



Canadians in Afghanistan

Where Canadians live and work in Afghanistan



Canada's Ambassador to Afghanistan, William Crosbie, meets with customs officers at the Afghan National Customs Academy in Kabul.

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When reading and seeing photographs of Canada's military and civilian presence in Afghanistan, do you ever wonder what KAF, PRT or RoCK really mean?

KAF, or Kandahar Airfield, is an airfield and a military base in Kandahar province where thousands of soldiers and civilians live and work, including many Canadian personnel. To make life as comfortable as possible, KAF houses popular Canadian coffee and food outlets.

PRT, on the other hand, stands for Provincial Reconstruction Team. Canada is responsible for the Kandahar PRT. As one of 25 international PRTs located in Afghanistan, these teams help the Government of Afghanistan rebuild its country. Based in Kandahar City, the 330-person team is made up of diplomats; development specialists; corrections experts; Canadian police, including RCMP; and Canadian Forces members.

All civilians working in Kandahar province, primarily at the PRT, report to the RoCK, or Representative of Canada in Kandahar. Working under the leadership of the Canadian Ambassador in Kabul, the RoCK helps link activities in southern Afghanistan to work being done at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul.

Diplomats and staff at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul coordinate Canada's work with the Government of Afghanistan and with other international organizations and governments.

