

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Somalia Human Rights and Vulnerable Persons' Programme			
HMG Partners	Foreign & Commonwealth Office		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Somalia		
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2017 – March 2018			
FY17-18 BUDGET:	ODA: £0.4m	Non-ODA: 0	
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	FY17-18 BUDGET
Prevention of and effective response to gender based violence and stigma.	FCO	International Alert and Comitato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo Dei Popoli (CISP)	£400,000
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>The UK will provide support to the following priority area:</p> <p>1) Prevention of and effective response to gender based violence and stigma – This is a 6 month extension on the previous year's project, supporting gender-based violence survivors, and consolidating systems that provide communities with sustainable access to services.</p>			
WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?			
<p>The UK recognises that human rights violations and abuses are both a driver for and a consequence of violence and extremism, and that these in turn threaten the interests of Somalia, the UK and the region. Somalia is a UK priority country for the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative, and the UK National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.</p> <p>A landmark electoral process was completed in January 2017 which elected a new president and parliament in Somalia. Women's representation in parliament increased from 14% to 24%, and the debate on a women's quota stimulated wider discussion and support for women's representation in politics and public decision-making.</p> <p>Yet despite progress, Somalia's human rights record still shows it to be among the lowest performing countries across nearly all human rights indicators, and is one of the worst places in the world to be a woman. Serious violations and abuses are perpetrated by state and non-state actors in the ongoing internal conflict. Sexual violence against women, particularly those from minority and IDP communities, remains widespread and is accompanied by stigma.</p>			
WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?			
<p>The project in previous years supported a substantial number of survivors, and established systems that provide communities with sustainable access to services. Considerable progress was also made with regard to sensitising communities to women rights issues – By granting the component on support to survivors of sexual violence a six-month extension we will consolidate previous year's project achievements, formulate a comprehensive lessons learnt and best practice process.</p>			