

Annual Review - Summary Sheet

PROGRAMME TITLE: North Africa Good Governance Fund (NAGGF) Regional Programme			
Country/Region:	North Africa		
HMG Partners (LEAD in bold)	Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department For International Development		
Total Budget:	ODA: £0.5m	Non-ODA: £0	
Start Date: 1 April 2016		End Date: 31 March 2017	
Outputs			Score
With little programming activity there were limited results to report on. The 2016 results framework was not comprehensive and did not align to work strands making it difficult to assess performance against outputs.			0
Outcome: With such limited programming it was not possible to demonstrate impact against the National Security Committee (NSC) strategy for North Africa. The team did, however, put in place building blocks to deliver in 2017.			
Outcome Score: N/A		Risk: Medium/High	

Summary of Programme Performance

Year	16/17							
Programme Score	C							
Risk Rating	Med-High							

What support is the UK providing?

The North Africa Good Governance Fund (NAGGF) Regional Programme aims to address systemic, institutional and societal factors that underlie instability in the North Africa region. It is made up of three components, the: Regional Fund; Technical Assistance Facility; and the staff costs of the Programme Hub in the cross-HMG North Africa Joint Unit (NAJU). NAJU combines the regional expertise of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) with the programming expertise of the Department for International Development (DFID). The programme's funding was transferred from the DFID baseline to FCO in 2016, to be overseen by the new NAJU. The Regional Programme sits alongside country-level CSSF allocations in Libya, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, and Algeria. The NAJU Programme Hub was made responsible for enabling appropriate oversight of these country portfolios from 1 April 2017.

Summary of progress

The programme did not achieve as anticipated. From an original budget of £6m, total spend was £500k. Achievements included: the set up of the NAJU team; establishment of the North Africa Strategic Steering Board (NASSB); design of the regional programme and Board sign off on objectives and focus; work with implementing partners to identify regional work; funding of the World Bank under the Regional Fund; and the commercial tender of the Technical Assistance Facility. Staffing issues, including capacity and recruitment, were a challenge throughout the year. These issues and governance were addressed towards the end of the period.

Summary of recommendations for the next year

To support the programme, now the NAJU Programme Hub are set up and responsibilities are clear, there must be tight and proactive oversight of finance, risk and results by the Programme Hub across the North Africa region, including the Regional Programme. Recognising the high delivery risk for financial year (FY) 2017/18 there is a need for ongoing support and oversight, from the Middle East and North Africa Strategic Programme team.

If capacity and recruitment remain an issue, the FCO and DFID need to discuss how to resolve this, escalating as necessary. The Programme Hub must develop a more formal Value for Money plan and implement the Monitoring and Evaluation plan, ensuring both are delivered for FY 2017/18.