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Canada’s Engagement in Afghanistan

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Our ultimate aim is to leave Afghanistan to Afghans, in a viable country that is better governed, more peaceful and more secure.





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2005

PRT

August 2005: Canadian Provincial
Reconstruction Team established in
Kandahar



Elections

September 2005: Canada supports
democratic parliamentary and
provincial elections



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2006

Aid

January 2006: Canada reaffirms aid commitment at London Conference and endorses the Afghanistan Compact



Kandahar

February 2006: Canadian Forces relocate to Kandahar



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2007

Aid

February 2007: Prime Minister Harper announces \$200M in additional reconstruction and development funds



Manley Panel

October 2007: Prime Minister Harper creates the Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role In Afghanistan



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2008

Manley Panel

January 2008: Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan releases its report



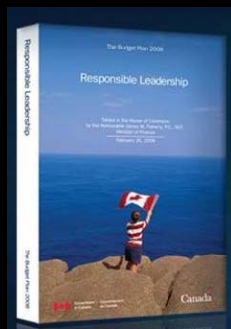
Parliamentary Motion

March 2008: Canada's Parliament adopts a motion to extend Canada's military mission in Afghanistan to 2011



Aid

February 2008: Budget 2008 invests \$100M in additional reconstruction



Paris Conference

June 2008: Afghanistan National Development Strategy endorsed at the Paris Conference



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2008

Quarterly Report: June 2008

The first in a planned series of quarterly reports is tabled in parliament

Re-focus

June 2008: Canada begins to shift up to 50% of programming to Kandahar



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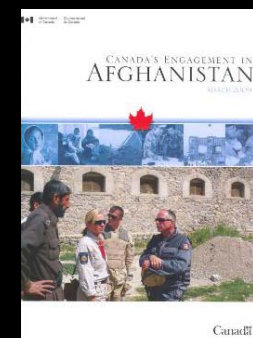
Dahla Dam

January 2009: Main phase of Dahla Dam project launched



Quarterly Report: March 2009

Fourth quarterly report on Afghanistan highlights one of the central elements of Canada's mission – advancing Afghanistan's rule of law.



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On April 11, 2010 the Kandahar Project Reconstruction Team evolved into a fully integrated Canada-US civilian-led organization.

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Focussing our priorities

A Canada-made plan predicated on six targeted priorities:



1. Security



4. Border Management
and Dialogue



2. Basic services



5. Democratic
Development and
National Institution



3. Humanitarian
Assistance



6. Afghan-led
Reconciliation



Signature Projects in Kandahar



Dahla Dam

Generating jobs and
fostering agriculture:
From poppies to
pomegranates



Polio Eradication

Closing the gap
towards eradication
of the disease



Education

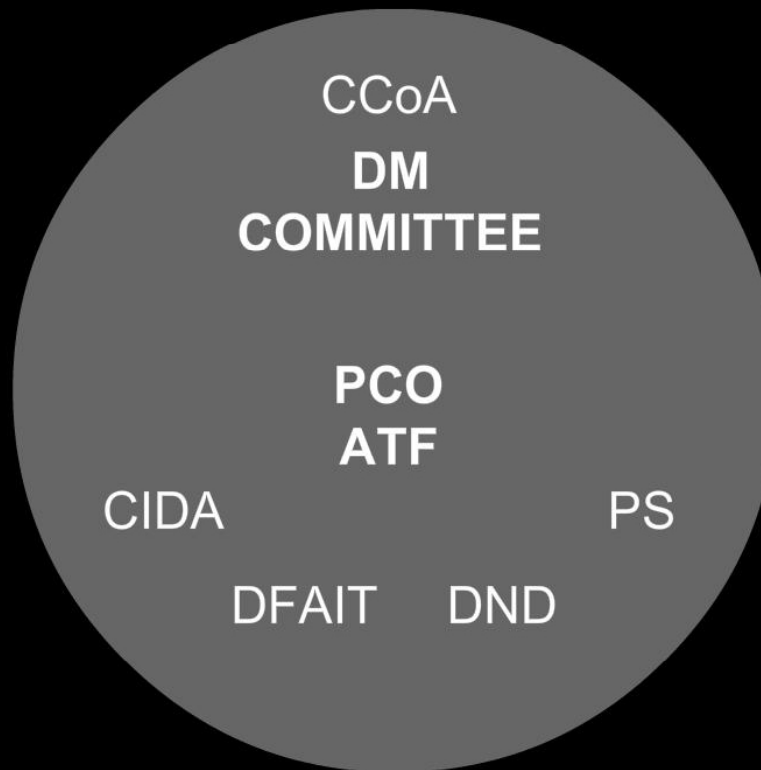
Building, repairing
or expanding 50
schools in targeted
districts



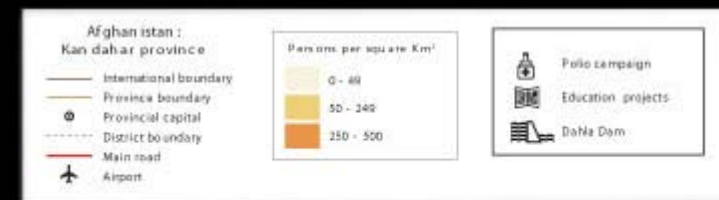
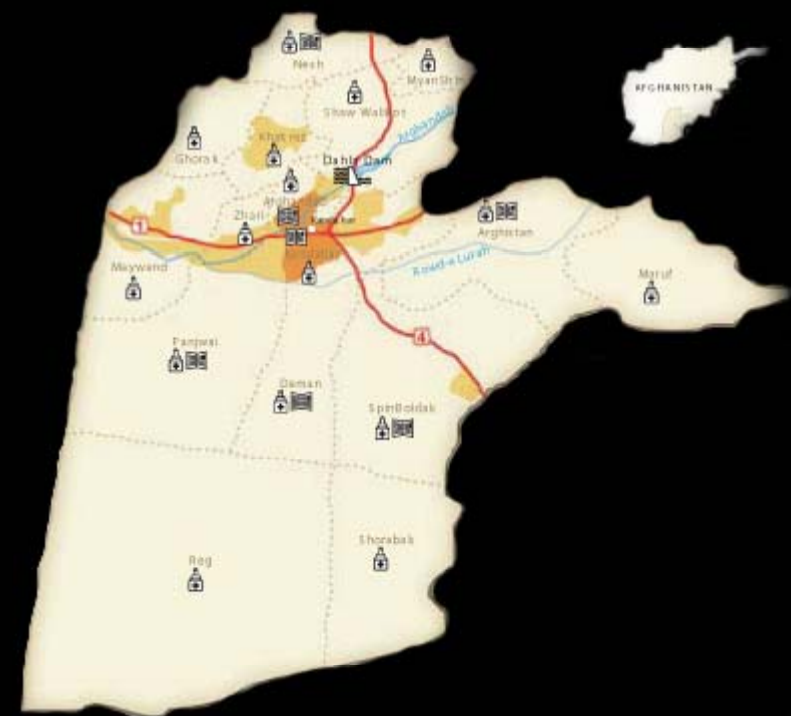


Whole-of-government approach

Whole-of-government coordination led by the Cabinet Committee on Afghanistan, supported by an Afghanistan Task Force at the Privy Council Office with cooperation across various departments and agencies



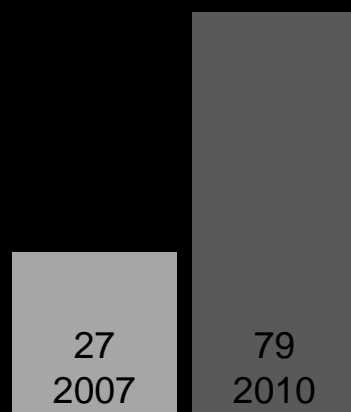
- Integrated civ/mil planning
- Pulling down programming into Kandahar
- State building and legitimacy
- Engagement: Beyond Ottawa, Beyond Embeds



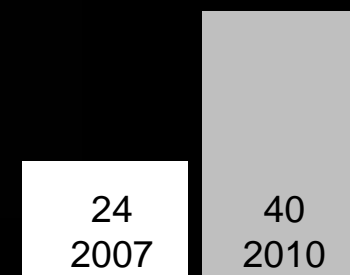


A growing civilian presence: 121 civilians (January 2010)

Coherence
of effort



Civilians in
Kandahar



Civilians in
Kabul



Measuring Progress | Nationwide

Progress is incremental, but there to see

- 23,500 individuals have received literacy training (TARGET ACHIEVED).
- 4,150 people have completed vocational training (TARGET ACHIEVED).
- Job creation through infrastructure projects such as road and bridge construction in preparation for Dahla Dam project phase.
- 34 provincial offices created for the Electoral Complaints Commission.
- 95,500 tonnes of food were provided nationally between October and December 2009.



Measuring Progress | Kandahar

Progress is incremental, but there to see

- 2,105 Afghan National Police (ANP) officers received training.
- Number of completed schools now at 14 with 28 more under construction.
- In October, November and December 2009, more than 376,000, 386,000 and 391,500 children respectively were vaccinated in Kandahar province.
- Courses were provided to 731 health care workers in order to contribute to increased access to health services (TARGET ACHIEVED).
- More than 220,000 people have received mine-risk education (TARGET ACHIEVED).



Measuring Progress | Kandahar Economic Growth

Progress is incremental, but there to see

- Employment footprint spans programming in all priority areas.
- 70% of identified communities in key districts have completed infrastructure projects.
- Loans were provided to over 1,100 clients (TARGET ACHIEVED).
- 1,100 small- and medium-sized new businesses registered in Kandahar province.
- Recent poll indicates that 52% of Kandaharis polled are satisfied with provision of education and 46% with employment opportunities.



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