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## Kandahar Province

### OVERVIEW

USAID estimated support for Kandahar from January 2002 - June 2011: \$475.4 million

Estimated population: 1,058,000 (Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Central Statistics Office: Estimated Population of Afghanistan 2008-2009)

Capital: Kandahar

Note: Canadian-led PRT



The arid province of Kandahar is one of Afghanistan's largest and least populated regions. The capital, Kandahar City, is one of the oldest cities in the world and, as the capital of the emerging 18<sup>th</sup> century Afghanistan, it is generally considered the birthplace of modern Afghanistan. Kandahar is the home province of President Hamid Karzai and shares a 402 km porous border with the Pakistani province of Baluchistan. The majority Pashtun population speaks mainly Pashtu and Dari. The agriculture-based economy, well known for its diversity of fruits, has in recent years become heavily dependent on poppy crops as a source of revenue. While the central government has established councils in Kandahar, shura (local) law continues to play a significant judicial role in the region.

### AGRICULTURE

**Goal:** Increase agricultural sector jobs and income through a) increased agricultural productivity by increasing farmer access to inputs and effective extension services; b) invigorated agribusiness by increasing linkages between farmers, markets, credit, and trade corridors; and c) rehabilitated watersheds and improved irrigation infrastructure. Also, increase Afghans' confidence in their government by increased Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation, and Livestock's (MAIL) capacity to deliver services and promote the private sector and farmer associations through direct budget and technical assistance.

**Summary:** USAID focuses on quick impact, agriculture stabilization components such as subsidized seed packages, cash for work and small grants, and also longer term improving value added processing facilities public works and infrastructure while developing agribusiness clusters and associated income-generating activities to accelerate business development.

### Current Activities:

- Train Kuchi leaders in peace and negotiation methods
- Conduct technical training for 200 pomegranate producers in integrated pest management and orchard management
- Establish linkages between traders association and international buyers; facilitate exports to Germany, UAE, India, Pakistan, and Holland
- Expand the coverage area of the farm service center to new areas
- Provide technical assistance to farmers to enhance their capacity for orchard, poultry, and garden management
- Improve the quality of grapes through vineyard trellising
- Establish post harvest training for the farmers engaged with grapes and pomegranate products
- Assist merchants the trail grape and pomegranate shipments to Australia, India, Dubai, and EC markets



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- Apply the pomegranate and grape value chain program to improve the product quality, grading, packing, packaging, pre-cooling, transporting, and marketing of grapes and pomegranates in new international markets

### Accomplishments:

- Trained 21 para-veterinarians, established 16 self-sustaining veterinary field units, provided local farmers with support in hygiene and care of livestock, and funded vaccinations and medicines for more than 550,000 animals
- Completed 257 cash-for-work activities providing quick employment to more than 31,000 workers and farmers
- Planted more than 1,400 hectares of orchard land with 1.4 million pomegranate, plum, and apricot trees, and 10,000 jeribs of land with 200,000 vineyard cuttings
- Rehabilitated 22 canals, two retaining walls, 57 irrigation systems, 100 wells, and 100 ponds to provide a reliable water supply to farmers
- Established 153 demonstration plots and trained farmers in water-conserving drip irrigation systems, agricultural processing and export, and the construction of farm buildings
- Trained more than 28,000 farmers in various agriculture-related practices
- Distributed more than 500 metric tons of high quality seeds and more than 2,700 metric tons of fertilizer in Kandahar to increase the quality of crops and promote legal means of livelihood
- Provided 32,000 fruit drying mats, built a cold storage and processing facility, and trained farmers in packaging and processing techniques that add value to traditional crops such as raisins and nuts
- Rebuilt 51 kishmis khanas (raisin drying sheds)
- Disbursed more than \$1.6 million in twenty two small grants throughout Arghandab and Spin Boldak districts to benefit 14,400 farmers that provided critical agricultural machinery so that farmers can plant and harvest their crops more efficiently and profitably
- Developed skills, boosted the economy, and created employment opportunities through cash-for-work projects for 18,300 Afghan laborers, including 33 water and infrastructure rehabilitation projects that have benefited 194,000 residents
- Established and continue to support one private, full-service wholesale level AgDepot farm store that provides agriculture supplies and services to support key legal crops and animal health (the store and the training it provides have benefitted 4,300 rural households, trained 3,000 individuals, increased sales by \$1.58 million, and created 33 full-time equivalent jobs)
- Established linkages between local producers and foreign buyers, which facilitated the export of more than 1,500 MT of fresh and dried fruit to overseas markets in India, Dubai, Canada, Singapore, and the United Kingdom
- Generated additional agribusiness along the export value chain
- Increased sales of legal farm and non-farm products by \$41.7 million
- Established the Kandahar Farm Service Center, providing agricultural inputs and services to more than 17,000 households, trained 4,000 farmers, and produced sales of \$6 million
- Implemented more than 550 cash-for-work stabilization projects, which created short-employment for 84,000 Afghan laborers
- Distributed 127,200 agricultural voucher packages worth \$13.7 million to Afghan farmers
- Disbursed small grants worth \$5.5 million in agricultural machinery and implements to more than 43,000 farmers
- Provided agricultural training to more than 82,000 farmers and 56 Afghan government representatives



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- Trained 200 pomegranate producers in orchard management, soil and water management, integrated pest management, and harvest and post-harvest management
- Trained 10 pomegranate traders in marketing skills and post-harvest management
- Established the Kandahar Fresh Fruit Association (KFFA)
- Created linkages between the traders association and Afghan exporters resulting in signed contracts for 1,500 MT pomegranates
- Facilitated the air shipment of pomegranates to India and Germany, and truck shipments to India via Pakistan
- Completed the first cold chain shipment to Europe via refrigerated truck in more than 30 years with 14.5 MT of pomegranates exported to the Netherlands
- Established the Kandahar Farm Service Center that provides agricultural inputs and services, and has produced sales of \$6.4 million, created 87 full-time equivalent jobs, trained 5,000 farmers in agriculture related activities, and benefited 18,000 households
- Contributed to the development of a rangeland law
- Established 507.8 hectares of new orchards and provided training on land preparation, layout, and planting techniques for 652 farmers
- Trained 94 farmers on trellis installation
- Established 50 kitchen gardens and 25 poultry units to enhance woman's role in food production
- Assisted Kandahar merchants on a reefer truck shipment of 7.5MT grapes to India, collected from Dand, Arghandab, and Daman districts
- Exported 27MT of fresh grapes to Pakistan
- Trained farmers from different districts of the province on quality improvement techniques including proper usage of gibberellic acid

### DEMOCRACY & GOVERNANCE

**Goal:** Build the capacity of government institutions to improve the quality of government services to Afghan citizens. Support independent media institutions and advocacy groups.

**Summary:** USAID supports democracy and governance in Kandahar Province through assistance to the justice sector, community based alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, media, civil-society, and governance development.

#### Current Activities:

- Provide capacity building training to civil-society organizations
- Support a radio station in Spin Boldak District
- Fund local youth councils, providing training and civic involvement opportunities for young women and men
- Train the provincial council, which improves professionalism, knowledge, and skills resulting in more effective and transparent leadership.
- Provide assistance to improve the ability of the mayor and municipal staff to respond to citizen needs and to provide essential public services such as power, water, sanitation, safe roads, and waste management
- Train provincial- and district-level civil servants in the five common functions highlighted in the Afghanistan National Development Strategy: financial management, human resources management, procurement, project management, and strategy and policy development



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- Provide institutional capacity development and advocacy support to women-focused Afghan civil-society organizations
- Create district-level governance councils under the auspices of the Independent Directorate for Local Government
- Provide technical assistance to political parties and political party leaders through training
- Support the development of issue based coalitions and parliamentary caucuses to help members of parliament develop and coordinate parliamentary groupings
- Support the development and outreach efforts of civil-society organizations of dedicated to advancing women's rights in Afghanistan through democratic processes
- Provide advocacy and journalism training for youth and students
- Support accountable municipal governance, improved municipal delivery of public services, and improved generation and management of municipal revenue in provincial capitals
- Provide the provincial governor with operational resources and money for community outreach and micro projects to support his needs and serve as incentive to develop
- Build the capacity of community based alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, support and build the capacity of elders' networks through facilitating meetings and training, and provide training to community members on community based alternative dispute resolution and legal rights
- Develop the human and institutional capacity of the courts, increase access to justice particularly for women, and develop and implement a case tracking system including professional training for judges and administrators on the system

### Accomplishments:

- Supported justice sector development through the publication and distribution of Judicial Reference Law sets, a 17-volume collection of laws, to 23 judges
- Developed and trained judges and court administrators in the new Afghanistan Court Administration System, a case-management system that improves the courts' ability to manage cases and provide due process, leading to more effective and transparent rule of law
- Supported justice sector development through a one-month Foundation Training Program for 12 sitting judges and a one-year Supreme Court-mandated Stage Judicial Training Program for nine judicial candidates, providing judges access to the tools necessary to officiate over the courts
- Assisted the Supreme Court in drafting a new ethics code for all judges and provided training for all of Afghanistan's judges in the contents and importance of the code
- Built a provincial Court of Appeals and an integrated judicial facility for prosecutors and Ministry of Justice personnel, as well as two district administration buildings
- Promoted legal and human rights awareness, including women's rights, through public education campaigns in a variety of media, thereby making information accessible even to those who cannot read
- Promoted participation in governance through a number of civic education programs prior to the 2004-2005 elections
- Facilitated consensus-building efforts through civic education training and dialogue sessions with mullahs and sharia teachers, improving professionalism, knowledge, and local leadership skills
- Refurbished a government television station in Spin Boldak District, extending the reach of Afghanistan's central government
- Supported the 2008 voter registration exercise, assisted domestic and international observation missions, trained political parties and independent poll agents, conducted a series of poll surveys ahead of the elections, and ultimately helped conduct the 2009/2010 elections
- Provided capacity building training to 17 civil-society organizations



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- Established a radio station
- Coordinated, educated and directed the Provincial council and provincial government representatives to participate in the Afghan national budget execution and program implementation workshop
- Awarded 19 grants
- Trained 228 civil servants in the Afghanistan National Development Strategy

### ECONOMIC GROWTH

**Goal:** Create a developed business climate that enables private investment, job creation, and financial independence.

**Summary:** USAID's economic growth program helps the Afghan government develop sound economic governance and works with the private sector to stimulate investment and business opportunities. USAID partners with Afghans and the Afghan government to attract investment, generate sustainable employment, and expand market linkages. USAID promotes economic growth in Kandahar Province through expanding access to modern banking services and telecommunications, and through supporting small and medium enterprises.

#### Current Activities:

- Establish a provincial budgeting regional training hub in Kandahar Province to support training of officials in nearby provinces and coordination with line ministries
- Build the capacity of interns and professional mentees as future leaders of Afghanistan's private-sector
- Construct small markets in Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot districts to provide safe modern facilities for commercial activity
- Improve sanitation at two Kandahar City markets by providing clean water and latrines
- Support 715 (more than 50 percent women) small and medium enterprises
- Support the privatization of state-owned enterprises including Kamaz 6 and Afghan Fertilizer
- Support community-owned and managed Islamic investment and finance cooperatives, which provide financial services to members
- Support the Afghanistan Central Business Registry (ACBR) to refine service delivery, including conducting an information campaign, streamlining procedures, and achieving greater harmonization between other bodies providing business services (e.g. licensing and Tax Identification Number offices)
- Work with the Liquidation Committee of Central Authority for Water Supply and Sewerage to assess the company's assets and liabilities with a view toward corporatization (the Afghan Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Corporation will eventually assume responsibility for the assets and liabilities, leading to better water and sanitation services for the people of Kandahar)
- Support a business development center through an economic development grant to provide internet, printing and translation facilities

#### Accomplishments:

- Built a cardboard box factory that now provides proper packing materials to dried fruit exporters
- Trained 118 interns and 99 professional mentees as future leaders of Afghanistan's private-sector
- Conducted outreach to journalists, non-government organization officers and the private-sector on the benefits and requirements of the Afghanistan/Pakistan Transit Trade Agreement as well as its potential impact on the local and national economies
- Connected provincial government offices to Kabul through broadband technology (this government communications network facilitates active transparent governance)



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- Constructed small markets in Arghandab and Shah Wali Kot districts to provide safe modern facilities for commercial activity
- Disbursed more than \$1.2 million in microfinance and small business loans through USAID-funded financial institutions
- Established the ACBR Kandahar office, which has processed more than 1,500 applications since its launch in March 2010, generating more than \$17,000 in revenue
- Established an Islamic investment and finance cooperative, which is now providing a range of sharia-compliant financial services
- Established seven Islamic investment and finance cooperatives with 4,525 members (5.6 percent women)
- Disbursed more than \$1.6 million in sharia-compliant loans
- Established or supported five business associations focusing on women-owned businesses, construction, carpentry, carpet weaving, and embroidery
- Implemented an automated core banking system, provided additional communications technology and training for bank staff, and expanded and refurbished two provincial branches of Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) that operate as the paying agent for the government and disburses all social, payroll, and procurement payments (services such as these increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the social and economic infrastructure of Afghanistan, contributing to the development of the public and private-sectors)
- Improved sanitation at two Kandahar City markets by providing clean water and latrines
- Installed 12 district communications network centers, operated by Afghan Telecom, that provide telephones, internet, and photocopying services to district government officials and the public
- Installed the revenue reconciliation and accounting database in the Kandahar Mustofiat, which has dramatically reduced processing times of Afghan government revenue receipts, production on revenue reports, and uploading into the consolidated MoF Financial Management System
- Merged the DAB Kandahar branch CBS system with the head office, permitting real-time inter-branch payment transfers (with the head office of five additional merged branches) and strengthening DAB consolidated financial reporting capabilities
- Promoted economic expansion and rural enterprise development through micro-credit lending
- Provided capacity building to the Afghanistan International Chamber of Commerce
- Provided grants to 23 small businesses and associations to strengthen Afghanistan's business community, facilitate business growth, and enable associations to serve their members through training and business registration assistance
- Provided private-sector economic opportunities through the construction of Shorandam Industrial Park
- Trained customs staff on exemptions, valuation, tariffs, certificates of origin, smuggling, penalties, and preparation of trade statistics to build a professional, modern customs authority
- Supported 498 (more than 50 percent women) small and medium enterprises through association grants, business events, trade fairs, workshops, business development training, internship programs, and mentorships
- Trained 163 entrepreneurs from small and medium enterprises in accounting, proposal writing, business planning, management, leadership, and basic computing
- Support the revenue reconciliation team of the Kandahar Mustofiat centered on accurate revenue collection posting and reporting to center

## EDUCATION



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**Goal:** Improve the quality of basic education through improved teacher quality and increased availability of primary school textbooks; improve the quality of higher education; institutional development capacity; improve the livelihoods of urban and rural communities through increased literacy and employability instruction.

**Summary:** USAID supports educational improvements in Kandahar Province through four national education projects. USAID has provided in-service teacher training (INSET), developed in-school teacher support activities (ITSA), provided radio-based teacher support programs, provided literacy and vocational schools, printed textbooks, trained education faculty professors, and constructed and/or refurbished schools.

### Current Activities:

- Conduct INSET 2 training for teachers
- Develop accelerated learning materials and train trainers
- Conduct school management training
- Implement INSET 3 focused on literacy and numeracy for primary teachers
- Train primary and secondary school teachers and administrators in modern teaching methods via district-based teacher training teams
- Work with the faculty of education to improve the teaching skills of professors through training in pedagogy, subject knowledge, computer literacy, English, institutional development, leadership, management, administration, professional attitudes, and teacher standards
- Sponsor higher education opportunities in Afghanistan and abroad (one faculty member is enrolled in the Afghan Master's Program in Kabul and two will complete study tours in university administrative systems)
- Offer the 18-month program in literacy and productive skills to youth and adults
- Implement grant activities to provide assistance to a school for the repair and construction of latrines, enlarge classrooms, repair the water system, and construct a recreational play area for students to exercise
- Improve students' computer skills and promoting the use of the Internet through the newly established Professional Development and E-learning Center for Teaching and Learning in Kandahar University
- Support 100 emergency community-based classes in three districts in which 3,000 students of internally displaced population/refugees are enrolled
- Continue textbook printing and distribution support

### Accomplishments:

- Integrated 100 community based education classes into the Ministry of Education system
- Supported a development-focused adult literacy program to educate 1,200 residents who did not have the opportunity to pursue a formal education under the Taliban
- Established a Professional Development Center at Kandahar University
- Sponsored continuing education opportunities in Afghanistan and abroad for professors (two teachers were sent on study tours to the United States and Vietnam)
- Fostered 20 local youth councils for 400 young people (50 percent female) to increase youth participation in the reconstruction and advancement of their communities
- Established 116 literacy centers for more than 2,900 youth and adults (37 percent female) in 54 communities
- Trained approximately 4,550 teachers and 220 trainers in INSET training
- Established more than 169 teacher learning circles in 128 schools
- Developed school improvement plans in 128 schools
- Established 142 school management committees



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- Completed 3,700 teacher observations during the project life
- Printed more than 1.7 million textbooks
- Established 34 school manager practicum groups for 159 school principals
- Constructed 23 schools
- Introduced a teacher standards program and a standards working committee for assessment and validation
- Trained eleven faculty members on the use of the Afghanistan higher education portal
- Introduced the International Computer Driver's License program at Kandahar University

### HEALTH

**Goal:** Improve access to and quality of health services and increase the abilities of individuals, families, and communities to protect their health.

**Summary:** USAID's principal health investments in Kandahar Province preventative healthcare come through support for the Basic Package of Health Services (BPHS) and the Essential Package of Hospital Services (EPHS), including technical assistance to the Provincial Health Office and implementing non-governmental organizations, pre-service and refresher training for community health workers, and the provision of refresher training courses for nurses and physicians.

#### Current Activities:

- Support 31 health facilities to implement BPHS and EPHS
- Support social marketing of health and family planning products (such as contraceptives, water purification agents, and oral rehydration salts for diarrhea) through private sector outlets
- Fund the Diseases Early Warning System for 14 routine conditions/diseases in 10 sentinel sites
- Implement the Integrated Child Survival Package at the community level in Daman District, including growth monitoring and promotion, community case management, and newborn care
- Support full implementation of tuberculosis activities including initial and refresher trainings on the treatment of tuberculosis, upgrading lab facilities, strengthening lab microscopy, and introducing or scaling-up community based initiatives such as community awareness of tuberculosis and treatment of tuberculosis by community health workers
- Distribute community awareness materials for tuberculosis, diagnostic, treatment and training packages for tuberculosis including a database information system and maintenance equipment for the database
- Procure and distribute high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives
- Support the Provincial Public Health Office and the Provincial Public Health Coordination Committee to strengthen the technical, leadership, and management capacity of the provincial health team to support the delivery of BPHS and EPHS
- Establish health facility quality assurance committees in health facilities to ensure healthcare providers have the required skills
- Support the Ministry of Public Health to identify and select regional trainers for mental health
- Provide training on reproductive health and family planning to enable religious leaders to provide accurate information to communities
- Provide technical support for a clinical site to strengthen newborn care training
- Increase the technical and managerial skills of healthcare workers through refresher training for doctors, nurses, and lab technicians
- Fund province-wide Community Health Worker pre-service and refresher training



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### Accomplishments:

- Established a model tuberculosis learning center for health providers
- Procured and distributed high-quality pharmaceuticals and contraceptives valued at \$1.1 million
- Trained 13,700 pharmacists, shura members, and community health workers on safe drinking water, oral rehydration salts, and birth spacing to increase the quality of preventative healthcare
- Trained provincial health officers to develop monthly joint monitoring plans to support the delivery of BPHS and EPHS

### INFRASTRUCTURE

**Goal:** Improve infrastructure to create legal economic opportunities, promote freedom of movement, and facilitate delivery of government and social services.

**Summary:** The infrastructure program in Kandahar Province focuses on improving roads, water, and energy facilities while building the capacity of local workers and supporting the local economy using locally available materials.

### Current Activities:

- Improve the sustainability of the Kandahar electric utility by reducing its systems losses, enhancing cost recovery, and strengthening management
- Maintain the Kandahar to Tirin Kot Highway and strengthen the capacity of provincial staff of the Ministry of Public Works to implement road maintenance through Afghan contractors
- Begin work to improve the Southeast Power System, which is the significant source of electricity in Southern Afghanistan serving 380,000 of the 1.7 million people residing in the region
- Prepare to upgrade the transmission substations that are the backbone for electrical transmission, and renovate the distribution system to residences and businesses such that the power can be used
- Improve health and sanitation by constructing water supply systems
- Install solar system to provide renewable energy to government buildings in Arghandab

### Accomplishments:

- Rehabilitated 169 km of the Ring Road, reducing travel time of passenger buses from Kabul and Hirat by 67 percent and 73 percent respectively
- Rehabilitated 7 km of the Route Red Dog to help improve security and spur economic development
- Rehabilitated four km of the provincial road from Shah Wali Kot to Nesh
- Supported operation and maintenance of the Kandahar diesel generation plant and trained the Afghan staff to provide such services in the future
- Constructed 8 km of paved road in Arghistan District
- Rehabilitated the 79 km Kandahar to Arghistan provincial road, the 66 km Kandahar to Tirin Kot National Highway, and four district center roads in Zharai, Daman, Shega and Maywand, with a combined length of 9 km
- Rehabilitated the 68 km Spin Boldak to Bikah Road to help improve security and spur economic development
- Constructed or refurbished one dam, four wells, and one water tank, increasing water supply for residential consumption and agricultural use



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- Improved the Kandahar Airport terminal and airstrip, more effectively connecting residents to other parts of the country and region
- Installed 20 solar street lights in Maiwand district center, 50 solar street lights in Arghandad district center, and distribution of approximately 700 solar lanterns in Panjwayee District
- Erected 12 solar street lights in Panjwayee District

### STABILIZATION

**Goal:** Improve stability, extend the reach of the Afghan government, and promote stabilization efforts that lay the groundwork for medium- to long-term development activities.

**Summary:** USAID creates linkages and builds confidence between communities and the local government through small-scale infrastructure, training, and community development projects.

#### Current Activities:

- Provide radio station equipment and operations support to establish local stations in Arghandab, Kandahar City, and Zhari
- Provide teacher, student, recreation, and laboratory kits to primary schools in districts 6, 7, 8, and 9 of Kandahar City
- Provide cash-for-work programming to create community cohesion and tie communities to the Afghan government in Kharez District in support of Village Stabilization Operations
- Refurbish Baba Sahib Historical Site in Arghandab District
- Enhance boundary walls at Loymunura Girls' High School in Arghandab District
- Install solar lights in the Hadeira business district and Sakhari Bagh Park in Arghandab District
- Distribute hand-crank radios in Arghandab District and Kandahar City
- Refurbish the municipal building in Kandahar City
- Support shuras through tent and food provision in Kandahar City and the Zhari and Arghandab districts
- Provide internet access and training to the Department of Women's Affairs in Kandahar
- Furnish Kandahar University's new dormitory
- Conduct a Hamkari public relations campaign on behalf of Kandahar City
- Refurbish Passab Bazaar, establish the Passab Temporary School, and furnish Bagh-e-Pul School in Zhari
- Support community-level labor intensive programs that improve city infrastructure, support community development priorities, and offer temporary employment (wages earned through these public and community works projects enable the urban poor to support themselves and their families)

#### Accomplishments:

- Created linkages and built confidence between communities and the district, provincial, and central levels of government primarily through infrastructure projects
- Provided security and facility upgrades at the Arghandab and Shahwali Kot district government centers
- Procured school supplies and 150 desks and chairs, distributed by the Zhari District Governor to the Pir Mohammad School in Senajary Village and a temporary school in Bagh-e-pol District
- Installed solar light panels at Kandahar University to increase security at night
- Built the capacity of local officials to govern effectively by providing training and mentoring support at the district and provincial levels
- Refurbished a canal in Panjwai District to ensure reliable sources of water for irrigation



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- Repaired roads through a cash-for-work program in Spin Boldak District
- Removed 33,000 cubic meters of silt and debris from the drains and rehabilitation of sidewalks in Kandahar City
- Rehabilitated two key irrigation streams in Panjwayee District
- Desilted Daman District flooded canals
- Constructed a canal intake system in Spin Boldak District
- Refurbished, furnished, and improved District Centers in Arghandab, Spin Boldak and Zhari districts
- Installed wells in Nagahan and Laghar schools in Arghandab District
- Conducted contractor training to raise contractor capacity in Arghandab and Spin Boldak districts
- Enhanced boundary walls at Sar Kari Clinic, Hadeira Clinic, Baba Wali School, and Khosal Khan School in Arghandab and the Spin Boldak District Center to improve school security
- Installed solar street lamps in Arghandab District for clinic and road safety
- Trained an estimated 300 farmers in Arghandab District to adopt export standards for pomegranates and facilitated their unsubsidized export to Dubai
- Conducted non-government organization training in Kandahar City and Spin Boldak District
- Provided furnishings to the Children's Detention Facility in Kandahar City and refurbished two schools in Kandahar City
- Refurbished drainage infrastructure in the bazaar in Spin Boldak District
- Conducted women's livelihood's training in Arghandab District
- Delivered assistance to 830 families suffering losses from international military operations against the insurgency