

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Lebanon CSSF Security Programme			
HMG Partners (Lead in bold)	Foregin & Commonwealth Office, Ministry of Defence		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Lebanon		
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2016 - March 2019			
FY17-18 BUDGET:		ODA: £5,000,000	Non-ODA: £9,000,000
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	FY17-18 BUDGET
Lebanese Armed Forces National Security Assistance Programme	FCO	Withheld*	£8,600,000
British Policing Support Programme	FCO	NICO/SIREN	£5,000,000
Working with Religious Leaders and Communities to Counter Violent Extremism	FCO	ADYAN	£100,000
Countering Radicalisation	FCO	MARCH	£300,000
*INFORMATION HAS BEEN WITHHELD FROM PUBLICATION ON SECURITY GROUNDS			
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>Through this programme the UK is addressing three key strands of overlapping security threats in Lebanon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Lebanese Armed Forces National Security Assistance Programme addresses security threats originating from Syria, by equipping training and mentoring the Lebanese Armed Forces' Border Regiments. The programme supports the establishment and deployment of Land Border Regiments of the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) to monitor and interdict illegal cross border activity along the northern and eastern border between Lebanon and Syria. • We are addressing security threats to UK interests and to Lebanese stability by training Lebanese troops deployed at key confessional flashpoints at the Lebanese Armed Forces Internal Security Training Centre. Our British Policing Support Programme aims to improve key capabilities, flows of information, and analysis to police in Beirut. • Our work on Countering Violent Extremism is addressing threats emerging from vulnerable communities by de-conflicting these communities and de-radicalising at risk and marginalised youth. The project is delivered in a number of ways including through professional development, community service, and advocacy activities. <p>Human rights considerations are a priority within this programme and our work with both the LAF and the Internal Security Forces actively promotes UK human rights standards. For example, we have recently imbedded an International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)-sponsored International Humanitarian Law element into all our training courses with the LAF. Similarly, we have worked with the Internal Security Forces (ISF) to strengthen the role of the Inspector General in inspecting the ISF and investigating</p>			

accusations of human rights abuses. All support will be compatible with UK human rights standards.

WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?

This programme supports the UK's strategic objectives of preventing spill over from Syria into Lebanon, and improving Lebanese capacity to counter internal and external threats. The Syria crisis is now in its seventh year. Endorsement of our projects and interventions are constantly highlighted by the Lebanese Government, other donors and key actors in the LAF and ISF. This puts us in a favorable position to be the donor coordinator for all of our interventions.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

The headline results for the programme are:

1. Lebanese Security is maintained, including threats to UK interest and Lebanese stability.
2. Lebanese Armed Forces are able to effectively contribute to maintaining Lebanon's security and management of its land border with Syria
3. Internal Security Forces are more effective and have increased trust (and therefore more CT-related information) from communities in Beirut.
4. Increase community resilience to extremism by transforming at-risk/marginalised youth to activists countering transnational extremist narratives