

Canada's Contribution in Afghanistan



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Making a Difference

Canada has been in Afghanistan for almost 10 years. What began as a combat mission has evolved into a whole-of-government effort focused on security, governance, development and humanitarian assistance.

Over this time Canada has contributed alongside our allies to make Afghanistan a more secure and prosperous country.

This brochure illustrates some of Canada's achievements in Afghanistan.




Canada has provided professional training to over 100 corrections personnel.



Canadian police helped train and mentor over 2,800 Afghan National Police officers since 2008.


This photograph shows three men in a training session. On the left, a Canadian police officer in a tan uniform with a Canadian flag patch on his sleeve is looking at a document. In the center, an Afghan National Police officer in a blue uniform and cap is also looking at the document. On the right, another Canadian police officer in a tan uniform and a desert hat is pointing at a green document. They are all standing and looking at the documents they are holding.

Strengthening Afghan National Security Forces



Canadian Forces and international partners have trained and mentored about 50,000 Afghan National Army soldiers.

This photograph shows three men sitting at a table, looking at a large map or document. On the left, a Canadian soldier in a green camouflage uniform and a green beret is pointing at the map. In the center, another Canadian soldier in a tan camouflage uniform is also looking at the map. On the right, an Afghan National Army soldier in a green camouflage uniform is looking at the map. They are all sitting at a table and looking at the map they are holding.



In 2001, only 700,000 Afghan children, all boys, attended school. Today, over 6 million young people are enrolled in school, with one third of them girls.

Delivering Basic Services



Canada has helped provide teacher training to over 2,500 Afghans since 2008.

More than 23,500 individuals have completed literacy training and more than 5,900 have completed vocational training.



Canada and international partners have helped deliver basic services to Afghans.




Canada, alongside its partners, has helped over 430,000 Afghans, two thirds of whom are women, obtain microfinance loans.



Providing Humanitarian Assistance

Canada has helped train over 1,450 health workers who are providing services to Afghans in need.

A person wearing a dark blue protective suit, a clear face shield, and a purple cap is crouching in a grassy field. They are holding a long-handled metal detector. The background shows a green field with some rocks.

Canada has helped clear more than 500 square kilometres of land mines and remnants of war, and provided mine-risk education to Afghans.

Three people are sitting on a large pile of yellow sacks, likely containing food. One person is in the foreground, and two others are behind them. The sacks are stacked in rows, and the background shows a simple building structure.

Canadian support is helping the World Food Programme provide over 275,000 tonnes of food to 9 million Afghans in need.



Canada has provided training to nearly 150 customs officials at the Afghan National Customs Academy.

Enhancing Border Security and Dialogue

Canada has helped to enhance border security and dialogue, and foster economic prosperity.





With Canada's support, Community Development Councils are strengthening community-level governance and reconstruction efforts.

Advancing Democratic Development and Governance



Women in Afghanistan now have the right to vote, which was not the case in 2001. Canada's and its partners' efforts helped build new democratic institutions and promote electoral reform.

A photograph showing a group of approximately 15-20 Afghan men and one soldier sitting in a circle on the ground in a rural village. The men are dressed in traditional Afghan clothing, including turbans and long robes. The soldier, wearing a helmet and tactical vest, is positioned on the right side of the circle, facing the group. They are gathered in front of a simple, light-colored mud-brick building with a thatched roof. The background shows more of the village and some trees. The overall atmosphere appears to be one of a formal community meeting or shura.

Facilitating Political Reconciliation

Facilitating Afghan-led efforts toward political reconciliation is a priority for Canada. The age-old practice of shuras (community meetings) encourages dialogue between Afghans, as well as with the international community.

Canada's Signature Projects

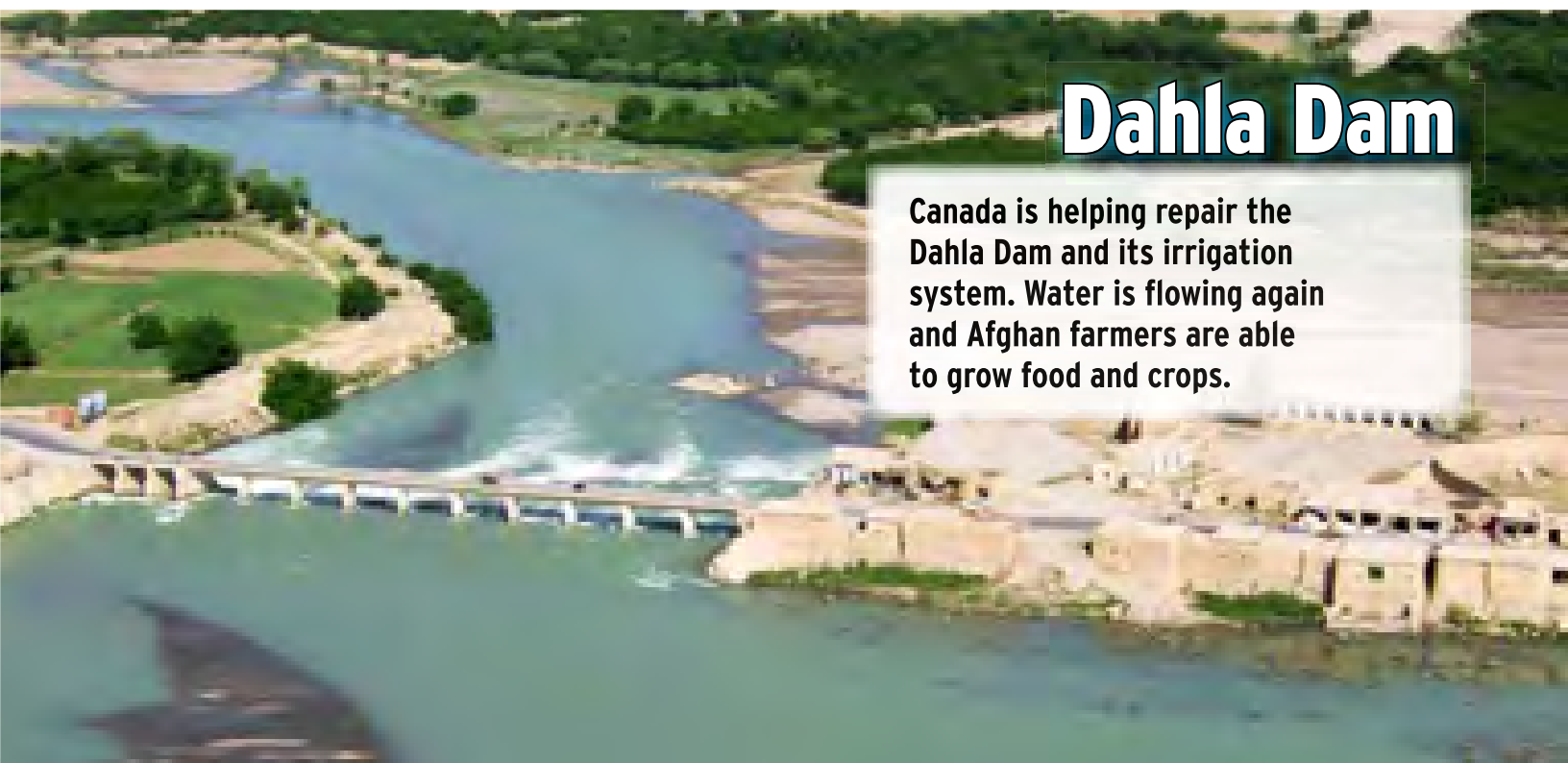
Education

Children at recess at one of the 50 schools being built, expanded or repaired as part of Canada's education signature project.



Dahla Dam

Canada is helping repair the Dahla Dam and its irrigation system. Water is flowing again and Afghan farmers are able to grow food and crops.



Polio Eradication

Over 7.2 million children across Afghanistan have been immunized against polio, thanks to Canada and its partners.



Canada's New Role: Moving Forward

Canada's combat role in Afghanistan will end in 2011. Canada is beginning a new chapter in its role in Afghanistan, one where it will continue to make an important contribution.

Our goal remains the same: helping build a more secure, stable and prosperous Afghanistan that is no longer a haven for terrorists.

Canada's new role in Afghanistan will focus on four key areas: children and youth; security, rule of law and human rights; regional diplomacy; and humanitarian assistance.

Boys play as the sun sets
behind TV Hill in Kabul.

A young girl with dark hair, wearing a white headscarf and a blue dress with a floral pattern, is looking upwards with a curious expression. The background is a chalkboard with faint, illegible chalk markings.

Children and Youth

Children and youth are Afghanistan's greatest resource. Canada will continue to invest in education and health, and help Afghans build a better and brighter future.

A Canadian soldier in a desert camouflage uniform is seated in the foreground, facing a group of Afghan National Security Forces members. The soldier is gesturing with his hands while speaking. The Afghan soldiers are seated at a long table, listening attentively. The setting appears to be a classroom or training room with a window in the background.

Security, Rule of Law and Human Rights

After 2011, when the combat mission ends, Canada will continue to build on its contribution to security, rule of law and human rights, through the training of Afghan National Security Forces and by supporting anti-corruption efforts.

Regional Diplomacy

The background image is a photograph of a busy street scene, likely at a border crossing or a major market in a region like Afghanistan or Pakistan. Two large trucks are the central focus, both heavily decorated with intricate, colorful patterns and designs. The truck on the left is white with a large, ornate canopy. The truck on the right is blue and red with a similar decorative canopy. In the foreground, several men are walking or riding bicycles. On the far left, a man in a grey military uniform and a helmet walks towards the camera. Next to him, a man in a white shawl and a dark cap walks while pushing a bicycle. To the right, a group of men, some wearing traditional head coverings like turbans or shawls, are also walking or riding bicycles. The overall atmosphere is one of daily life and movement in a region of interest for international diplomacy.

Canada will continue to facilitate dialogue and advance concrete activities to improve cooperation, including on border security, among countries in the region, in particular between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

A photograph of a man with a grey beard and a light-colored turban, sitting on the ground. He is looking towards the camera. In the foreground, there is a large white sack with blue text and a logo. The text on the sack reads "WHEAT GIFT OF CANADA WFP", "WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME", and "50 KG NET". The logo features a wheat stalk. To the right of the sack is a brown bag with a colorful design, including a panda and some text. The background shows a dirt ground and the lower legs of other people.

Humanitarian Assistance

Canada is committed to providing humanitarian assistance to Afghans in need. Canada will continue to invest in Afghanistan's mine action program and to provide food aid, as well as non-food aid, to the most vulnerable people.