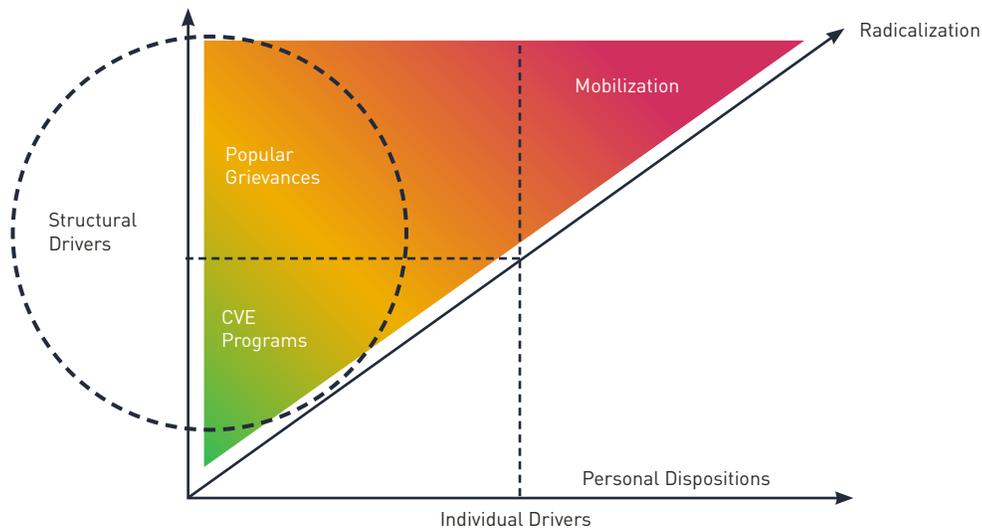
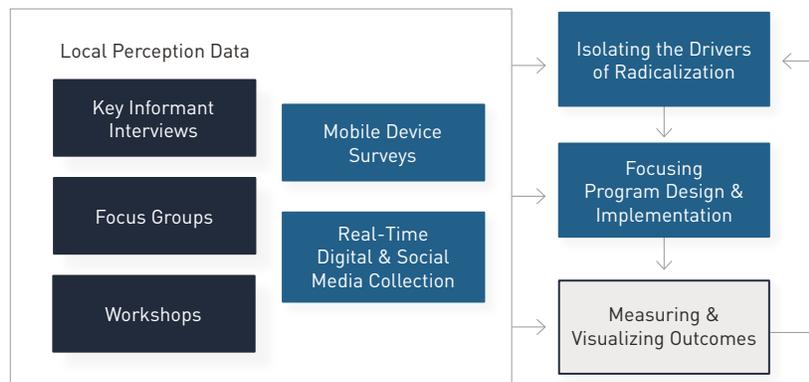


The Radicalization Assessment Framework™ (RAF)

RAF is a countering violent extremism (CVE) methodology that focuses on identifying and reducing the root causes of violent extremism. RAF enables more effective CVE program design, implementation, and assessment. Adapted from USAID’s Conflict Assessment Framework (CAF), RAF is an analytically rigorous and data-driven approach to creating successful and measurable CVE initiatives.



RAF focus area within the DT CVE model



The RAF process, with key components highlighted

Tailoring Data Collection to the Environment

Local perceptions, especially grievances, are critical to understanding how violent extremist organizations (VEOs) are able to gain and maintain support. They also provide indicators for the proximate causes of radicalization. RAF gathers and analyzes local perception data from a wide variety of sources across key population segments.

RAF uses technology tools to complement traditional information gathering mechanisms in order to better validate how VEOs use grievances to their advantage and radicalize vulnerable populations. Data collection results and analytics can be viewed geospatially, in real-time, in DT's knowledge management system.

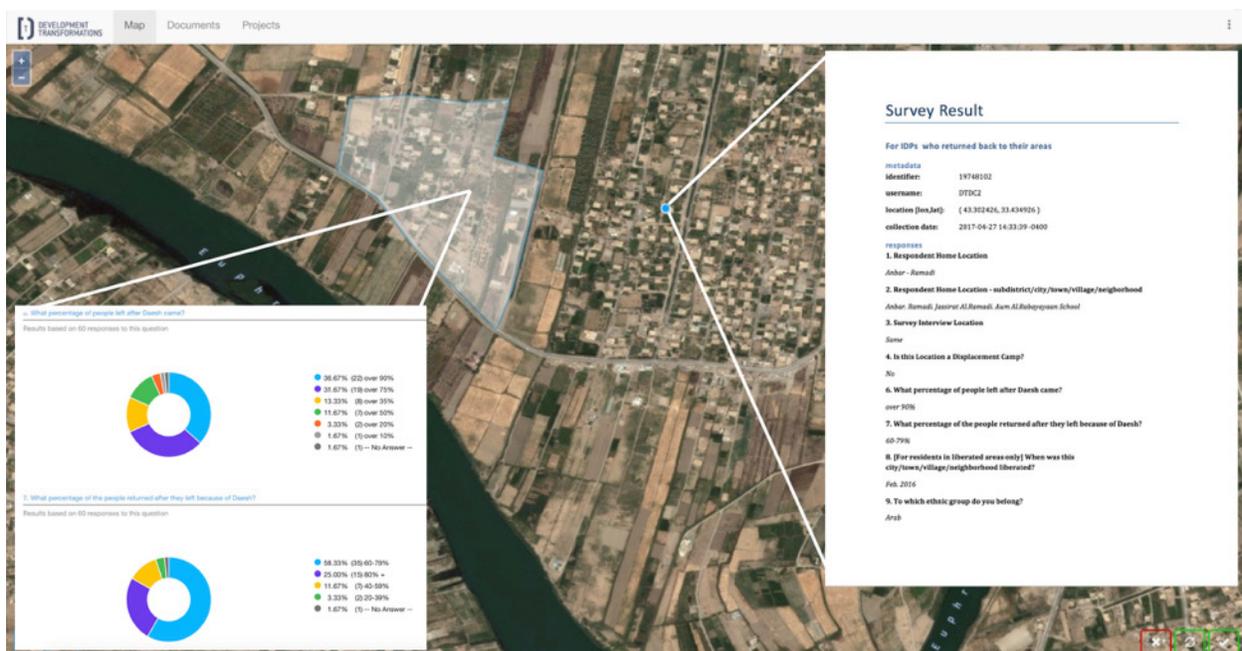
Isolating the Drivers of Radicalization

Tracking grievances is vital, but effective CVE efforts also require a deeper knowledge of local conflict dynamics in order to have meaningful outcomes. RAF maps and links local perception data thematically – grouping grievances in order to isolate the potential drivers of radicalization.

Based on CVE best practices, RAF then filters the potential drivers of radicalization into a database that continually checks inputs against a set of criteria designed to identify the root causes of extremism. As a result, RAF produces insights explaining why VEOs are able to operate in an area – insights that shape and better focus CVE programs to achieve greater effects.

Focusing Program Design and Implementation

RAF ensures CVE program design is focused on mitigating the root causes of violent extremism, not just its symptoms. RAF's unique emphasis on root causes allows programs to be tailored to achieve discrete, CVE-specific goals using a locally-validated and prioritized list of radicalization drivers and their associated systemic causes. This analytical step in the RAF methodology is a key differentiator that sets RAF apart from other CVE methodologies.



RAF data and analytics visualized in real-time in DT's knowledge management system

Measuring and Visualizing Outcomes

RAF correlates CVE program activity aggregate outcomes with specific CVE indicators, such as local disengagement with VEOs observed on social media or a change in sentiment detected in surveys. RAF also tracks program implementation benchmarks against that program's CVE objectives.

RAF creatively applies low-cost, high-impact technology solutions to measure the effects of CVE programs. RAF then visualizes those metrics in meaningful ways in the DT knowledge management system, linking activity feedback back into the program decision-making cycle and closing the gap between CVE program design and monitoring & evaluation.