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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0999-16**

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to ask this question:  
The 2015-2020 FCO Single Departmental Plan says that 'Protect and Prepare programmes launched in 2015 in Morocco, Kenya, Nigeria, Tunisia and Algeria, building capacity to improve response to terrorism.'

(see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fco-single-departmental-plan-2015-to-2020/single-departmental-plan-2015-to-2020>)

I would like to know details of programme for Kenya, including but not limited to:

- 1) Which Kenyan government agencies and private companies in Kenya have been engaged (or will be engaged) as part of the programme?
- 2) What material, non-material, training and other support has the FCO provided and/or funded as part of the programme in Kenya? In answering this Q, please specify which assistance goes to which Kenyan agency or corporation”

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request. As in our letter to you of 28 September 2016, the UK has engaged

with the Kenyan Government to support their development in crisis management and Protect and Prepare capabilities. We have increased our dialogue with the Kenyans in this area over the last year, including offering to share our expertise in developing crisis planning, systems and doctrine. In September 2015, the British High Commission delivered a table top crisis exercise for the Counter Terrorism Centre, which included representatives from the Ministry of Interior, Kenyan Defence Forces, National Police Service, Prison Service and Aviation Authority. Kenyan Police officers visited the UK in September 2015 to learn more about the UK's approach to major event planning. The FCO sponsored the visit, costed at £7330.43.

In June 2016, a cross Kenyan government delegation including the Counter-Terrorism Centre, representatives from the Ministry of Interior, Presidency's Office, Attorney General's Office, National Disaster Operations Centre and National Disaster Recovery Unit, visited London to hear more about the UK's crisis management systems, and the delegation received a series of discussion workshops from UK experts. This centred on the UK's crisis management doctrine, and included command and control (COBR) structures, communications, the UK's Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Programme (JESIP). The FCO sponsored the visit, costed at £20,995.

The UK Government arranged for delivery of a Crisis Communications management workshop through the Emergency Planning College, following request from the Kenyan Government in November 2016. The course is "Media and Communications Strategies for effective emergency response". Further information on this course can be found on the website of the Emergency Planning College <http://www.epcresilience.com/services/educate/training-courses/media-and-communications-strategies-for-effective/>. Course attendees included representatives from the Counter Terrorism Centre, National Government Communication Centre, National Police Service, Kenya Defence Forces, and the Office of the President. The estimated costs for delivery of this course are £13,000.

In Kenya, The FCO engaged with hotel managers and police in Mombasa on terrorism awareness, and are planning some training on the Coast in at the beginning of 2017. The training will be based on the guidance the UK Government gives to the public and businesses in the UK. You can find out more on the UK advice at the links below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/recognising-the-terrorist-threat>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film>

We continue to offer to further share our expertise in developing systems and doctrine to the Government of Kenya, although no further activities have taken place. It will be for the Kenyan Government to decide which Ministries or agencies should participate in any future programme.

Some information you requested has been withheld under Section 27 (1) (a).

Section 27(1)(a) of the FOIA recognises the need to protect information that would be likely to prejudice relations between the United Kingdom and other states if it was disclosed. In this case, the release of information relating to Kenyan government agencies and private companies engaged in the programmes.

The application of s.27(1)(a) requires us to consider the public interest test arguments in favour of releasing and withholding the information. We acknowledge that releasing information on this issue would increase public knowledge about our relations with the Kenyan Government. However, s.27 (1) (a) recognises that the effective conduct of international relations depends upon maintaining trust and confidence between governments. If the United Kingdom does not maintain this trust and confidence, its ability to protect and promote UK interests through international relations will be hampered, which will not be in the public interest. The disclosure of information detailing our relationship with the Kenyan Government could potentially damage the bilateral relationship between the UK and Kenya. This would reduce the UK government's ability to protect and promote UK interests through its relations with Kenya, which would not be in the public interest. For these reasons we consider that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

Yours sincerely,

Counter Terrorism Department



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