

UK Statement.

DFID 's current planning cycle will finish in March 2011 and so early next year we will start discussions with GOB about the new programme. The presentations and discussion over the last 2 days will be helpful in guiding our thinking.

The DFID current programme is 10 million sterling and covers:

Social sectors( 60%)

Justice and governance with SIDA

Humanitarian we hope we will be able to transfer into development.

Regional programme – supporting integration into EAC and establishment of Revenur Authority.

As you can see the current programme represents the balance of the 3 pillars; social sectors, political and growth and we do this where possible through harmonized and aligned approaches to support Government strategies. Very pleased to hear government commitment to improving donor-coordination and we will do our best to do our part.

However I don't see that we will change our focus sectors as although excellent progress has been made in the social sectors : needs remain the health indicators and poverty remain high.

Next year we will have our own elections, even if there is a change in leadership we don't expect a huge change in direction but we do expect increased scrutiny about what we are doing and where.

Therefore I was very pleased to hear governments commitment to improving governance, as we remain seriously concerned about access to justice and impunity, in addition commitment to ensuring free and fair elections as these will undoubtedly be critical to any future decisions about support to Burundi.

Many thanks MR Chariman