



## FACT SHEET

### Kandahar Province

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#### USAID FUNDING

Funding from 2002 – 2006: **\$57 M**

FY2007 Funding Plan: **\$197 M**

USAID has provided over \$57 million in assistance to Kandahar Province. At the provincial level, it has supported infrastructure, agriculture, government capacity building, the private sector, development of an industrial park, radio and news broadcasting, and the rule of law. Over the medium term, USAID will launch a new agricultural credit program in the province, and continue assistance to the horticultural sector through the Alternative Livelihoods Program. Since the conclusion of Operation Medusa late last year, USAID has committed \$25 million in new development funding to Kandahar Province, with a special focus on Panjway and Zhari districts. New activities include:

- \$800,000 through the United Nations, for immediate non-food assistance **Status:** Report is pending.
- \$1.2 million for small scale, village-level National Solidarity Program (NSP) projects. **Status:** NSP received an advance of nearly \$300,000 for the USAID/ UNDP-funded NSP projects and aims to fund 21 projects under this block grant fund.
- \$3.0 million for National Area-Based Development Program (NABDP) projects—identified through a district level participatory development process—in Kandahar Province, with special emphasis on the Panjway and Zhari districts. **Status:** \$1.3 million has been committed to projects benefiting 23,810 families in Panjway and Maiwand. Out of a total 16 projects, 13 have been completed.
- \$4.5 million for reconstruction of war-damaged housing through ACAP in Panjway and Zhari districts. **Status:** The Governor of Kandahar, MRRD, local Shura representatives and IOM have agreed that a lump sum cash allowance over four installments will be provided for post-Operation Medusa shelter reconstruction. Cash distribution and construction progress will be monitored by MRRD, IOM, local village Shura representatives and a representative from the Governor's office.

#### ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURE

New projects in Kandahar include a spring seed program which provides seven metric tons of vegetable seeds (watermelon, cucumber, okra, onion, carrot, tomato, eggplant, chili pepper, leek, and radish) and seven metric tons of pulses (red bean, soybean and peanut) with fertilizer valued at \$1.0 million to 15,000 farmers in Kandahar, including farmers in Panjway and Zhari. Additionally, USAID is funding \$0.5 million for the rehabilitation of vineyards, fruit drying and irrigation infrastructure in key districts, including Panjway and Zhari. USAID is also providing \$2 million for livestock feed and veterinary services to over 10,000 farmers.

#### **Status:**

##### 1. Seeds and Fertilizer

For the spring 2007 planting season, 67.6 tons of seeds and 1590 tons of fertilizer have been scheduled for delivery to Kandahar and as of April 30, 23.8 tons of seeds and 495 tons of fertilizer have been distributed.



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#### 2. Veterinary Services

USAID has provided the following in Kandahar:

- Vaccines: 136,509
- Medications: 264,510
- Trained 18 Basic Veterinary Workers and anticipates training an additional 30-40
- Trained three para-vets and expect to train three additional para-vets
- Established 3 Veterinary Field Units (there are 11 currently) and plan to establish three additional (there are 14 districts in Kandahar so one per District).

#### 3. Animal Feed

In Kandahar a total of 3,634 MT of animal feed has been received as well as 209 MT of poultry feed, valued at \$1,121,000. The level of feed disbursed in Kandahar translates to 7,000 farmers.

#### 4. Completed Projects

- 156 farm demonstration plots/farmer training
- Food processing and storage facilities built in three villages
- Extensive farmer training in Zhari over the last year:
  - water-conserving drip irrigation systems
  - techniques for increasing agricultural yield and profit
  - agricultural processing and export
  - grape revitalization
  - construction of farm buildings
- Panjway District received similar training through the Alternative Livelihoods and RAMP programs, including additional work with exporters and marketers of local crops

### ECONOMIC GROWTH

The highlight of the economic growth funding in Kandahar is a \$2.6 million, year-long cash-for-work program that provides employment to nearly 2,500 people and helps with reconstruction of damaged roads, canals in key districts, including Panjway and Zheri districts. Telecommunications centers operated by Afghan Telecom provide telephones, Internet and copying services to both the district government officials and the public at large. The District Communications Network is operational in 10 districts and equipment is available for six more, pending completion of District Administration buildings. World Council of Credit Unions, a sub-grantee under the ARIES program, is planning to open an Investment and Finance Cooperative (IFC) in Kandahar this fiscal year. Afghanistan Rural Finance Center expects two loans for \$200,000 with Roots of Peace.

#### Status:

##### 1. Cash for Work, November 2006 - April 15, 2007

- Wages paid to Afghans: \$303,846
- Afghans Employed: 3,119
- Cash for Work labor days: 79,401

*Note:* Roots of Peace did war-related rehabilitation in Panjway. As of April 15, they had accomplished the following cash for work tasks in Panjway District of Kandahar:

- 218 projects have been identified to date



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- 48 projects have made the first payment of 25% of the project cost
- 38 projects at 50% of project cost
- 132 projects completed
- \$260,000 committed for direct implementation of projects (\$190,000 paid; the expectation is that they will all be paid by May 8.)

#### 2. Other projects:

- Site-survey refurbishment and expansion of the Da Afghanistan Bank provincial branch (completed)
- 10 District Communication Network satellite-based telecommunication installations (completed)
- Afghanistan Industrial Estates Development (Shorandam Industrial Park Construction) (completed)
- Kandahar Chamber of Commerce capacity building (ongoing)

### EDUCATION & HEALTH

The provision of the Basic Package of Health Services and clinic and school construction/refurbishment are the central components of the education and health portfolios in Kandahar. Through 2006, health and education programs invested more than \$6.8 million in Kandahar Province. At issue in Kandahar is the security of schools and health care facilities. Our school rehabilitation projects and the construction of a large new school in Pashmul, Zhari District were subsequently occupied and damaged by the insurgents. Additionally, health care facilities and schools have been attacked and are on the front line against the insurgency. It is common for doctors and teachers in all locations outside the district center to be threatened and over the past year, three health staff have been killed and five kidnapped. USAID has supported construction and ongoing operations of health care facilities in Mushan, Nakhoney, Tolucan and Panjway District Centers.

#### Status:

- New school built for Panjway in the village of Gurgan (completed)
- 23 schools constructed or refurbished (completed)
- Eight clinics constructed or refurbished (completed)
- 37 clinics receive funding for the delivery of basic health services (24 are active; 13 are currently closed due to security) (ongoing)
- Support for youth empowerment through models of youth participation and civic education for reconstruction, building democracy and development (ongoing)
- Training professors who are teaching in the Faculty of Education at Kandahar University (ongoing)

### GOVERNANCE

USAID is funding \$1.6 million in Kandahar over the next year to help local governments deliver critical services, support cash for work and small-scale community development projects, and promote conflict resolution programs. USAID provided technical assistance to Provincial Council members in Kandahar through trainings, workshops, civic education and tour visits for Council members to meet with their constituencies in different communities. USAID has also set up an independent radio station, trained and supported the radio staff in the areas of management, administration, finance and business development to enable the radio to work towards self sustainability. USAID completed four major justice sector infrastructure projects in Kandahar at a cost of almost \$1 million, is funding the current construction of the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission regional office there, and in addition to training judicial personnel assigned to Kandahar, is providing a newly published, 12-volume Judicial Reference Set for every judge in the province.



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USAID funding to the Asia Foundation, UNDP, and the Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS) provided the necessary support in voter education and training, election monitoring, candidate training, voter registration, and polling.

#### Status:

- Construction of Arghandab District Judicial Facility & Dand District Judicial Facility (completed)
- Construction of two District Government Building by PRTs (completed)
- Establishment of Afghan Independent Radio in Kandahar, including station management and reporting skills training (completed)
- Training for the Provincial Councils on Provincial Council Relations, Basic Administration Skills, Action Planning, Information Gathering, Meeting Management, and Budget Processes (ongoing)

#### INFRASTRUCTURE

USAID expects to complete 95 asphalt kilometers of segment 1 of the Southern Strategy road by December 2007 and 68 gravel kilometers of segment 3 by March 2008; the total budgeted amount for these two projects is \$50.2 million. Additionally, USAID is funding a 350 meter bridge in Panjway for \$7.5 million (estimated completion March 08).

A 220 KV transmission line will be constructed from the Kajakai Hydropower Plant to Kandahar. Additionally, a major portion of the SEPS, budgeted at \$76 million, lies within Kandahar Province, including approximately 100 Kilometers of 220 KV transmission line (from Durai Junction to Kandahar city) and a 220/110/20 KV substation at Kandahar city.

USAID has provided diesel generators to temporarily supplement Kandahar's power shortage problem. Although USAID no longer purchases fuel for the generator sets, we continue to supply operations and maintenance worth \$7 million; Kandahar will directly benefit from about 25% of this funding.

#### Status:

##### 1. Panjway-Arghandab Bridge

Design work of the bridge has been completed. Construction work will commence in June 2007.

##### 2. Rehabilitation of 130 km of gravel roads in Kandahar

Chemonics has selected two contractors (contracts pending consent) to rehabilitate 130 km of gravel compacted roads in Kandahar. Roads targeted for rehabilitation include Shorandam Road (5km), Panjway Road (24km), Arghandab Road (17km), Peer Pamal Road (8km), Shagha Road (42km), and Loya Wala Road (16km). Target start date is sometime between May 15-31 assuming our responses satisfy the concerns of USAID. Total value: approximately \$2.0 million.

##### 3. Completed Projects:

- New road constructed at the Zhari District Center and Bazaar
- Construction of Kabul – Kandahar Road (Kandahar Section)
- Reconstruction of Kandahar – Tirin Kot Road Section 1, 2 & half of 3
- Construction of Kandahar – Herat Highway Section 3
- Renovation of Kandahar Airport terminal building
- Construction of water intake and transmission line from well field and well drilling (completed)



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#### PROVINCIAL RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (PRT)

The Local Governance and Community Development (LGCD) program has approximately \$1.6 million in funding for Kandahar Province. The program currently has six projects ongoing worth nearly \$1 million. Projects include cash-for-work activities in road repair, canal cleaning and rehabilitation of district centers in Argandab and Shah Wali Kot. Upcoming projects include road rehabilitation on the road to Spin Boldak, rehabilitation of the district center at Shah Wali Kot, and karez cleaning in Arghestan.

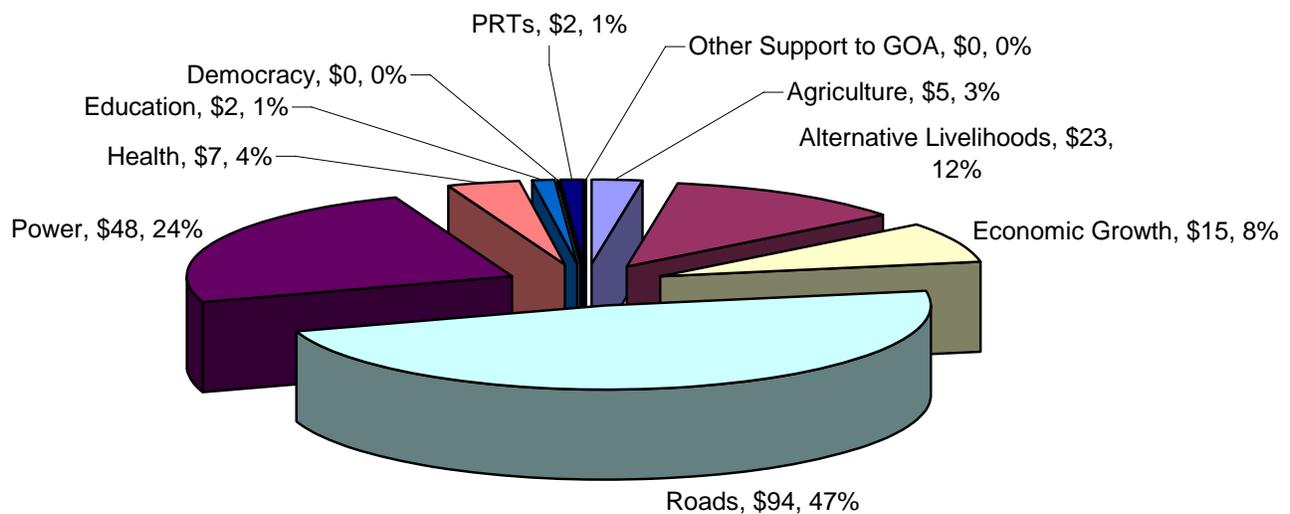
#### Status:

- Road Rehabilitation KHR-Spin Baldak (survey complete)
- District Center rehabilitation Arghandab (nearly complete)
- Canal Cleaning Shah Wali Khot (75% complete)
- Road Rehabilitation in Arghandab (35% complete)
- Karez cleaning project (waiting on survey)

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#### USAID FY07 Funding Plan for Kandahar Province

(in USD millions)



Note: PRT FY2007 Supplemental budget is not reflected in provincial allocation. This budget will be divided among the following provinces: Farah, Ghazni, Helmand, Kandahar, Kapisa, Nangahar, Paktika, Paktya, Parwan, Uruzgon, and Zabul.

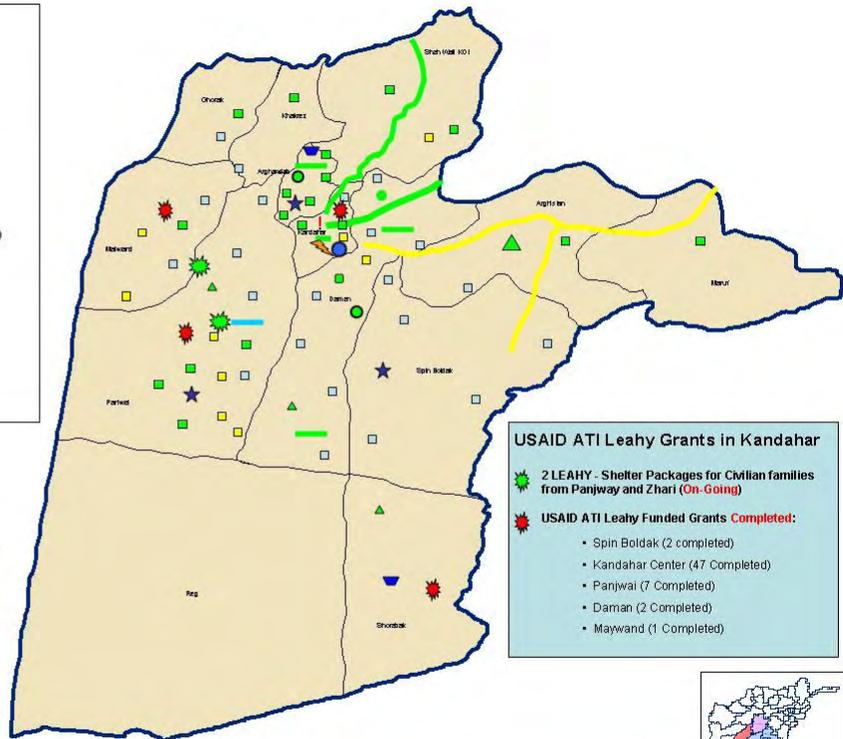


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**LEGEND**

- District Judicial Facility (Completed)
- District Government Buildings
- Kandahar – Tirin kot Road (Completed)
- Kabul – Kandahar Road (Completed)
- Spin Boldak – KDR – Shinkay Zabul (Under Design by USACE/UNOPS)
- Cobblestone Roads under ALP (Completed)
- Cobblestone Roads under ALP (Planned)
- Air Port Terminal Building Renovation (Completed)
- 18 REACH hospitals and comprehensive clinics (BPHS) (Completed)
- Health clinic construction/refurbishment (Completed/On-Going)
- School Construction, teacher training, and supplies (Completed/On-Going)
- 14 Power Generator Units (0.85 Mgw each) (On-Going)
- ▲ Agricultural Input & Education training (Completed)
- ★ River & Water Harvesting – Check Dams (Completed)
- Afghanistan Independent News Radio (Completed)
- Improved Seed & Fertilizer Distribution (Completed)
- Production Wells & Water Intake (Completed)
- ! Province Center & PRT Location



**Also in Kandahar Province:**

- Provincial Councils & Governance Capacity Building (Completed)
- Building Capacity of the Afghanistan International Chamber of Commerce and National Regional Business Associations to Promote Private Sector
- Voter Registration, Civic Education Services (Completed)
- Refurbish Da Afghanistan Bank Branch (Completed)
- 156 On-farm Demonstration Plots for Farmer Training (Completed)
- Wheat/Vegetable Seed & Fertilizer Distribution
- Computer Literacy Training Activities in the City
- Veterinarian Field Units Promoting Animal Health
- Establishment of 41 Market Collection Centers (Completed)

**USAID ATI Leahy Grants in Kandahar**

- ▲ 2 LEAHY - Shelter Packages for Civilian families from Panjway and Zhari (On-Going)
- ★ **USAID ATI Leahy Funded Grants Completed:**
  - Spin Boldak (2 completed)
  - Kandahar Center (47 Completed)
  - Panjwai (7 Completed)
  - Damian (2 Completed)
  - Maywand (1 Completed)



**USAID Est. Investment to Date is \$ 56 million** (Excluding New Bridges Cost).

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Data Extracted from GeoBase as of October, 2006. Illustrative locations.