



This is the first review of the programme since it started in July 2016. A mid-year review conducted in May 2017 looked at programme management and cross cutting themes has provided an actions log of recommendations that the CSSF programme team are taking forward.

The programme has identified and brought on board strong delivery partners with relevant technical expertise very quickly. Getting the projects started has taken some time. This is due to the geographic spread of the OTs that this programme is supporting, that the majority of the programme's delivery partners are engaging for the first time with the OTs, a lack of a strong evidence base, and securing local stakeholders and OT buy-in.

The review's methodology involved a desk based review with relevant HMG partners, CSSF programme staff, reporting over the last financial year and complemented by a field visit to Anguilla to review a sample of activities underway. Anguilla provides a snap shot of the cross-OT work and has therefore intentionally not been separately reported against in this review.

An assessment of the impact of the programme to date is limited as the implementation phase is nascent and it is too early to assess the results as perceived by the programme beneficiaries.

### **Summary of recommendations for the next year**

- Improve communications of the three CSSF programmes (and non CSSF) at the OT level and ensure that it is disseminated to relevant local stakeholders (including non government officials). This should be updated every six months and used as a tool to engage locally and ensure a partnership approach is in place.
- Further develop programme cohesion and cross-programme cohesion where suitable, through a theory of change session which brings together efforts to meet international obligations and potential for sustainable economic development to the OTs.
- Share training opportunities to HMG partners new to the CSSF to support continuous development on CSSF programme management, applying the principle of 'Do No Harm' and being able to mainstream gender into programme work.
- Strengthen the Results Framework based on greater understanding on the context and availability of evidence to agree SMART indicators, milestones and targets.
- Sequence work based on priority of needs, buy-in from OT governments and capacity of stakeholders responsible for owning the intervention.
- The broad geography and thematic areas of work and recognition to deliver bespoke interventions to meet OT needs requires an oversight mechanism per OT to deliver positive impact. A discussion on staff roles and responsibilities to support this should take place – involves Governors Offices, CSSF team based in London, CSSF Miami team, desk officers and implementing partners.