

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Middle East Peace Process (MEPP)					
HMG Partners (LEAD in bold)	Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) , Ministry of Defence (MoD), Department for International Development (DFID)				
COUNTRY AND REGION:	Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs) / Israel				
UNIQUE ID:	CSSF-06-000023				
DAC Code:	15220				
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2019 – March 2022					
Start Date: April 2019			End Date: March 2020		
IF A NEW PROGRAMME FOR THIS FY, HAVE ANY ELEMENTS DERIVED FROM OLDER PROGRAMMES? IF YES, WHICH ONES? : N/A					
FY 19-20 BUDGET ALLOCATION:	ODA: £8.03m			Non-ODA:£0.5m	
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PROJECT/ COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	Implementing Partner Type	CONTRACT START/END DATES	FY19-20 BUDGET (ODA/Non-ODA)
Palestinian Authority Capability, Accountability, Sustainability and Inclusivity Programme	MoD and DFID (joint)	*	OGD, NGO, Commercial Partner	April 2019-September 2021 And December 2018 – November 2021	£3.29m / £0
Information, Counselling and Legal Assistance	FCO	*	Commercial Partner	July 2019 – March 2022	£2.2m / £0
Constituencies for Peace – Religious Community Engagement	FCO	*	NGO	July 2019 - March 2020	£0 / £0.29m
Area C infrastructure construction and Area C services and infrastructure provision	FCO	*	Commercial Partner	April 2019 – March 2022	£0.6m / £0
Monitoring and Evaluation	FCO		N/A	April 2019- March 2020	£0.03m / £0
Gaza West Bank Reconciliation	FCO	*	Commercial Partner	July 2019 – March 2022	£0.35m / £0
Gender Equality in OPTs	FCO	*	NGO	July 2019 – March 2022	£0.55m / £0
Constituencies for Peace – Empowering Future Leaders	FCO	*	Commercial Partner	July 2019 - March 2020	£0 / £0.17m
Constituencies for Peace – Independent Review	FCO	*	Commercial Partner	July 2019 - March 2020	£0 / £0.04m

Support to Israeli NGOs	FCO	*	NGO	October 2019 – March 2020	£0.1m / £0
Palestinian polling and focus groups	FCO	*	Commercial Partner	April 2019 - March 2022	£0.05m / £0
Programme Delivery Costs	FCO	N/A	N/A	March 2019 – April 2020	£0.86 m / £0

* Information on all implementing organisations is withheld on security grounds.

WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?

Summary:

This programme aims to help protect the political and physical viability of a two-state solution, which the UK believes represents the best framework to end the occupation and deliver peace for both Israelis and Palestinians. It is complementary to DFID's broader programme in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs).

The programme is designed to contribute towards delivery of the three overall objectives:

- Building effective and accountable Palestinian institutions ready for statehood, supportive of UK values and interests, and resilient to political transition;
- Protecting and assisting vulnerable communities to preserve the viability of a two state solution, to uphold international humanitarian law and respond to arising needs;
- Supporting Palestinian Authority and civil society (Israeli and Palestinian) to work for peace, maintaining and increasing political support for a two state solution.

WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?

The UK Government remains concerned about the high risk of instability in the OPTs and potential overspill of violence into Israel. Issues of concern include violence and terrorist attacks against Israelis, shootings of Gazans during recent protests, a deterioration of conditions for Palestinians on the ground in Gaza and the West Bank (including a surge in demolitions of Palestinian structures and settlement expansion in the West Bank), and a continued decline of public confidence and support for a negotiated solution.

UK support is needed to protect the political and physical viability of a two-state solution, which the UK continues to believe represents the best framework to end the occupation and deliver peace and security for both Israelis and Palestinians. The UK has the ability to influence both sides to the conflict as a result of our strong bilateral relationships, strong engagement with communities throughout Israeli society, and our leading role in building the capacity of a future Palestinian state.

WHAT HMG OBJECTIVE AND WHICH SDG'S (IF SPENDING ODA) DOES THIS CONTRIBUTE TO?

CSSF MEPP contributes to HMG objectives, to help create a sovereign, independent, democratic, contiguous and viable Palestinian state living in peace and security side-by-side with Israel based along the 1967 borders.

A proportion of this programme is ODA eligible under the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee's revised directive on peace and security. The UK aid strategy (2015) sets out the UK Government's objectives to use its ODA budget

to strengthen global peace, security and governance by investing more to tackle the causes of instability, insecurity and conflict, and tackle crime and corruption.

This programme works towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 to promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies. The programme also works towards SDG 5, promoting gender equality and empowering all women and girls.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

This programme aims to achieve the following aggregated **outputs** over the following year:

- Perceptions of corruption in Palestinian Authority (PA) institutions tackled, and their transparency improved.
- Effective legal assistance provided to Palestinians at risk of displacement.
- Key infrastructure, particularly electricity provision, constructed in isolated parts of Area C, to facilitate continued Palestinian presence on their land.
- Positive perceptions of, and strengthened support for, the 2SS amongst key religious and other relevant Israeli constituencies.
- Under pressure Israeli organisations that advocate within Israeli society for Palestinians' rights are protected.
- Closer links between the West Bank and Gaza at the societal level promoted, to facilitate a later successful political reconciliation.
- Palestinian women's ability to achieve leadership positions in Palestinian society enhanced.

These outputs should contribute to the following **outcomes**:

- A more capable, accountable, sustainable and inclusive PA security sector; and improved, more inclusive PA legitimacy and ability to govern.
- The physical viability of the two state solution is preserved, with the rule of law upheld.
- The political viability of the two state solution is preserved and strengthened.