

CSSF PROGRAMME SUMMARY

PROGRAMME TITLE: Jordan Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Reform Programme			
HMG Partners (Lead in bold)		Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO)	
COUNTRY/REGION:		Jordan	
PROGRAMME DURATION: April 2016 – March 2019			
FY17-18 BUDGET:		ODA: £5.15m	Non-ODA: N/A
PROJECT/COMPONENT	LEAD DEPT	IMPLEMENTING ORGANISATION	FY16-19 BUDGET
Promoting prosperity and stability: Improving the resolution of labour disputes in Jordan	FCO	Adam Smith International	£2,200,000
Strategic communications development	FCO	Government Communications Service (GCS)	£1,150,000
Economic Research, Analysis and Debate	FCO	Adam Smith International	£1,600,000
Technical Assistance including female-led Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)	FCO	TBC	£200,000
WHAT SUPPORT IS THE UK PROVIDING?			
Summary			
<p>The programme aims to contribute to inclusive and sustainable economic growth in Jordan through the targeted provision of technical assistance in support of reforms under the King's mandate to government (2016); Vision 2025; and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Programme. It is delivered through the following strands:</p>			
Promoting prosperity and stability: Improving the resolution of labour disputes in Jordan			
<p>The project aims to reduce the impact of labour disputes which are not only costly to firms, employees, and the wider economy, but can contribute to social tensions. In conjunction with the Ministry of Labor (MoL), we are working to improve data collection and analysis of labour disputes, and to formulate better grievance processes within the existing legal framework. It also promotes the use of alternative dispute resolution through Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) training and accreditation in the mediation skills of MoL staff.</p>			
Exchange of best practice on Strategic Communications to Support Economic Reform			
<p>In conjunction with Cabinet Office's Government Communications Service (GCS), we will exchange best practice and expertise with the Government of Jordan to better communicate ongoing programmes of economic and other reform.</p>			
Economic Research, Analysis and Debate			
<p>In order to build a wider understanding of the case for economic reform in Jordan, we support the delivery of independent research on economic issues and government policies, which is then</p>			

brought into the public space.

Support to female-led SMEs

In order to tackle low levels of female labour force participation in Jordan, we will work with a pilot group of 10-12 female-led SMEs to support them in addressing the key challenges to female-led small and medium businesses.

WHY IS UK SUPPORT NEEDED?

This programme seeks to contribute to the economic sustainability of Jordan – a key UK priority. A stronger economy will mitigate some of the drivers of social unrest and violent extremism and support Jordan's stability. It will tackle some of the key challenges to economic sustainability including high levels of unemployment, whilst bolstering Jordanian efforts to improve public understanding of the need for economic reforms. The UK is well placed to carry out this work given extremely close links with the Jordanian Government; relevant expertise; and UK leadership in the economic field in Jordan following the London Conference in February 2016.

WHAT RESULTS DOES THE UK EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

The Programme's expected impact will be:

- Improved business and employment opportunities for Jordanians and Syrians, including for women.
- Quicker and less contentious resolution of disputes between workers and employers.
- Less contentious and more enduring implementation of economic reforms..