

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: National Level Conflict Reduction			
HMG Partners (Lead in bold)	Foreign & Commonwealth Office , Ministry of Defence, Department for International Development		
COUNTRY/REGION:	South Sudan		
PROGRAMME DURATION: February 2016-March 2019			
FY17-18 BUDGET:		ODA: £1,535,180	Non-ODA: £0
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	FY17-18 BUDGET
Technical assistance to the implementation of the peace agreement	FCO	Coffey International Development	£1,290,000
Surge HMG staff to coordinate and engage with the peace agreement	FCO	HMG	£245,180
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>Following the signing of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan (ARCSS – “the peace agreement”) in late 2015, the British Government (HMG) recognised that we did not have the internal staff capacity to properly engage with the increase in related work and that the institutions mandated by the agreement did not have the technical expertise to implement it.</p> <p>We have put in place temporary members of HMG staff, in both Juba and London, to coordinate internally and engage externally on ARCSS. In addition, we have designed a project with Coffey that will allow us to provide both long term and short term technical support to the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) and the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangements Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM), as well as provide ad hoc training courses or support to activities relating to the implementation of ARCSS.</p> <p>We are currently conducting a Joint Analysis of Conflict and Stability in South Sudan and will be re-designing this programme following completion of that process.</p>			
WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?			
<p>UK support is needed because we have a moral obligation to positively engage in the peace agreement in South Sudan as a P5 member of the UN Security Council and the Troika in South Sudan. We have committed to support international and regional efforts to secure peace in South Sudan and plan to continue doing so.</p> <p>Furthermore, we have ensured that our support is in areas where the UK has a recognised advantage for example in strategic communications, gender and humanitarian advice.</p>			
WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?			
<p>Ultimately, we expect our deployed technical experts to contribute towards the Joint Monitoring and Evaluation Commission (JMEC) and the Ceasefire Transitional Security Arrangement Monitoring Mechanism (CTSAMM) fulfilling their mandates – however, we recognise this will not all be within the project’s gift to achieve. Therefore, the HMG staff in place (including a First Secretary role in Juba) work alongside our technical experts to directly work with and alongside the ARCSS institutions. We are already seeing results from the joint press office which we have staffed for JMEC and CTSAMM; our deployed advisors are enabling the institutions they work within to set media narratives rather than solely responding to them.</p>			