

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Central Asia Programme			
HMG Partners (Lead in bold)	Department For International Development , Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Ministry of Defence, National Crime Agency		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Central Asia		
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2016 – March 2020			
FY17-18 BUDGET:		ODA: £3.3m	Non-ODA: £0.12m
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATIONS	FY17-18 BUDGET
Promoting independent narratives, security partnerships and governance models	FCO	United Nations Development Programme , United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Albany Associates, MOD and NCA	£1.03m
Strengthening resilience to conflict and improving inter-ethnic and cross-border relationships	DFID	Aga Khan Foundation, International Organisation for Migration	£1.2m
Understanding violent extremism and preventing nationalist-driven conflict amongst vulnerable youth and migrants	DFID	United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund, Search For Common Ground	£0.821m
Programme delivery costs and monitoring and evaluation			£0.369m
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>UK programmes in Central Asia focus on reducing vulnerability to intra-regional and internal tensions by strengthening resilience to conflict in border areas, understanding violent extremism and preventing nationalist-driven conflict amongst vulnerable youth and migrants, and building security partnerships. We will also support activity to promote media plurality and balance and strengthening of governance.</p> <p>Our support is currently primarily focused on Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, although we are expanding in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan as new opportunities emerge there.</p>			
WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?			
<p>Central Asia is important for the UK’s security interests. For example, we have a shared interest in regional stability, including addressing ethno-nationalist tensions, resource and border management issues, violent extremism and organised crime and corruption. We have a shared objective in achieving a stable future for Afghanistan, which borders three of the Central Asian states. And we have a commitment to promoting the core values of rule of law, human rights and democracy which we regard as the best basis for future stability and growth in this region.</p> <p>The UK is one of only three European countries with a permanent presence in all five Central Asian Republics. We have developed significant expertise and contacts in the region. The UK is one of the few donors with the combination of expertise and flexible programmes to ensure its interventions in this region are effective and responsive. CSSF complements wider UK Government work, including the Department For International Development’s programme in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.</p>			
WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?			

UK support will lead to greater media plurality and balance as well as strengthened security partnerships and governance models. The programme will strengthen resilience to conflict and improve inter-ethnic and cross-border relationships, particularly on the Tajikistan/Kyrgyzstan border. Finally, it will strengthen our understanding of violent extremism and enhance prevention of nationalist-driven conflict amongst vulnerable youth and migrants.