Development in the New Contexts
CIDA in Afghanistan

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Refugee Return 2001 – 2007

Total Number of Returnees (1,000s)

Source: UNHCR
A New Commitment June 2008

• Six new priorities based on recommendations of the Manley Report and new direction from Parliament
• Helping Afghans rebuild their country
• Working with Canadian and international partners to help the people of Afghanistan.
Canada’s Six Priorities

• Security
• Basic Services
• Humanitarian Assistance
• Borders
• Democracy
• Reconciliation
Progress – Development

**Women:** Programs focused on rights and equality of women have enhanced role of women and girls in Afghan society

**Education:** Over 6 million children (one-third girls) are in school – compared to 700,000 boys and no girls in 2001 (UNICEF)

**Health:** 83% of Afghans now have access to basic health care vs. 9% in 2004 (Afghan Ministry of Health); 7.3 million children targeted for polio vaccination; 4.3 million vaccinated against childhood diseases (WHO)

**Economy:** Afghan economy doubled in past 5 years; per capita income doubled (World Bank)
School Enrolment

Source: Afghan Ministry of Education & Office of the President
REBUILDING AFGHANISTAN
RECONSTRUIRE L’AFGHANISTAN
Progress – Reconstruction

- Over 33,500 local infrastructure projects underway nationwide, of which over 16,500 have already been completed

- Almost 6,000 kilometres of roads are being built or refurbished nationwide

- Bridges, dams and other infrastructure are in development in 12 districts of Kandahar province

- Key Spin Boldak road in Kandahar is being rebuilt and paved
Arghandab (Dahla) Dam – Coordination Success

- Idea presented by GoA
- Report relayed to CIDA/JTF-A
- J5 cell does initial data collection
- CIDA approves TAM / JTF-A identifies as priority
- Coordinate interactions with CIDA, PRT, RC(S) & SAT
  Arrange with JTF-A for presence patrol, imagery and aerial photography
- Share info with Kabul and Ottawa
- Now a signature project for Canada
Dhala and Water
Project: Siphon
Location: Khoshab Village, Daman District
Project Cost: 14,640 $ CAD
Completed on: 8 March 2006
Nation building is a long-term process

- Progress has been achieved in all three priority areas: security, development and governance
- Canada will continue to work with the Afghan government, its people, the United Nations and international partners to help build a stable, self-sufficient and democratic society
For further information:

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