

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Sri Lanka - Delivering increased stability and reducing the risk of a return to conflict			
HMG Partners (Lead in bold)	Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Ministry of Defence		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Sri Lanka		
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2016 – March 2018			
FY 17-18 BUDGET:	ODA: £2,135,000	Non-ODA: £185,000	
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATIONS	FY17-18 BUDGET
Strengthening democracy	FCO	Police Scotland College; The Asia Foundation	£1,185,000
Reconciliation	FCO	UN; The HALO Trust; The Asia Foundation	£935,000
Programme delivery	FCO	FCO	£200,000
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>The CSSF programme in Sri Lanka is designed to support reconciliation and strengthen democracy and the rule of law to ensure long-term stability, through targeted project activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to police reform and training based on a community policing approach that is gender sensitive and respects human rights; • Support to the government’s commitment to establishing credible and effective transitional justice mechanisms as part of Sri Lanka’s reconciliation process; • Clearing 600,000 sq m of mine contaminated land in the North and East enabling the resettlement of Internally Displaced Peoples (IDP) (approximately 2,000 direct beneficiaries already in 2016-17); • Support to community-level mediation of ethno-religious tensions in the Eastern Province; • Strengthening the defence relationship through targeted non-kinetic training and high level dialogue which will support security sector reform and foster greater awareness of the importance of accountability and reconciliation; and • Sharing UK expertise to strengthen government capability to tackle bribery and corruption. 			
WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?			
<p>UK assistance is needed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Sri Lanka to fulfil its potential as a secure and prosperous nation, playing a positive regional and international role; • Reduce UK migration risks and provide better services for UK nationals visiting Sri Lanka; and • Create a platform for sustainable economic growth, leading to greater opportunities for UK companies to develop business through commercial contracts and investments. 			
WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?			
<p>The UK aims to support continued peace and stability through focusing on two main outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Strengthening democracy and the rule of law</u>: reform and capacity-building of police, military and anti-bribery agencies will strengthen democracy and improve the rule of law. • <u>Fostering reconciliation</u>: support for effective and credible transitional justice mechanisms, community mediation of ethno-religious disputes, and enabling IDPs to return to their land, will improve the prospects for reconciliation and reduce the risks of communal violence, especially within minority communities. 			