

# Do you need specialist advice on Violence against Women (VAW) and Children (VAC)?



**About us** FCDO's [What Works to Prevent VAWG: Impact at Scale](#) (What Works II) programme supports UK government staff working on VAWG and VAC globally through a demand-driven technical query service, short-term country assignments via the Ending Violence against Women and Children (VAWC) Helpdesk and longer-term technical accompaniment via the Learning Partnerships Team. We have a roster of over 70 specialists with diverse country expertise and with extensive experience in conflict-affected, humanitarian and development contexts across a range of sectors.

<b>Query service</b>	<b>Short-term country assignments</b>	<b>Longer-term accompaniment</b>
<p><b>Level of effort:</b> Up to 9 days.</p> <p><b>Delivered by:</b> Individual experts or researchers and QA, through the VAWC Helpdesk.</p> <p><b>Type of support:</b> Includes a wide variety of outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short phone calls to provide technical advice</li> <li>• Rapid evidence reviews</li> <li>• Mapping</li> <li>• Review of draft concept notes and business cases</li> <li>• Technical advice on logframes and Theories of Change</li> <li>• Desk research for Business Cases and other programme documents</li> </ul>	<p><b>Level of effort:</b> Up to 30 days over several months.</p> <p><b>Delivered by:</b> Individual experts or a small team of international and national experts, researchers, coordinators and QA, through the VAWC Helpdesk.</p> <p><b>Type of support:</b> Includes a wide variety of outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and advice to inform programme, policy or strategy design</li> <li>• Programme design and business case material</li> <li>• Programme/policy reviews and evaluations</li> <li>• Context and situational analysis and research</li> <li>• Implementation support and advice</li> <li>• Monitoring and evaluation</li> <li>• Staff training on VAW / VAC.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Level of effort:</b> 2-5 years.</p> <p><b>Delivered by:</b> An individual Technical Advisor from the What Works II Learning Partnership team working alongside the FCDO team.</p> <p><b>Types of support:</b> Longer-term technical advice to FCDO country offices from 2022-2028 to accompany the design and delivery of prevention programming on VAWG, either standalone or integrated into sectoral programmes.</p> <p>Also includes the option to request TA for partner governments.</p> <p>FCDO country offices selected for ongoing TA support can also request specific short-term country-focused support.</p>



**How is it funded?** The What Works II programme can support up to 5 short-term country assignments and 5 longer-term country accompaniments. We work closely with the FCDO SRO and PM to identify country offices to receive this support and can help discuss your needs to identify the most appropriate type of support. Beyond this, we also support additional short-term country assignments that can be funded by FCDO country offices directly.

**Don't need experts to visit in country?** You can commission an expert to review your draft concept note, theory of change, business case, or other programme documents remotely using the [query service](#). We have recently supported the British Embassy in Mexico to identify GBV trends in Latin America, CSSF Sahel to support survivors, and the British Embassy in Nepal to identify lessons learnt from a 7-year security and justice programme. We can also produce knowledge materials, such as guidance notes, or provide short strategic expert engagement at events.

**Want to know more about how we can help you?** Send us an email and we can discuss the different options further: [enquiry@VAWCHelpdesk.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@VAWCHelpdesk.org.uk)

Or contact FCDO's Ending Violence Team at: [chloe.pratt@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:chloe.pratt@fcdo.gov.uk)

## Examples of short-term country assignments

### Design of CSSF Central Asia WPS programme

A VAWG expert with extensive experience in the region supported CSSF Central Asia designing a three-year programme on Women Peace and Security (WPS) across the five Central Asian Republics.

The expert engaged with two implementing partners to provide guidance and oversight in the design of their Theory of Change, results framework and research methodology as well as work planning. In addition, the expert prepared an analysis of the synergies between both interventions and mapped other relevant interventions in the region with potential for collaboration with the CSSF's WPS work, and a lessons paper with recommendations for future funding. Lastly, the expert delivered capacity building training on the effectiveness and appropriateness of strategies to tackle VAWG in conflict affected contexts

### Programme Completion Report for FCDO Nepal's Security and Justice programme

The British Embassy in Nepal contracted us to provide a VAWG expert to join a two-person team doing a Programme Completion Review (PCR) of the seven-year Integrated Programme for Strengthening Security and Justice (IPSSJ) (2014-2021). Through this programme, the UK provided £45.5m of assistance and included a specific aim to prevent and respond to gender-based violence.

As part of the Project Completion Report, the expert reviewed key documents and data relating to the programme and conducted interviews with stakeholders. The expert also conducted two field visits with IPSSJ team members to programme sites in Nepal to understand how IPSSJ is helping strengthen security and justice, particularly for women and children, and identify any key lessons.