

Annual Review - Summary Sheet

PROGRAMME TITLE: Sahel Multilateral Programme		
Country/Region:	Sahel	
HMG Partners (LEAD in bold)	Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Ministry of Defence (MOD) , & Stabilisation Unit (SU)	
Total Budget:	Overseas Development Assistance (ODA): £1.2m	Non-ODA: £0.6m
Start Date: April 2015	End Date: March 2020	
Outputs		Score
Provision of UK military contributions to the EU training mission (EUTM Mali) to the Malian Armed Forces (MAF)		A
International Humanitarian Law (IHL), Human Rights (HR), Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict (PSVC), Gender and Gender Based Violence (GBV) related legal and academic education in MAF to sensitise, teach, test and reinforce Malian troops' understanding of international law principles and national law standards.		A
UK secondments to multilateral organisations and bilateral partners		B
Outcome:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional and national defence and security capacities are increased and insecurity in the Sahel is reduced; Increased cooperation on the development and delivery of defence and security policy in the Sahel and wider Africa with European Union (EU) partners. 		
Outcome Score: A	Risk: Medium	

Summary of Programme Performance:

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Programme Score	B	A	
Risk Rating	Medium	Medium	

What support is the UK providing?

This programme provides direct support to EU Common Security & Defence Policy (CSDP) missions in Mali and Niger as part of the National Security Council (NSC) sub objectives:

- Coordinated and effective international engagement, with UK influence, to strengthen regional and national defence and security capacity and accountability; and
- International/Multilateral strategies (e.g. United Nations (UN) & EU) on the Sahel and neighbours support effective, prioritised and coordinated action to strengthen governance.

The UK supports EU and multilateral organisations in order to strengthen their performance and increase their capacity to deliver their mandate. The UK provides strategic advice and expertise through civilian and military positions within EU and UN. Our military deployments delivers strategic coordination along with infantry and medical training to MAF. Our civilian deployments deliver strategic advice and international humanitarian law (IHL), human rights (HR), preventing sexual violence in conflict (PSVC), and gender training to security forces.

Programme component	Lead dept	Cost for FY16-17
a) UK military contribution to EUTM Mali	MOD	£0.9m (non-ODA) (£1m)
b) IHL/PSVI training to the EUTM Mali	FCO (through SU)	£0.3m (non-ODA) (£0.5m)
c) Secondments to multilateral missions	FCO (through SU)	£0.6m (ODA) (£0.72m)

Summary of progress and lessons learnt/actions taken since last review:

The last annual review emphasised the need for setting better strategic direction, aligning strategic objectives with the programme, increasing resource, and engaging more with MOD in the UK on military secondments to EUTM. The capacity to prepare, recruit, and deploy UK secondees and civil servants was limited and this affected the level of engagement with EU and multilateral institutions. The increase in UK Government presence in the region, as recommended in the review, has brought improvements, specifically assurance that key programme documents are in place, measurable outputs are developed and the expected strategic impact of EU secondments is taken into account.

Lessons learned and recommendations for the next year:

The continuous degrading of the security situation requires more coordination in efforts and an increase in strategic advice and expertise provided to partners. The UK should concentrate on development of and preparation for putting forward more secondees. Further specific recommendations for the CSSF programme team include:

- Contribute to recommendations as to how additional UK resources might be used, within the context of new UK National Security Council direction;
- Develop a monitoring & evaluation (M&E) process;
- Develop an information exchange/co-ordination network across the CSSF Sahel programmes to better inform UK actors and seek synergies of effort;
- Improve the passage of lessons identified and act on them;
- Improve preparation of secondees for Criteria and Selection Process selection;
- Improve communications with UK Representation to the EU (Brussels), MOD and SU;
- Review text in programme results framework to reflect both NSC direction and Common Security and Defence Policy Sahel mission Operations Plan (OPLAN) evolution;
- Adopt a flexible approach to the provision of IHL expertise and training to the MAF through EUTM;
- Conduct a gender analysis; and
- Within the context of risk, note the threat that pervasive corruption presents to any stabilisation activities in the region and the capacity with which regional security forces have to absorb training and advice.