

**Mina Chang, Chief Executive Officer of Linking the World**



As CEO of Linking the World, and with extensive on-the-ground experience including Afghanistan, Somalia, and Iraq, Mina has experienced first-hand the toll conflict and instability takes on these vulnerable communities.

Mina has worked to strategically focus Linking the World toward being truly data-driven, and as a result proactive in the area of humanitarian service delivery. This game-changing methodology uses the insights gleaned from a wide array of civilian and military data sets to locate and assist vulnerable communities in building stability from within, before violent extremist groups.

Mina believes that by sharply focusing these insights on preventing and countering violent extremism (PVE/CVE), Linking the World and its partners can isolate root causes of instability, then coordinate development initiatives in communities before the situation becomes desperate. This functionally removes potential exploitation points for violent extremist groups like ISIS, Boko Haram, Al-Shabaab, and Al Qaeda.

Mina is an acknowledged thought leader who has been published in distinguished periodicals including CNN, Fortune, Foreign Policy Journal, Forbes, the Huffington Post and as a regular contributor in The Hill. She has addressed assemblies at foreign embassies, the Center for Peace, the United Nations, the Department of Defense, United States Military Academy at West Point, and NATO.

Mina has been appointed by the United Nations to serve on the Expert Panel for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in Humanitarian Response, as well as the advisory group tasked with creating Common Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination Standards.

Mina is an alumna of the Harvard Business School, a graduate of Army War College National Security Seminar, a Harvard John F Kennedy Senior Executive in National and International Security, and an International Security Fellow at New America, where she's developing an analytical model that aids corporate, governmental, and NGO partners in tackling the threat of violent extremism through proactive development within the context of national security. She formerly served as a Fellow with the Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations at West Point, assisting in the development of academic programs tied to humanitarian assistance and disaster response.