

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Tunisia CSSF Economic and Governance Programme			
HMG Partners (LEAD in bold)	Foreign and Commonwealth Office , Department for International Development, Ministry of Defence, National Crime Agency and Home Office		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Tunisia		
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2017- March 18			
FY17/18 BUDGET:	ODA: £5,150,000	Non-ODA: £0	
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	BUDGET
Strengthen governance to support effective, accountable institutions. Support on Economic reform and growth to increase stability.	FCO	World Bank, British Council, Government Communications Service, African Development Bank, UNICEF, OECD and TBC	£4,800,000
Programme Delivery Costs	FCO	-	£350, 000
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
Summary			
The UK will support Tunisia by providing support in governance and economic development. Specific support includes:			
Strengthened governance to support effective, accountable institutions.			
The UK will work with the (UK) Government Communications Service (GCS) to ensure the Tunisian Government has the ability to be able to communicate effectively with the Tunisian population – particularly during a crisis and on economic reforms. Funding will be made available to support work on anti-corruption. These initiatives seek to address the socio-economic and political drivers of instability, including in marginalised regions, and to support the development of credible and capable institutions that promote good governance and transparency and manage social tensions.			
On education, the British Council will be funded to help reform the way English is taught in schools in order to meet growing demand from Tunisian employers for English speakers. We will also support UNICEF in its efforts to deal with the increasing number of youths dropping out of education, particularly in some of Tunisia’s most marginalised regions.			
On anti-corruption, we will fund the OECD to support initiatives that will improve the use of public funds through reforming the public audit institutions. They will also work with small and medium sized enterprises to identify and tackle corruption that affects business development and inclusive economic growth.			
Support on Economic reform and growth to increase stability			
The UK will work with the African Development Bank to promote inclusive economic development through entrepreneurship initiatives which help address socio-economic instability. The UK will also work with the African Development Bank to provide support to the Tunisian stock exchange to encourage small and medium enterprises to use that as a source of raising the capital needed for inclusive economic growth. Funds will be made available to the World Bank to support the reform of the financial sector within Tunisia to encourage national and foreign investment, promote private sector development and an increasingly diversified economy.			
WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?			

The UK was at the forefront of efforts to support Tunisia following the 2015 terrorist attacks, where 31 UK citizens were killed. A large element of the UK's support thus far has been directed at supporting security. To complement this, the programme will intervene in areas identified as being critical to supporting Tunisia's nascent democracy: governance, inclusive economic development, corruption and falling education standards. The programme is able to respond quickly to requests from the Tunisian Government. The UK is also recognised as one of the global leaders in strategic communications and security.

The UK is recognised as having one of the most dynamic economies in Europe. The support and expertise we offer is highly valued by the Tunisian Government and increasingly its businesses, which are looking for alternatives to the French model. The financial sector is also seen as a world leader.

On the back of growing demand from Tunisian employers, the Tunisian Government has said it wants to make English the second language taught in schools. English is recognised as being the main language used in international business and so essential for Tunisia's economic development.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

The UK expects to see a more inclusive economy, with increased employment, particularly for women and the youth. The UK also expects to see a more transparent business environment, with less corruption and more job creation. An increase in citizen involvement and awareness of government initiatives and messages is also expected.