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Institution name	The universities of Kent and Cambridge, on behalf of the GCRF COMPASS project
Submission title or project name	GCRF COMPASS project: Comprehensive capacity-building in the Eastern Neighbourhood and Central Asia: research integration, impact governance and sustainable communities.
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Submission	<p>The Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) COMPASS project, hosted by the universities of Kent and Cambridge, works with HEIs from former Soviet Republics (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) to enable them to develop learning through resilience, and capacity-building in the face of adversity and crisis.</p> <p>Supported by its International Advisory Board of policymakers, practitioners and academics, GCRF COMPASS fosters excellence through successful research integration, policy impact and community engagement. Despite the challenges of war, border conflict, civil unrest and COVID-19, the project team has built close relationships, leading to new research projects, international training schools, workshops and conferences. Educational partnerships have been formed and the researchers' work has facilitated peace and reconciliation between former adversaries.</p> <p>Partners have become regional specialists in migration, security, connectivity and cultural diplomacy, with real impact. Wide dissemination of extensive joint research outputs ensures GCRF COMPASS' global impact, fostering resilience within local communities across the region.</p>