

DFID Management Response to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact recommendations on:

UK Development Assistance for Security and Justice, March 2015

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| <p>Recommendation 1:</p> <p>DFID should adopt a new strategy for more focussed and realistic security and justice assistance that emphasises tackling specific security and justice challenges in particular and local contexts. This should include working in a cross-disciplinary way to address wider security and justice themes, such as gender equality (including working with men), labour rights and urban insecurity.</p> | <p>Partially Accept</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the ICAI report notes, DFID country programmes have already focused more on tackling specific challenges in local contexts. DFID has issued central guidance on specific security and justice issues, such as: measuring results; ensuring value for money; and working with paralegals. Wider security and justice themes such as gender equality, urban insecurity and labour rights have been taken forward, for example through the refreshed Gender Strategic Vision, and research and programming on urban insecurity and labour rights. Links have been made to security and justice programmes, through guidance notes on particular issues, including how to address Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) in security and justice programmes. | <p>DFID will produce an updated and consolidated security and justice position paper including consideration of wider security and justice themes.</p> | <p>December 2015</p> |
| <p>Recommendation 2:</p> | <p>Partially Accept</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFID has invested in research, innovation and lesson learning to | <p>DFID will map the key evidence gaps supporting the</p> | <p>September 2015</p> |

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| <p>DFID should identify the key evidence gaps across its security and justice portfolio and tailor its investments in research and innovation to fill those gaps. It should develop guidelines on how to ground programme design in sound contextual analysis and evidence of what works and on how to strengthen programme oversight, including management of political risk.</p> | | <p>strengthen the evidence base and understand what works to improve security and justice for the poor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Smart Rules strengthen DFID's programme management in all sectors. Guidelines on contextual analysis to inform programme design already exist, such as the Country Poverty Reduction Diagnostic, Political Economy Analysis tools and Country Governance Analysis. DFID is currently standardising its overall approach to risk management. | <p>security and justice portfolio and assess whether additional investments in research and innovation are necessary to address any gaps.</p> | |