

SYRIA SECURITY CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Syria CSSF Security Programme			
HMG Partners (LEAD in bold)	Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for International Development, Ministry of Defence		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Syria		
PROGRAMME DURATION: 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018			
FY17-18 BUDGET:	ODA: £14 million	Non-ODA £0	
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT		BUDGET
Access to Justice and Community Security	FCO	Adam Smith International	£9 million
Stabilisation Response Mechanism	FCO	Adam Smith International	£5 million
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>Summary: This programme aims to bolster local security inside Syria, strengthen the country's neighbours at its borders, contribute to our Counter Terrorism and Countering Violent Extremism goals by combating the emergence of environments permissive to extremists, and manifest the continued UK commitment to an enduring and sustainable political settlement. It seeks to ensure that basic security services are present in key local areas, and accepted by the local population as an alternative to extremists. This will help support the effectiveness and legitimacy of moderate actors on the ground and support the Moderate Opposition to keep extremists in check. All support will be compatible with UK human rights standards.</p> <p>Access to Justice and Community Security (AJACS) programme. This supports the Free Syrian Police (FSP) to provide basic policing services throughout Western Aleppo Countryside and Idlib provinces, as well as the South. Its focus is primarily on improving the FSP's ability to deliver basic, non-contentious community policing services in partnership with their communities, local governance partners and other programmes. FSP services typically involve low-level public security work: patrols, checkpoints, market and traffic management. It is judged by our independent monitors to be respected by Syrians as acting professionally and respecting the rights of citizens.</p> <p>Stabilisation Response Mechanism (SRM). SRM is designed to provide quick impact stabilisation interventions across Syria based on comprehensive research and assessment carried out by its research facility. These interventions are designed to be short term and can be handed onto our other projects after the initial implementation phase.</p> <p>Both projects ensure that human rights training is incorporated into programme delivery, so that the effectiveness and human rights compliance of these key structures is improved.</p>			
WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?			
<p>This strand of the Syria CSSF comprises a coherent package to support the moderate opposition to meet the extremists' challenge and provide greater security for civilians in moderate opposition held areas. Tackling permissive environments for extremist groups and mitigating, even if in the short term, the worst excesses of state collapse may help to provide greater stability inside Syria. The Moderate Armed Opposition has an important role in the current political process and is of course a central actor in any local or national ceasefire efforts.</p>			
WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?			
<p>AJACS. This project aims to: maintain an independent, trusted security presence in areas extremist groups are challenging; work with other actors and programmes, in particular governance and civil defence, to</p>			

target communities where we judge extremists' hold is vulnerable; flex coverage in response to the movement of front-lines and Internally Displaced People; and maintain good relationships with actors in the political strand, in particular civil society and Track II, to ensure they are able to feed in to political negotiations on security sector reform.

SRM. Deliver stabilisation projects in communities before transitioning that support to the wider programme; provide targeted support to gaps elsewhere in the programme, where logistical or operational constraints prevent action relevant in the context of an ongoing conflict; and deliver £1m of assistance to the clearance of mines and unexploded ordnance inside Syria, as announced by the Foreign Secretary during his visit to Turkey in September 2016.