

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Improving International Standards in the Defence Sector			
HMG Partners (Lead in bold)	Ministry of Defence		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Sudan		
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2017-March 2020			
FY17-18 BUDGET:		ODA: £0	Non-ODA: £400,000
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	FY17-18 BUDGET
English Language Training	MoD	British Council	£285,000
Partnered Masters Degree programme	MoD	Cranfield University	£75,000
Legal Training	MoD	UK Army Legal Services	£30,000
Visits to UK	MoD	Defence Section	£10,000
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>The UK is providing £400,000 in assistance to strengthen the capacity of Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) to improve governance and accountability, and to generate a greater respect for human rights and the rule of law.</p> <p>Implementers under the Improving International Standards in the Defence Sector programme will include the previous implementers for the English Language Training (ELT) output (British Council), Partnered Masters degree course (Cranfield University, UK) and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) training (Army Legal Services). Delivery of additional short courses will utilise specialist knowledge from UK military and civilian areas.</p>			
WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?			
<p>Strengthening the capacity of the SAF is important for Sudan and the UK. Most importantly, it will improve the understanding of the need for governance and accountability, and to generate a greater respect for human rights and the rule of law. The increased access and insight offered to the UK will allow increased influence to further this process.</p>			
WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?			
<p>The aim of the Defence Engagement (Improving International Standards in the Defence Sector) programme is to gain access, insight and influence to (and across all levels of) the Sudanese Armed Forces. For example, the programme enables relationships to be built, internal Sudanese issues to be better understood and for UK messaging to be explained to senior decision-makers in the Sudanese military. Ongoing engagement has already improved access, insight and influences with those at the highest levels of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF). Access, and also insight and influence, is now available to the UK Defence Attaché. A clear example is regular coordination (through monthly calls) between the UK Defence Attaché with the Chief of Joint Staffs (Head of the Sudanese military) enabling training requirement issues to be discussed and suggestions for further improvements registered. Another outcome from this relationship building is expanding the content of educational training to senior Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) officers, beyond Strategic Planning, but also covering Governance and Rule of Law. Specifically, the delivery of International</p>			

Humanitarian Law training to SAF. This knowledge is then permeated downwards in order to also educate the Sudanese soldiers who deploy with them on operations of how they are legally required to behave, even under stressful of situations. SAF's acknowledgement of this requirement has already seen a number of soldiers prosecuted. In the long-term, the programme will deliver a more accountable governance structure with greater respect for human rights and the rule of law. Within this aim the expected results are to increase the level of UK access and insight into the Sudanese Armed Forces.