

## The Conflict Stability and Security Fund

The CSSF is a global fund that provides programmatic support to countries at risk of conflict or instability. It is one of a few government funds to deliver a range of UK Government priorities as well as providing support to security, defence, peacekeeping, peacebuilding and stabilisation activity. The CSSF annual spend is close to £1.3 billion and it has expanded to deliver around 90 programmes across a range of challenging, sensitive and high-risk environments in over 70 countries.



The CSSF operates in 84 countries and delivers more than 90 programmes.



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The CSSF as a Fund has purposefully taken a decentralised approach to Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL), and has established a variety of programme specific MEL contracts to support it. However, it is recognised that existing systems and capacity to perform MEL functions vary greatly across the network (both across departments and agencies, and across programmes and portfolios). Comprehensive investment in MEL capacity is required, commensurated with the Fund's size, risk and ambition level to deliver against the UK Government's strategies, that address the demands of decision-makers and programme managers.

CSSF has contracted Niras-LTS and Integrity to deliver the Global Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (GMEL) partnership to support the development of a stronger, more agile and more sustainable global 'ecosystem' for monitoring, evaluation and learning at the Fund level. The contract aims to bring the CSSF to a level of evaluability, as well as enabling rigorous evidence-based programme decisions. NIRAS-LTS and Integrity will assess the existing MEL infrastructure and the capacity and capability across the CSSF network to deliver and embed a global MEL framework. Bespoke training, priorities and activities will be identified with an emphasis on understanding how the CSSF uses evidence and learns as an organisation.

The overall contract draws on design thinking and focuses on MEL strengthening in the following main areas (interlocking):

- **Change area 1 - Enabling Architecture:**  
Supporting a common MEL architecture that increases the overall standard and utility of the type, quantity and quality of information available across the network.
- **Change area 2 - Equipping the network:**  
Supporting individuals across the CSSF network to have the confidence and skills to contribute to better accountability, evidence-based decision making and learning.
- **Change area 3 - Convening spaces:**  
Enabling the CSSF network to create spaces for CSSF peers to reflect on and learn from each other's experience and know-how.

In delivering the contract, NIRAS-LTS and Integrity work closely with CSSF counterparts to ensure that co-creation, sustainability and utilisation are integrated into all activities. The contract's iterative and adaptive approach means LTS-NIRAS and Integrity are able to respond to emerging client requests in an agile way, thus ensuring added value and relevance.

### Client

The UK Government's Conflict Stability and Security Fund, Joint Funds Unit, Cabinet Office

### Partner

Integrity

### Location

Global

### Overall contract value

Approx. £9 million

### Duration

October 2019 - September 2022

**#5**  
Gender  
equality

**#16**  
Peace, justice  
and strong  
institutions

**#17**  
Partnerships  
for the goals