

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Security and Access to Justice for Peace					
HMG Partners (LEAD in bold)	Foreign and Commonwealth Office				
COUNTRY/REGION:	Colombia, South America				
TOTAL BUDGET:	ODA: £4.11m FY17/18	Non-ODA £0			
PROGRAMME DURATION	April 2015 to March 2020				
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	BUDGET	START	END
Planning and Implementation including multilateral contributions	FCO	United Nations, European Union,	£1.6m	April 17	March 18
Security Transition and Transformation	FCO	FCO	£1.3m	April 17	March 18
Improved Access to Justice	FCO	FCO	£1m	April 17	March 18
Delivery – Staffing	FCO	FCO	£207.5k	April 17	March 18

WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?

The UK is supporting the Government of Colombia to prepare and implement post peace agreement plans, via contributions to the UN Trust Fund on Colombia, in order to incentivise and leverage joined-up government planning and donor coordination. The Trust Fund is also being used to unblock issues in early implementation of the post peace agreement plans, to build confidence on all sides and ensure a compliant disarmament process with UK assistance. This will help fill important gaps in the government's institutional capacity to deliver peace. The UK's contribution to the EU Trust Fund is targeting conflict dynamics in rural development post conflict. Through the multilateral contributions, the UK will continue to work alongside like-minded partners such as Sweden, Norway and UN Women to ensure gender issues are considered in post-conflict planning and specifically, the multilateral instruments.

UK Technical advice to the Colombian police is being provided which is focussed on citizen security post conflict, drawing particularly on the experience of police transformation in Northern Ireland.

The UK is contributing to efforts to strengthen the security sector to confront post peace agreement challenges, including human rights compliance challenges, with support to the Colombian Ministry of Defence, to prepare for threats posed from criminal economies. The UK is also providing advice to the Colombian Army on future transformation scenarios post conflict.

Support to the justice sector to continue reforms and ensure it is fit for purpose, in a post-conflict scenario, is being achieved by supporting cross-sector approaches to citizen security in conflict affected cities and support to access to justice through the UN Trust Fund. Other areas of UK criminal justice pathway support to Colombia include; promoting approaches as an alternative to informal justice systems in areas where the FARC has been present for many years. Assistance to the Ministry of Justice and Prison Services to improve rehabilitation of offenders to prevent youth recruitment. Support to the Colombian Attorney General to conduct more effective investigation of emblematic crimes, such as attacks on social leaders and activists (including through fostering cooperation with the Colombian Police).

WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?

The legacy of a protracted conflict in Colombia has created an environment for organised crime and human rights abuses. Some of this instability has been exported, with Colombian criminal networks playing a

leading role in organised crime in Peru. Together the two countries account for 80% of global cocaine supply, a significant portion of which is trafficked to the EU and UK. Both have witnessed an increase in urban violence over recent years, and their state and democratic institutions risk being undermined by corruption and organised crime.

A strategic regional UK investment over the lifetime of the programme will complement long term UK security cooperation with Colombia, enabling the Government to finally achieve a sustainable peace agreement with the FARC. The signing of the peace deal in December 2016, an achievement in which the Colombian President acknowledged the UK's role, represents a historic opportunity for Colombia but international experience has shown that implementing the agreement and preventing a recurrence or recycling of conflict will be even harder. The benefits of peace will be multiple – enabling Colombia to tackle poverty, human rights abuses and increase economic growth.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

Colombia to achieving a Peace Deal that is stable through a safer, more democratic and prosperous society that respects the rule of law. This will be achieved via support to the Government of Colombia to prepare and implement post agreement plans; contribute to efforts to strengthen the security sector to confront post agreement challenges and support to the Colombian justice sector to continue criminal justice pathway reforms and ensure the justice system is fit for purpose in a post conflict scenario.