

# PROGRESS



*"The countless accomplishments that we've seen in this UN-sanctioned, NATO-led mission in Afghanistan are amazing, but what's truly inspiring is how much more Canada's brave men and woman are willing to undertake in continuing to support this developing democracy."*

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## **Progress in Afghanistan**

### **Health**

- Access to basic medical services has increased to 83%.
- Infant mortality has declined 22%.
- In 2001, less than 8% had access to primary healthcare. That number is currently at 80%.

### **Education**

- 20,800 men and women are receiving legal awareness training within households.
- More than 5,100 Kandahari women are receiving literacy training.
- Under the Taliban, only 700,000 children went to school, all of them boys. Now, more than 6 million children are attending school, 40 percent of them girls.

### **Economic Development**

- Between January and May 2007, 60,000 new clients are in micro-financing activities.

### **Humanitarian Assistance**

- In Kandahar, more than 200,000 people have received emergency food aid. Since March 2005, more than 420,000 m<sup>2</sup> of land is cleared of mines, benefiting more than 10,000 people.
- Between April and June 2007, over 5,000 mines were destroyed nationwide.

### **Basic Infrastructure in Kandahar**

- Between March and June 2007, more than 100 reservoirs, 70 hand pumps, 1000 wells, 100 irrigation canals, and 650 km of roads have been constructed or rehabilitated.
- There have been 10,000 kilometers of new roads built in recent years, reducing travel times significantly.

### **Institutions and Governance**

- Canada has trained 75 prosecutors, 68 public defenders, 90 judges (including 16 women), 75 judges in specialized procedures and 20 judges as trainers of others.
- Canadian personnel in Kandahar have trained more than 475 Afghan National Police.