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“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

The development of entrepreneurship and agriculture are key to fostering self-reliance in Afghanistan, which is why Canada continues to be the national microcredit program's lead donor.

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- Between January and May 2007, 60,000 new clients are in microfinance activities.
- As of May 31, 2007, there were more than 360,000 people obtaining small loans and savings services across 23 provinces in Afghanistan, including Kandahar. Almost three-quarters of clients are women, which means that more than 245,000 women are being helped.
- Most clients use the loans - from \$100 to \$1,000 - to launch small businesses, and 98 percent of them fully repay their debt.

