

# 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 women are willing to undertake in continuing to support this developing democracy."*

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## Progress in Afghanistan

Improving maternal and infant health care, eliminating polio and controlling tuberculosis, and helping Afghans gain greater access to health services are examples of the commitment by Canada's government.

### Health

- ✿ Access to basic medical services has increased to 83 percent and infant mortality has declined 22 percent.
- ✿ In 2001, less than 8 percent had access to primary healthcare. That number is currently at 80 percent.
- ✿ In 2006, the number of children in rural Afghanistan aged 12 to 23 months receiving the full dosage of polio vaccine was up to 70 percent; 31 polio cases were reported in 2006, and so far in 2007 only 7 cases have been reported.
- ✿ The percentage of children 12 to 23 months of age in rural Afghanistan who received the vaccine to protect against tuberculosis increased from an estimated 56.5 percent in 2003 to 70.2 percent in 2006.