical analyses on a range of issues touching on violent extremism by a multi-disciplinary team of scholars and scholar-practitioners with an intimate and long-standing interest on the subject in Kenya, the region and globally.



Research Report

i. **Urban violence in Nakuru County, Kenya**

This report provides new knowledge that will inform the design of a three year multi-stakeholder urban violence program in selected areas of the county. The study was conducted in five sites across Nakuru County: Bondeni and Kaptembwo, Nakuru Town; Karagita and Kabati, Naivasha Town and Molo Town, where urban violence was previously understudied and, therefore, not well-understood.

Policy Briefs

i. **Countering violent extremism: Reflections from new research**

This policy brief draws from insights and perspectives of practitioners and researchers who have contributed to the book, *Confronting Violent Extremism in Kenya: Debates, Ideas and Challenges*, published by CHRIPS. It highlights key issues emerging from the book and offers a set of recommendations for policy makers and scholars.



ii. Strengthening data for countering violent extremism in Kenya

This brief in part draws from discussions held by experts at a meeting on countering violent extremism that was convened by CHRIPS in December 2017.

More publications can be accessed at <https://www.chrips.or.ke/category/publications/>.

Knowledge sharing and training

CHRIPS' work is aimed at informing policy change and reforms through knowledge and data. For that reason, CHRIPS' research is always shared widely with relevant consumers and actors. Specialist convenings are a key feature of CHRIPS' knowledge and information sharing and dissemination.

Workshop on Capacity Strengthening for CVE researchers

This two-day (8 to 9 August) CHRIPS/IDS training workshop offered a unique programme to develop and sharpen research and writing skills of non-governmental organisations and international development organisations who are part of its CVE network hub.

The workshop also enhanced participants' skills in policy research design and report writing; knowledge in qualitative research methods and techniques of data collection and analysis and also provided participants with skills for communicating research outcomes.



CVE Stakeholders workshop

Workshop on New Research Agenda in CVE

In September 2018, CHRIPS convened a two-day workshop with academic and policy researchers on the future of CVE research and policy work in Kenya. The workshop evaluated the current state of knowledge and identified new and future areas of research and policy work on CVE. Participants also presented their finished or ‘work-in-progress,’ exploring a range of contemporary CVE issues which helped map new research agendas. Furthermore, the workshop provided a forum in which participants were introduced to others’ current research activities, met new colleagues with shared interests, and gained input on their own research projects.



Workshop on new research agenda

Contribution to policy reform

CHRIPS was founded with the aim of applying knowledge and evidence to policy. For that reason, CHRIPS remains part of policy conversations relevant to the organisation’s research areas and priorities. CHRIPS experts also regularly engage with policy actors at national level particularly in the field of security. In 2018, CHRIPS experts participated in a number of important policy processes.

Inaugural National Policing Conference

CHRIPS Director, Mutuma Ruteere was the keynote presenter at the Inaugural National Policing Conference on 17 April at the Kenya School of Government. Themed ‘Harnessing Synergy, Accountability and Effectiveness in Today’s Dynamic Policing Environment’, the objective of the conference was to present a platform for engagement between state

and non-state policing actors and establishing a working structure and/or arrangement between several policing agencies.

Ruteere's presentation was titled 'Synergy, Accountability and Effectiveness in Policing in Kenya'. The presentation underlined the need for improved relationships among the operational security agencies namely the: National Police Service and its attendant Internal Affairs Unit; National Police Service Commission and IPOA. While all the agencies had made efforts in improving their institutional structures and performance for instance digitisation of processes, a common challenge was their obscure relationship with the public.

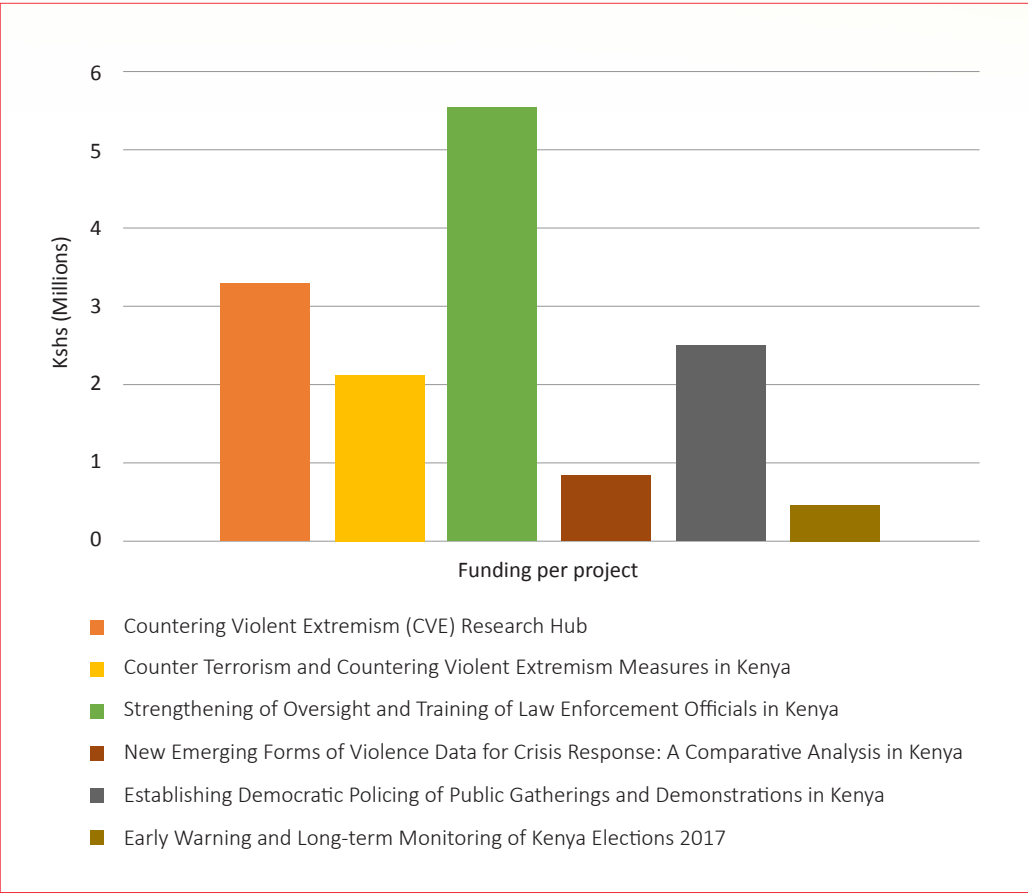
The conference was organised by the Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government and it brought together representatives from the: Independent Policing Oversight Authority (IPOA), National Police Service Commission (NPSC), National Police Service (NPS), State Department of Correctional and Rehabilitation Service, Regional Commissioners, Judiciary, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR), Academia and civil society organisations.

The National Election Observation Symposium

CHRIPS participated in the National Election Observation Symposium organised by the Elections Observation Group (ELOG). During the two-day meeting (22 to 23 March), ELOG launched its observation report for the 2017 elections.

The Symposium examined the pre-election, election-day and post-election environment during the 2017 General Elections and explored options for improvement of electoral governance in the country.

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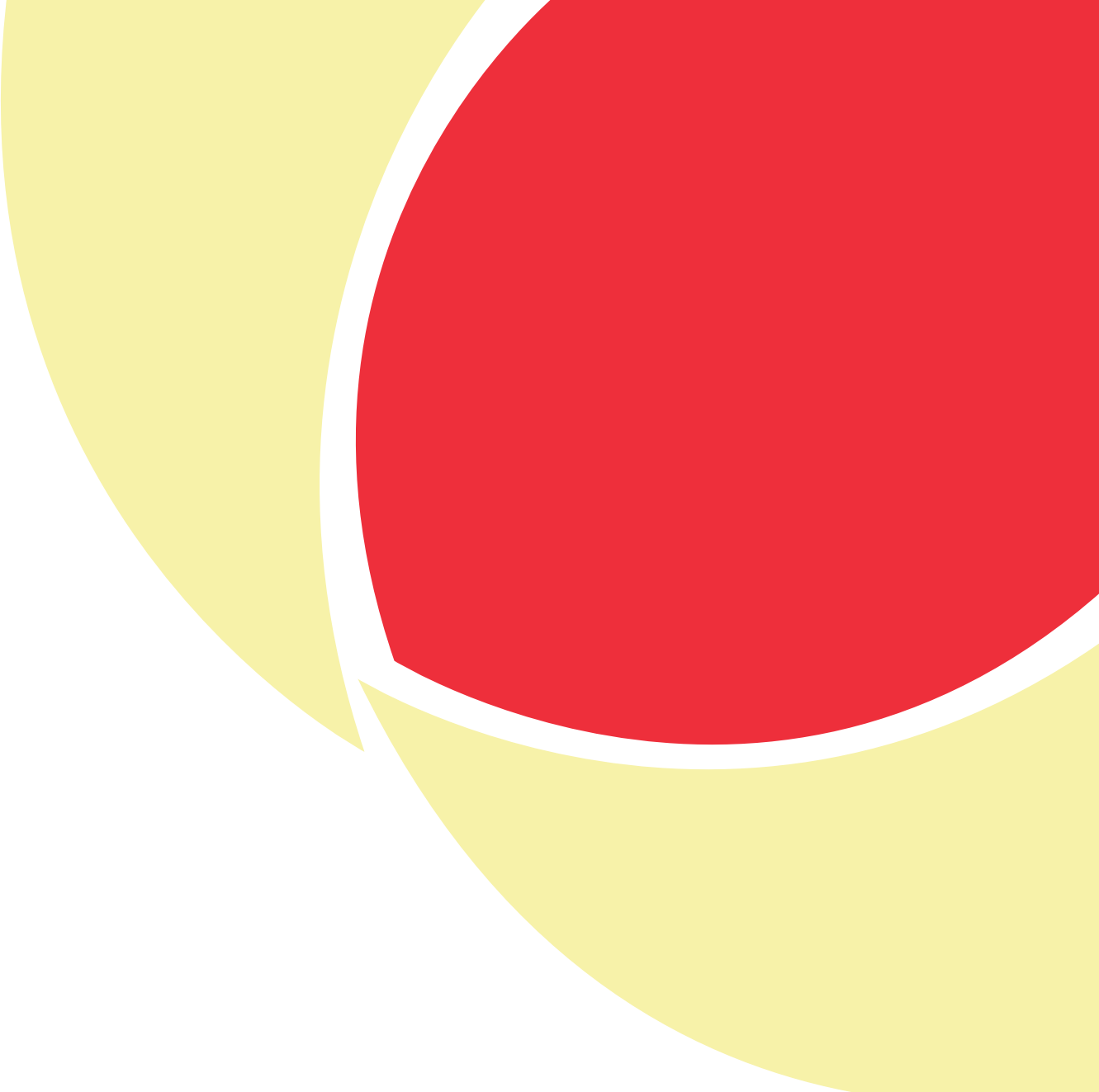
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