

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

After decades of war and oppression, Afghanistan is now a burgeoning democracy. Canada's investments in long-term development are already delivering results.

Economic Development

- ✿ At the end of the fiscal years (2006-2007), Canada will have invested nearly \$600 million since the fall of the Taliban to help Afghans stabilize, develop and rebuild their country.
 - ✿ Through programs such as the National Solidarity Program, grassroots community groups set priorities and plan and implement village projects.
 - ✿ The development of entrepreneurship and agriculture is key to the country's economic development. With Canadian assistance, shops are opening, more land is being farmed and the Afghanistan economy is improving with higher incomes and reduced dependence on poppy cultivation.
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