

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Organised Immigration Crime Taskforce (Project INVIGOR)			
HMG Partners (LEAD in bold)	Home Office (HO) (including Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism, Crime Policing & Fire Group, Immigration Enforcement (IE) and Border Force (BF)), National Crime Agency (NCA), Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)		
COUNTRY/REGION:	Multiple/Regional		
PROGRAMME DURATION:	April 2017 – March 2020		
TOTAL BUDGET:	ODA: £1.67m	Non-ODA: £9.45m	
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPARTMENT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	BUDGET
Organised Immigration Crime Taskforce	HO/NCA/CPS	HO (including Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism, Crime Policing & Fire Group, Immigration Enforcement and Border Force), NCA, CPS	£11.12m
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
<p>The Organised Immigration Crime Taskforce (OIC Taskforce) provides staff from the NCA, HO, CPS, IE and BF in the UK and in a number of overseas locations together with dedicated programme funding to focus exclusively on countering the organised immigration crime (OIC) threat to the UK and the European border. It aims to improve the capability of source and transit countries to tackle organised immigration crime (OIC); develop and enrich the intelligence picture of the threat; identify and investigate those involved; disrupt the use of enablers by organised criminals in facilitating OIC; and identify and recover illicit finances. This support is delivered through a combination of mentoring within partner countries, conducting joint operations in source and transit jurisdictions, providing training and facilitating the flow of information (between both UK agencies and the UK and partner agencies) relating to the OIC threat, debriefing migrants and offering criminal justice (including prosecutorial) assistance.</p> <p>ODA-funded activity</p> <p>The activity taking place in ODA-eligible countries where ODA funding is used benefits the partner countries by improving their capacity to disrupt the organised crime groups who facilitate illegal migration.</p>			
WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?			
<p>Organised immigration crime is the illegal facilitation of migrants across borders by organised crime groups (OCGs). It covers a broad range of criminal activity, including clandestine people smuggling, production and supply of false/fraudulently obtained genuine documents, abuse of legitimate means to enter or remain in the UK, and facilitation of other illegal immigration (including air travel on false or fraudulently obtained documents).</p> <p>Migrant smuggling is a multi-national business with the organised crime groups involved originating from all over the world making billions of dollars per year. Among the migrants' reasons for attempting to reach the EU illegally is a belief that they can eventually find a better life in the UK, as</p>			

well as other European countries. This has led to routes developing for illegal migrants to transit Europe and seek to enter the UK via clandestine methods, or via air routes on false/fraudulent documents. The UK therefore has an interest and a responsibility in tackling the flows upstream as near to source as possible as part of a whole-of-route approach.

In addition to countering the threat to the UK is the need to stop people putting their lives at risk by taking perilous routes to reach Europe, including in unfit vessels making the sea crossings between Africa and the EU, as well as dangerous concealments in freight vehicles making the English Channel and North Sea crossings to the UK.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

1. Build and develop the capability of source and transit countries to tackle OIC.
2. Develop an enriched intelligence picture on OIC across source and transit countries and in the UK.
3. Investigate and prosecute OCGs and facilitators profiting from OIC.
4. Disrupt the use of the enablers utilised by OCGs to facilitate OIC, including social media.
5. Disrupt and recover illegal profits from OIC.