

TURKISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

Historical ties with Afghanistan and the importance attached to the international community's eventual success are the primary drivers of Turkish contributions. Turkey assumed the command of the Regional Command Capital (RCC) between April-December 2007, for a period of eight months. In support of the inextricable link between security and development, Turkey has launched, in coordination with the Government of Afghanistan, its most comprehensive sustainable development assistance program ever. Through its PRT in Vardak, Turkey has further extended the scope of its contributions to reconstruction and development. Moreover, in support of a mutually reinforcing cooperation between Afghanistan and Pakistan, Turkey has hosted a Trilateral Summit with the participation of the Presidents of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on April 29-30, 2007, which culminated in Ankara Declaration. The Joint Working Group established at the Ankara Summit to work on various cooperation projects held its first meeting on July 6, 2007 in Ankara. Several projects agreed upon in this regard have been carried out in 2007. The Second Trilateral Summit is planned to be held in İstanbul in the period ahead.

Security

- Continuous troop contribution since the beginning of ISAF.
- Support to H.E. Minister Hikmet Çetin as Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan (Jan 2004-Aug 2006)
- Continuous voluntary national contribution (VNC) to one of the POLAD posts at the SCR's Office since Jan. 2004.
- Lead of ISAF-II between Jun 2002-Feb 2003 with 1.300 troops.
- Lead of ISAF-VII between Feb-Aug 2005 with 1.430 troops, three utility helicopters (May 2004-Aug 2005) and concurrent leadership of Kabul International Airport.

- Participation in SEEBRIG HQ which assumed command of Kabul Multi-National Battalion between Feb-Aug 2006.
- Establishment of the RCC with France and Italy and command of the RCC between Apr-Dec 2007.
- Deployment of 1.200 troops and two utility helicopters during the Turkish Command of the RCC between April-December 2007.
- Staff support consisting of 161 officers to ISAF composite HQ in 2008.
- Supply of 100 million USD worth military aid and donations since 2001.
- Deployment of an Operational Mentor and Liaison Team (OMLT) in the 201st Corps in Kabul since the end of March 2008.
- NRDC-T to support ISAF HQ from August 2008 onwards with around 150 personnel.

Development

- Financial pledge was increased to 100 million USD at the London Donors' Conference in Jan 2006.

Between 2002-2007¹:

Health: 4 hospitals, 6 health clinics, 2 mobile clinics have been built/repared (750.000 Afghans have benefited from these facilities. Only in 2006, the number of Afghan beneficiaries was about 250.000). Currently 2 hospitals and 2 clinics are operated by Turkey. The constructions of a hospital and a new comprehensive health clinic (CHC) continue. In 2008, a modern research and training hospital and three health clinics will be built/furnished. That hospital will also be operated for three years.

- Turkish Battle Group regularly conducts CIMIC activities, which include extending medical services and donations in its area of responsibility (AOR).

- 205 Afghan military personnel or their family members have been provided health treatment in Turkey.
- Annually, 100 Afghan civilian patients are offered free medical treatment in Turkey since 2006. This number has been increased to 200 as of 2008.

Education: 27 elementary and secondary schools have been built/repared and furnished (So far, 40.000 students have benefited from these facilities). A program for construction and subsequent furnishing of 16 new schools continues. Moreover, in 2008, 14 more schools will be built/furnished.

- 175 higher education scholarships have been provided to Afghan students. Under a separate program 90 scholarships have been granted since 2005. Moreover, 116 scholarships have been granted for studies in Theology Faculties.
- **Vocational training courses for females.**
- **A consortium formed by five leading Turkish universities is planning to establish a Faculty of Education in Kabul. This faculty is planned to be gradually transformed into a full-fledged university with the establishment of other faculties in time.**

Construction and Investment: A bridge on Kabul River is constructed. 27 kms of roads are being paved with asphalt in the capital city. Three mosques have been repaired and 58 potable water wells have been opened in rural areas. In 2008, 70 new potable water wells will be dug.

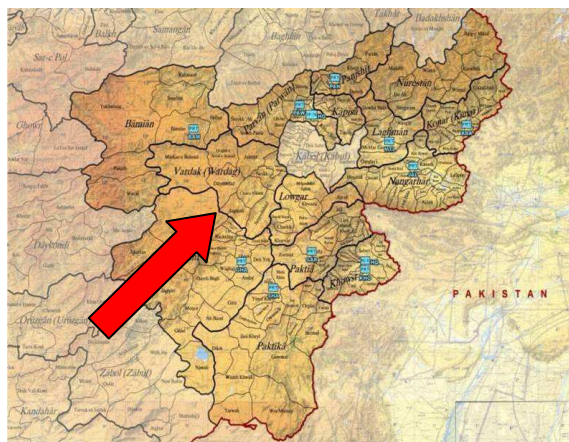
- Turkish entrepreneurs have undertaken 1,5 billion USD worth of projects since 2002. The investments of 21 Turkish firms amount to 200 million USD.
- 77 million USD worth of projects will be conducted in 2008 within the framework of development aid to Afghanistan.

¹ Excluding assistance extended through Vardak PRT

Civil and Military Capacity Building

- 10 officers and 3 NCOs contribute to the Afghan Military Academy as advisors and teachers. Additionally, 6 Turkish officers were appointed to the Afghan Military High School as advisors in February 2008.
- In 2005, 1,032,000 USD has been allocated for training and equipping of an Afghan infantry battalion.
- 24 units of 155 mm artillery guns and 2200 artillery ammunitions as well as their spare parts have been donated and a 14-week program aimed at training of 110 Afghan artillery personnel in Turkey has been completed.
- Donation of a "Cobra" type armored combat vehicle.
- 340 Afghan officers and military students have completed their training at Turkish military schools.
- In-place training of 1539 Afghan military personnel.
- Thus far, approximately 40 million USD worth of military equipment, 7 million USD worth of military training/education and 184,000 USD worth of health assistance have been provided to the ANA.
- **Afghan civil servants are offered training opportunities in Turkey. So far, more than 500 Afghan officials have attended such programs.**
- **Afghan political parties attended training programs in Turkey.**
- **More than 150 Afghan police officers have received counter-narcotics training in Turkey. Moreover, 100 Afghan police officers received training in various other fields in Turkey.**
- **Turkish Police Academy annually accepts 5 Afghan police cadets starting from 2007.**
- **Creation of the Afghan military justice system is supported through various courses and other cooperation programs.**

Wardak PRT (Eastern Region)



- The construction and furnishing of an agricultural vocational high school in Maydan Shahr (16 classrooms for 280 students, supported by Turkish teachers).
- 400 m³ water storage and a cold storage facility for agricultural products in Maydan Shahr completed in Aug 2007.
- The repair of the mosque in Maydan Shahr and construction of its social complex completed in Oct 2007.
- The first phase of the project on providing electricity supply to Maydan Shahr.
- A sports complex and a playground in Maydan Shahr completed in Aug 2007.
- The construction and furnishing of three elementary schools as well as opening potable water wells in Nerh, Calrez and Saydabad districts (each with 8 classrooms for approximately 1,000 students / Construction completed in Oct 2007).
- The construction of a birth clinic in Deshti-Dut town of Saydabad district.
- Literacy courses for Afghan women and young girls since Feb 2007. 2,000 already completed.
- So far, 280 Afghan National Police Officers and Afghan National Auxiliary Police personnel have received basic police training respectively, in coordination with CSTC-A.
- A Computer Training Center opened to provide basic computer training to the provincial officials.

- Humanitarian aid campaigns: 14,000 families and 8,000 children received food, clothing and books.
- Police Training Center completed in Sep 2007. The constructions of a model "Police Station and Detention Center" and the second Cold Storage Facility in Wardak already underway.
- Some of our 2007 projects include constructions of a High School for Girls and a Women's Center, plantation of Turkish-Afghan Friendship Forest, and Courses on Carpet Weaving. Our PRT carries out additional projects in the fields of security, agriculture and health.
- PRT plans to carry out at least two projects in each district in 2008. These projects will include the constructions of seven more schools and two health clinics.