

## CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

<b>PROGRAMME TITLE: Middle East Peace Process (MEPP)</b>			
HMG Partners (LEAD in bold)	<b>Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)</b> , Ministry of Defence (MoD), Department for International Development (DFID)		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel, Middle East and North Africa		
PROGRAMME DURATION	2015-2019		
FY 17-18 BUDGET:	ODA: £6.6m	Non-ODA £0.4m	
<b>PROJECT/COMPONENT</b>	<b>LEAD DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
British Support Team, Ramallah	MoD	*	£2,300,000
Improving Security and Access to Justice in the OPTs	DFID	*	£1,600,000
Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance (ICLA) for the Protection of Palestinians Affected by or at Risk of Forced Displacement	FCO	*	£2,400,000
Constituencies for Peace	FCO	*	£350,000
Research and analysis	FCO	*	£43,000
EUPOLCOPPS – UK secondee to EU Coordinating Office for Palestinian Police Support	FCO	*	£67,000
Administrative Costs of ODA Projects	FCO	*	£420,000
Palestinian polling and focus groups	FCO	*	£120,000
* INFORMATION HAS BEEN WITHHELD FROM PUBLICATION ON SECURITY GROUNDS			
<b>WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?</b>			
<p><b><u>Summary:</u></b></p> <p>This programme aims to help protect the political and physical viability of a two state solution, which the Government believes represents the best framework to end the occupation and deliver peace for both Israelis and Palestinians.</p> <p>The programme is designed to contribute towards delivery of three overall objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To help the Palestinian Authority develop governance structures which underpin effective security, promote prosperity and ensure inclusion of Palestinian society. This will be delivered through professionalisation, and institution and capacity building work with both the Palestinian Authority Security Forces (PASF) and the Ministry of Interior (MOI).</li> <li>To pursue the <b>political conditions which support progress towards resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict</b>. This will be pursued through several projects covered by our Constituencies for Peace programme, which aims to maintain support for the peace process in the absence of formal negotiations.</li> <li>To preserve <b>the viability of the two-state solution, mitigate the impact of the occupation, protect the most vulnerable Palestinians and address causes of the conflict to reduce</b></li> </ul>			

**potential security threats to the UK.** This will be delivered through legal aid programmes in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

#### **WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?**

The UK Government remains concerned about the high risk of instability in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs) and potential overspill of violence into Israel. Worrying trends include violence and terrorist attacks against Israelis which peaked in late 2015, a deterioration of conditions for Palestinians on the ground in Gaza and the West Bank (including a surge in demolitions of Palestinian structures and settlement expansion in the latter), and a continued decline of public confidence and support for a negotiated solution.

UK support is therefore needed to protect the political and physical viability of a two state solution, which we continue to believe represents the best framework to end the occupation and deliver peace and security for both Israelis and Palestinians. The UK has the ability to influence both sides to the conflict, as a result of our strong bilateral relationships, strong engagement with communities throughout Israeli society, and our leading role in building the capacity of a future Palestinian State.

#### **WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?**

Broadly, this programme will seek to achieve:

- increased professionalisation and capacity of the Palestinian Authority Security Forces and Ministry of Interior;
- in the absence of formal peace negotiations, increased support for a political resolution to the conflict amongst three constituencies for peace; and
- support towards the maintenance of the physical viability of an independent Palestinian state, through the prevention of demolitions, land seizures and illegal settlements.