CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Sahel - Support to Multilaterals Programme			
HMG Partners	Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Ministry of Defence (MoD), Department		
(Lead in bold)	for International Development (DFID)		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Mali/Sahel		
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2015-May 2020			
FY17-18 BUDGET:		ODA: £495,000	Non-ODA £1,205,000
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	FY17-18 BUDGET
	DEPT		
Military Support to	MoD	MoD	£1,205,000
EUTM Mali			
Civilian support to	FCO,	FCO, DFID	£495,000
multilateral missions	DFID		
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			

- Provision of UK military expertise to the EU training mission (EUTM) in Mali to contribute to the military training of Malian Armed Forces
- Provision of International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights, Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict, Gender and Gender based violence related legal and academic education to Malian Armed Forces by UK-funded personnel
- Secondment of UK-funded personnel to multilateral and bilateral partners in the Sahel including the European Union civilian mission (EUCAP) in Mali and the French Development Agency, providing strategic and technical expertise to partners working on the Sahel.

WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?

The UK's direct political, economic and security interests in the Sahel region are limited. However, instability and fragility in the Sahel impacts bordering regions in the wider North and West Africa region where there are greater levels of UK interest, and the UK has been a leading humanitarian actor in the Sahel. The UK vision for the Sahel is for it to become more stable, secure and resilient and to make development progress so that it poses no direct threat to the UK and shows evidence of reduced indirect threats to wider UK interests. Countries in the Sahel countries do not have the institutions, structures or means to address these challenges by themselves and the UK's footprint and influence in the region is limited. We are consequently working with and through multilateral institutions to support international efforts to improve security, stability, governance and peace-building in the region, and in so doing, strengthening UK relations with a range of key partners.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

Through UK military and civilian support to EUTM Mali, Malian Armed Forces will be trained on military, International Humanitarian Law and Gender issues. Through UK civilian secondments to multilateral and bilateral missions, political and strategic advice will be provided to partners working on the Sahel. The expected results across this programme will be two-fold:

- 1. Strengthened EU missions and multilateral organisations, more able to effectively deliver their mandate leading to peace and security benefits (e.g. Malian military capacity) and complementing UK work in the region;
- 2. Relations with the EU and other partners, particularly France, are improved by our engagement and demonstration of our commitment to the region.