

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: East Africa Security			
HMG Partners	Ministry of Defence (MoD)		
COUNTRY/REGION:	East Africa		
TOTAL BUDGET:	ODA: £0	Non-ODA: £1.09m	
START DATE: May 2017		END DATE: April 2018	
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	BUDGET
Training wing to improve the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM)'s ability to counter improvised explosive devices	MoD	British Peace Support Team (Eastern Africa)	£981,000
Improving regional capacity to counter the illegal wildlife trade	MoD	British Peace Support Team (Eastern Africa)	£105,000
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>Our long-term focus is on building the capacity of troops in East Africa to take a stronger lead in managing the peace and security issues in the region. In the short to medium-term this means maintaining the political will of troop contributing countries in the region to stay the course with AMISOM and its successor mission, as this is currently the largest regional deployment of peacekeeping troops. On the ground, these troops, as well as civilians, face a high threat from improvised explosive devices (IEDs), which are responsible for numerous casualties in Somalia each year. This programme supports the development of a regional centre of excellence, which troops are already using as part of their pre-deployment training, to ensure the necessary capacity and expertise to allow peacekeepers to more safely carry out their mandate with AMISOM.</p> <p>We will continue efforts from previous financial years to bring the Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED) training wing of the International Peace and Security Training Centre up to full operating capability. This would mean that the wing is sufficiently resourced, staffed and technically able to offer IED disposal training to regional troops.</p> <p>In addition, we will be responsibly winding down regional activities to counter the illegal wildlife trade (IWT). Work in previous financial years has meant that the programme of training is complete and our focus now shifts to maintaining anti-IWT networks and cooperation through existing resources not in this programme, such as our law-enforcement relationships. The current financial year will see activities focussed on ensuring that the skills and training that have been shared in previous years are embedded within institutions.</p>			
WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?			
<p>The UK's support is needed because we have globally recognised expertise at IED disposal. In addition, through the British Peace Support Team (Eastern Africa) (BPST(EA)), we have a platform to assist our regional allies in Somalia fulfil their mandate and reduce casualties of both civilians and their own troops.</p>			
WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?			
<p>The UK expects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To continue efforts to bring the C-IED training wing to full operating capability by 2020, delivering high quality training which allows regional troops deploying to peacekeeping missions to operate more safely in a high IED-threat environment, meaning their reach is greater. • A responsible draw-down from our counter-IWT work which ensures sustainability. 			

